City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
February 2, 2026
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order:
Mayor Crawford-Graham called the council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Roll Call:

Councilwoman Holmes (W1)	present	Councilwoman Williams (W2)	present
Councilman Hoskins (W3)	present	Councilwoman Anthony (W4)	present
Councilman Hindeleh (W5)	present	Councilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Graham	
Mayor Crawford-Graham	present	Quorum established.	

Chief Linhardt, Attorney Boyd, Major Runge, Interim Finance Director Nelson, Public Works Secretary Campbell, Garage Supervisor Chisholm, and City Clerk Jones were present.

Approval of the Minutes:
Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to approve the 01-12-26 regular meeting minutes and the 01-21-26 special meeting minutes. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) Motion passed.

Public Hearings:
Case PC26-01: Shall a request for a Special Use Permit be granted to Thoa Thai to operate an event venue located at 9400 Natural Bridge Rd?
Mayor Crawford-Graham opened Public Hearing Case PC26-01, which allowed the council and the public to ask questions for clarifying answers. After a brief discussion, Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) Motion passed.

Request for Rezoning, Special Use Permits, Re-subdivision:

Resolutions:
#3726: A Resolution Authorizing a Special Use Permit for an Event Center Located at 9400 Natural Bridge Rd in the City of Berkeley, St. Louis County, Missouri (Acting City Manager)
Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #3726. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

#3727: A Resolution of the City of Berkeley City Council Endorsing St. Louis County's Grant Program for the City's Waste Reduction Efforts (Council Present)
Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #3727. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Citizens Hearing:
Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to allow the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority St. Louis Alumnae Chapter to hold their annual 2026 Trunks Up Extravaganza on the parking lot of the city hall on April 25, 2026. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilwoman Anthony moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to allow the Kiwanis Club to hold their annual Kids Fishing Derby at Ramona-Mathison Lake on 09/19/26 with the donation of donuts and coffee and stocking the lake. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion approving to move forward with Ms. Brown request for a disable parking sign in front of 8917 Tutwiler. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Concerns: Letter for nuisance and zoning code violation received; jail does not have padding available to sleep on; drinking fountain not working; fines for weeds are keeping a work permit from being pulled.

Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to close the citizens hearing portion of the meeting. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

a. Provisional Judge decision.
Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to approve Judge Robinson as a provisional judge for the City of Berkeley. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

b. Bill #5106: An Ordinance Amending Section 605.070 & 605.080 of the City of Berkeley, MO, Municipal Code, Pertaining to Business License Fees (Acting City Manager) – 2nd & 3rd Reading
Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5106 by title only. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed. City Clerk Jones read Bill #5106. Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion for the 3rd reading, by title only, and adoption of Bill #5106. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed. *Ordinance #4923*

Introduction of Bills:

New Business:
Appointments to Board and Commissions – Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to approve Councilwoman Holmes' appointment of Daphne Phillips to the Pension Board. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Communications:

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:
Councilwoman Holmes moved Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to hold a closed session for litigation and personnel. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to approve the liquor license renewals for A-1 Liquor & Food Mart (9631 Natural Bridge), CF Altitude dba Rocket (8601 Airport Rd), and A-1 Wine & Liquor (6796 N Hanley Rd). Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

The streets department worked hard removing snow.

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to move forward with the $6,500 rain scape grant. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion to all the GRG Sunset Greenway Survey signs to be posted through the city and on the website. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

The police department will have an election to vote a representative to the Police & Fire Pension Board.

Fire Department House 1 generator will be replaced for $16,000.

Reports from the Clerk:
Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to approve the clerks request for days off; Feb 27, Mar 7th-12th (training), Apr 23rd-24th, Jun 29th-30th, Jul 1st-2nd, and Jul 6th. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Reports from the City Attorney:

Report during the close session.

Reports from the Special Committees:

Reports from the Standing Committees:
Councilwoman Holmes moved, Councilman Hindeleh seconded, and the motion carried to received and file the minutes for City Plan Commission 10-14-2025. Motion passed.

Reports from the Council:
Ward 2: Thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and Street Department for the hard work during the inclement weather. *The MLK Program was excellent.

Ward 3: Attending Legislative Conference Feb 17th-18th. Concerns: *Civic Center oven not working *Replace stoppers on parking lot.

Ward 4: Sweetheart Breakfast on 02/21/2026, working with Fire, Police, and Parks Department.

Audience Participation (Limited to Subjects Addressed During the Meeting):

Adjourn:
Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilman Hindeleh seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Motion passed.

Closed Session:
Councilwoman Anthony moved and Councilwoman Holmes seconded the motion to open the closed session for personnel and litigation at 8:21 pm. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed. Quorum established. Chief Linhardt, Chief Runge, Attorney Boyd and City Clerk Jones were also present.

Councilwoman Holmes moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion withdraw the officer from participating with the FBI task force. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Mayor Crawford-Graham moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to have Councilwoman Holmes, City Attorney Boyd, and Finance Director Nelson on the fire union negotiation team. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilwoman Williams left the meeting at 9:18pm.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Crawford-Graham seconded the motion to hold a special meeting on February 10, 2026 at 5pm to discuss city manager candidates. Roll Call: Holmes-Aye, Williams-Absent, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Mayor Crawford-Graham-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Councilwoman Anthony moved, Councilwoman Holmes seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the closed session of the meeting at 9:31 pm.

Approved: This 2nd day of March 2026

Attest:

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Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor

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Deanna Jones, City Clerk