

Edmond City Council Minutes - March 9, 2026

Special Meeting - Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget / Economic Development Workshop

1. Call to Order of the Edmond City Council Meeting.

Mayor Nash called the special meeting of the Edmond City Council to order at 2:00 PM, Monday, March 9, 2026, in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 22 East Main Street in Edmond, Oklahoma. Public notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting was filed with the Edmond City Clerk on March 5, 2026, at 10:27 AM. The date, time, place, and agenda for this meeting was also posted on the City of Edmond's website and in the City First Administration Building on March 5, 2026, at 10:27 AM. Written notice of the date, time, place, and agenda of the special meeting was delivered to those requesting notice on March 5, 2026, at 10:34 AM.

PRESENT: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

ABSENT: None

2. Presentation, Discussion, and Consideration of the Following Items Related to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget:

A. Presentation, Discussion, and Consideration of the General Fund Budget including:

- 1. Assumptions in Forming Budget;**
- 2. Current Status of Budget; and**
- 3. Options for Fund Balance.**

AJ Krieger, City Manager, and Kathy Panas, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the current and proposed general fund budget.

Christy Batterson, Director of Housing and Community Resources, provided information regarding potential CityLink service modifications and funding for nonprofit groups and answered questions from City Council members.

Ms. Panas answered questions from Mayor and City Council members regarding projected sales tax revenue.

B. Presentation, Discussion, and Consideration of the Public Safety Limited Tax Funds Budgets for Fire and Police Departments including:

- 1. Current Status of Budget; and**
- 2. Fund Balance.**

Ms. Panas and Terry Essary, Fire Chief, provided an overview of the proposed fire department budget and answered questions from City Council members.

Ms. Panas and JD Younger, Police Chief, provided an overview of the proposed police department budget and answered questions from City Council members.

C. Presentation, Discussion, and Consideration of the Edmond Public Works Authority Budgets (Electric, Water, Wastewater, Drainage, and Solid Waste) including:

- 1. Current Status of Budget; and**
- 2. Outlook for Future Needs.**

Ms. Panas provided an overview of the Edmond Public Works Authority Budgets for Electric, Water, Wastewater, Drainage, and Solid Waste.

Glenn Fisher, Director of Edmond Electric, answered questions from City Council members regarding the Electric Department Budget.

Kris Neifing, Director of Water Resources, answered questions from City Council members regarding the Water Resources Budget.

Keith Beatty, Senior Development Engineer for Drainage, answered questions from City Council members regarding the Drainage Utility Budget.

Bobby Masterson, Assistant Director of Public Works, answered questions from City Council members regarding the Solid Waste Budget.

D. Presentation, Discussion, and Consideration of the Fleet Management Budget including:

- 1. Current Status of Budget; and**
- 2. Fund Balance.**

Mr. Masterson answered questions from City Council members regarding the Fleet Management Budget.

E. Presentation, Discussion, and Consideration of the Glossary of Terms including:

- 1. Definitions of Terms as Requested by the Fund Structure and Budget Reform Committee; and**
- 2. Additional Terms included in Glossary.**

Ms. Panas answered questions from City Council members regarding the glossary of terms.

F. Presentation and Discussion of Remaining Timeline of Budget Process for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

Mr. Krieger reviewed the options discussed for the general fund and noted the upcoming budget workshops.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Watterson, to recess the City Council meeting until 3:50PM. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

3. Discussion of Development Incentive Agreement with Covell-35 Development, LLC for Development of the Legacy at Covell Retail Shopping Complex.

Motion by Councilmember Watterson, seconded by Councilmember Fraim, to reconvene the City Council meeting. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

Mr. Krieger and Leana Dozier, Economic Development Program Manager, provided details regarding the agenda item and potential incentive agreement.

Heather McDowell, Executive Director of the Edmond Economic Development Authority, provided additional details regarding the item.

Jennifer Springer, consultant, provided details regarding an economic study completed for the development of the Legacy at Covell Retail Shopping Complex and answered questions from the Mayor and City Council members.

Todd McKinnis, representative for the applicant, provided details regarding the item, and answered questions from the City Manager, Mayor, and City Council members.

4. Adjournment.

Motion by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Murdock Nichols, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Motion carried as follows:

YES: Mayor Nash, Councilmembers Fraim, Moore, Murdock Nichols, and Watterson

NO: None

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Mayor