

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager, Amy Lange; Interim City Manager, Glenn Rodden; City Clerk, LaTasha Dawson; Finance Director, Amber Farha.

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Caleb Lausen, Cheryl Lanoue. Zoom Attendees: Gina Rasure, Michael Miller. Staff Present: Tim Jessup, Building Inspector; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Shane Kisby, Public Works Director; John Christensen, Fire Chief.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hutchinson called the meeting to order.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED AT A CERTAIN TIME

Amy Lange was presented with an appreciation award by the commissioners in recognition of her time and service as City Manager.

The new Interim City Manager was welcomed by the commissioners.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Minutes of August 5 Meeting

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2026. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #15

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #15. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2026-3246 - Uniform Public Offense Code

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2026, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES; REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 14-101 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING A SECTION NUMBERED 14-101.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wentz. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2026-3246, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Ordinance 2026-3247 - Standard Traffic Offenses

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2026, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

Thereupon, Commissioner Lambertz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2026-3247, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Library Board of Trustee Recommendation- Charity Brown

A motion to appoint Charity Brown to fill the two remaining years of Russell Gagnon's term starting September 1st, 2026, for Frank Carlson Library Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to reappoint Charity Brown. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

CCLIP Project Programming Request- US 81

A motion to authorize the governing body members to sign the project programming request and allow City Staff to proceed with the requesting proposals for Preliminary Engineering Design in August 2027.

The City's application was selected for KDOT FY2028 improvements, with \$400,000 allocated for construction engineering. The project will replace concrete slabs on both northbound lanes of US 81 from the viaduct approach to the north city limits. The local contribution decreased from 10% to 5% due to the City's population being under 5,000. The City will also be responsible for preliminary engineering, right-of-way, utility costs, and any costs exceeding the right-of-way allocation.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to authorize the governing body members to sign the project programming request. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve for the past 8.5 years. She expressed her hopes and best wishes for a great future for the City of Concordia.

Staff Reports

Fire Chief: Reported that four staff members (two part-time and two full-time) will attend an AD&T class in Beloit this fall. One staff member is beginning paramedic training in Hutchinson, and the department is hosting a paramedic student from Barton Community College.

Public Works Director: Reported that 7th Street improvements are progressing despite rain delays, with base rock, mat, and curbs underway. One remaining stretch on Doster Street is yet to be completed. Tree work is planned for early September and remains on schedule.

Police Chief: Reported that the animal shelter estate has been settled, with the City receiving \$111,964.75 from the sale of the property. Preliminary planning is underway to consider remodeling or relocating the shelter. Police Chief Brent Gering announced his retirement effective November 6 due to family obligations on the farm.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Amy Jackson: Concerns were raised regarding overgrown trees, brush, and bushes obstructing visibility at some intersections. Staff will follow up, including nuisance enforcement for vegetation on residential and private property. Scooter Safety: Increased awareness of the new scooter ordinance, including helmet use, was noted. Concerns were raised regarding drivers not recognizing scooters as vehicles.

City Manager Appreciation: Commissioners thanked Amy for her thoughtful decision-making and contributions to the City, noting her significance as one of the City's first female City Managers.

Non-Elected Personnel

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss employment/personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with Interim City Manager, Glenn Rodden in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Hutchinson, Jackson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Time 5:52 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Hutchinson announced there was no binding action taken.

Authorize the early release of Amy Lange as City Manager

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the early release of Amy Lange as City Manager on August 28, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wentz. Motion carried

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:16 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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/s/ *Tasha Dawson*
City Clerk