

City of West Buechel  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Assembly Hall  
3705 Bashford Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40218  
May 14, 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.

Absent: Councilwoman Holt

Guest Speaker: David Jude with DPJ Consulting – Background Investigator

City Clerk Brown confirmed that we had a quorum.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**David Jude with DPJ Consulting – Background Investigator:**

Assistant Chief Hibbs introduced Mr. Jude to the council. Mr. Jude provided several key points explaining the challenges in recruiting high-quality police officers for the City of West Buechel.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilwoman Stewart to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

**Department Reports:**

**Police:**

Chief Tyler provided the police department report in the council packet. Assistant Chief Hibbs reported on the water main break that happened earlier that day on Old Shepherdsville Road. The break was caused when the fire department drained a hydrant at Champions Trace and shut it off too quickly. This created a surge, causing the water to rupture at a weak point in the system.

Assistant Chief Hibbs spoke a little about the 6<sup>th</sup> division having 201 vehicles stolen this year. West Buechel had a car stolen at Fountain Square/ The Harrison Apartments but it was located the next day.

**Financials:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook to approve the March financial reports and second by Councilman Bierbaum. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Moore expressed condolences on the passing of Bonnie Manning, recognizing her unwavering support for the city.

Mayor Moore stated that Averitt Trucking Company will be moving out of the city and relocating to Bullitt County.

Attorney Hodge advised that the 2026 Annual Ad Valorem Tax has a compensating rate of .173 cents on each \$100.00 of all real property.

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

Attorney Hodge stated that, to ensure timely passage of the budget ordinance, it is necessary to complete the second reading of the preceding ordinance. Therefore, a special meeting will be scheduled specifically for the purpose of holding the second reading. Attorney Hodge suggested Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Embry made a motion to have a special meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:30 PM. Councilwoman Blanton second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Cook made a motion for Attorney Hodge to read the first summary reading for Ordinance #321 Series 2026 Pertaining to the Compensation and Classification of City Employees and to sponsor the ordinance. Councilwoman Blanton second the motion. All in favor and one abstention. Attorney noted that the ordinance is ready for a second reading to be held at our special meeting on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Moore noted that redoing the pay classification for the employees is so that every employee can get their raise. There are some employees who are capped on the old, antiquated ordinance. Mayor Moore stated that without the new pay classification ordinance being passed, some officers will not receive a raise.

**Committee's Report:**

Councilwoman Cook provided the approved meeting minutes for March 5, 2026. Councilwoman Cook stated that they are planning another community cleanup in September. Councilwoman Blanton mentioned that West Buechel will be in partnership with Lincoln Park and New Broadmoor for a huge community yard sale on May 30, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The flyers will note the community yard sale and the summer lunch program and will be delivered tomorrow.

Councilman Embry mentioned at one time there was talk about having a summer event or festival.

Councilwoman Cook stated that the Multipurpose committee decided to shelf it at this time. Mayor Moore noted that with other cities within Metro government celebrating the 250 anniversary, we would not have the attendance for a good outcome plus we have to have money from sponsors because we cannot use taxpayers' money.

Councilwoman Wood stated that she had received emails asking if Ulery sidewalk will be repaired and when the speed humps will be restriped. Mayor Moore stated that the restriping of street humps and at the stop signs were restriped two weeks ago. Mayor Moore mentioned that she wanted to repair Ulery Avenue and the drainage when they finished working on the overpass. Mayor Moore stated that she had been trying to

meet with MSD and the Norfolk railroad to get the drainage repaired along the railroad, but the railroad company is not easy to deal with.

Councilwoman Wood also stated that she received complaints on the AirBNB at the end of Ethel Avenue and how two houses were able to be constructed side by side and supposed to be 600 feet or more apart and what council and administration can do to quiet down the parties. Mayor Moore stated that we do not have planning and zoning nor do we have code enforcement. Metro handles planning and zoning and if Metro allowed them to go side by side, West Buechel has no power to change it. There is nothing the council can do.

Attorney Hodge noted that anyone can call 311 to complain. Councilwoman Wood said that they call Metro, but Metro does nothing about it. Lieutenant Irwin stated that they should call dispatch. Assistant Chief Hibbs stated that with each complaint called into dispatch, they record the calls and it's there forever. If more call in about the same complaint, then Metro will assess the situation.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:20 PM was made by Councilman Embry and second by Councilwoman Blanton. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.



Mayor Brenda Moore

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City Clerk, Gwen Brown