

City of West Buechel  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
Assembly Hall  
3705 Bashford Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40218  
May 19, 2026, 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Moore, Attorney Hodge, Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Bierbaum, Councilman Embry, Councilwoman Blanton, Councilwoman Wood, Councilwoman Holt, Councilwoman Stewart, and City Clerk Brown.

City Clerk Brown confirmed that we had a quorum.

Councilwoman Wood and Councilwoman Holt were absent.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook and second by Councilwoman Blanton to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 14, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinances:**

Councilman Embry made a motion for Attorney Hodge to read the second summary reading for Ordinance #320 Series 2026 Pertaining to the 2026 Annual Ad Valorem Tax. Councilman Bierbaum second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to adopt Ordinance #320 Series 2026 pertaining to the 2026 Annual Ad Valorem Tax and second by Councilman Embry.

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Embry – Yes	Councilwoman Holt - Absent
Councilman Bierbaum – Yes	Councilwoman Wood - Absent
Councilwoman Blanton – Yes	Councilwoman Stewart – Yes
Councilwoman Cook - Yes	

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bierbaum made a motion for Attorney Hodge to read the second summary reading for Ordinance #321 Series 2026 Pertaining to the Compensation and Pay Classification for City Employees. Councilman Embry second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bierbaum asked if the two positions that are Chief and Assistant Chief that are salary could be changed to hourly plus they would get overtime pay and the benefit of no taxes on overtime.

Councilwoman Stewart pointed out that the ordinance has a salary range and would like to change it to starting base salary.

Councilwoman Cook stated that we should remove item J that reads whether the position is exempt or non-exempt.

City Attorney Hodge stated we have an amendment to the proposed ordinance covering the issues of starting range, changing it to starting base salary, changing the two salary positions to hourly, and eliminating item J referencing exempt.

Councilman Bierbaum made a motion to amend Ordinance #321 Series 2026 pertaining to the Compensation and Pay Classification for City Employees as corrected. Councilwoman Stewart second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Embry made a motion to adopt Ordinance #321 Series 2026 pertaining to the Compensation and Pay Classification for City Employees and second by Councilwoman Cook as amended.

Roll Call:

Councilman Embry – Yes

Councilwoman Holt - Absent

Councilman Bierbaum – Yes

Councilwoman Wood - Absent

Councilwoman Blanton – Yes

Councilwoman Stewart – Yes

Councilwoman Cook - Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Moore noted that the new playground is being installed and hopefully they will have it completed this week depending on the weather.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the council meeting at 6:56 PM was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilwoman Stewart. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.



Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST 

City Clerk, Gwen Brown