CITY OF
LAKELAND
TENNESSEE

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2026, 5:30 PM
City Hall, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roman 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

II. INVOCATION:

The invocation was offered by Mayor Roman.

III. PLEDGE:

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Roman.

IV. ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:

Commissioner Jim Atkinson	Present - returned at 5:32
Commissioner Derek Johnston	Present
Commissioner Connie McCarter	Present - returned at 5:32
Vice Mayor Michele Dial	Present
Mayor Josh Roman	Present

Staff personnel in attendance were City Manager Emily Harrell, City Attorney Will Patterson, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, Public Works Director Nick Pulido, Planning Director Paul Luker, Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris, Executive Administrative Assistant Jasmine Barbee and City Recorder Rebecca Hume.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:

1. Sheriff's Report

   City Manager Emily Harrell offered this report.

2. City Manager's Report

   City Manager Emily Harrell offered this report.

   Public Works Director Nick Pulido offered a report regarding FY2026 Pavement Assessment and the Snow and Ice Control Plan.

Executive Administrative Assistant Jasmine Barbee presented information for Hometown Heroes.

3. Commissioners' Report

a. Parks & Recreation/Natural Resources Board - *Vice-Mayor Dial*
Vice Mayor Dial offered this report.

4. Municipal Court Semi-Annual Update - *Judge Koratsky*
Judge Koratsky offered this report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VIII. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution** - recommending the Board of Commissioners approve the sewer concept plan extension for the Arcadia Planned Development.

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Mayor Roman.

City Engineer Erin Campbell presented this item.

John Dudas of Belz Enterprises made comments.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-0-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

X. REGULAR AGENDA:
Without objections, Mayor Roman moved agenda item 5. Resolution - approving the sewer concept plan extension for the Arcadia Planned

Development to the top of the Regular Agenda.

5. **Resolution** - approving the sewer concept plan extension for the Arcadia Planned Development.
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice Mayor Dial.

Developer Vince Smith made comments.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 against. 0 abstain (5-0-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Board of Commissioners May 21, 2026

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

City Recorder Rebecca Hume advised of a correction on page 10, item 17 to Mr. Ruppelt's name.

With no objections, the amended meeting minutes were moved to the floor.

When the question was called, the amended meeting minutes passed as amended; voice vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-.0-.0).

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting June 23, 2026

Vice Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Mayor Roman.

When the question was called the meeting minutes passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor, 0 against. 0 abstain (5-0-0).

3. **Ordinance First Reading** - amending The City of Lakeland Municipal

Code Title 1 "General Administration" Chapter 1 "Board of Commissioners" Section 1-104 "Compensation", repealing Ordinance 03-22.

Vice Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

City Attorney Will Patterson presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McCarter advised of a typo on page 29 of the Ordinance.

City Attorney Will Patterson requested a friendly amendment to the Ordinance.

No objections were made and the item moved to the floor as amended.

When the question was called the amended ordinance first reading passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstain (4-1-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: Commissioner McCarter

Abstain: None

4. **Ordinance First Reading** - amending Ordinance 13-186 establishing sanitation collection rates for Lakeland residential customers

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner McCarter.

Public Works Director Nick Pulido presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the ordinance first reading passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-0-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

6. **Resolution** - approving a commercial development contract with Palmetto Memphis-Lakeland-Us Highway 64, LLC for a site to be known as Dutch Bros.

   Vice Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

   City Engineer Erin Campbell presented this item.

   Harvey Metheny with Pickering Firm engaged in discussion and answered questions for the board.

   Discussion ensued.

   When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-0-0).

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

   Nay: None

   Abstain: None

7. **Resolution** - approving the purchase of two John Deere mowers from Tennessee Tractor, LLC through Sourcewell Contract # 112624-DAC

   Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice Mayor Dial.

   Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-0-0).

8. **Resolution** - authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Sky Elements, LLC. for a drone display for the City of Lakeland's 2026 Christmas in Lakeland event

   Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice

Mayor Dial.

Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstain (4-1-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: Commissioner McCarter

Abstain: None

9. **Resolution** - authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Lakeland and Romspen Investment Corporation for the City's 2026 Christmas in Lakeland event

   Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

   Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstain (4-1-0).

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

   Nay: Commissioner McCarter

   Abstain: None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mayor Roman made an announcement regarding early voting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:
There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:01 on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

These minutes were approved on August 20, 2026.

Josh Roman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Hume
City Recorder