

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
JANUARY 20, 2026

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Bentley Nolan, and Rosie Jones, Ben Logan, City Attorney and Sandra Shumaker, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Janet Gaston was absent. Council Member Bentley Nolan gave the invocation and Council Member Travis Beard lead the pledge of allegiance. Council Vice President Lynn Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Travis Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nettie Davis, to approve the agenda and agenda order with the notice that the following item will be tabled.

Item #3 AN ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING THE SELECTION OF CADENCE BANK TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH THE SELECTED DEPOSITORY SUBJECT TO LATER RATIFICATION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF TUPELO

Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS

Herbert Partlow, Marcy Hughes, Walter Partlow, Ruthie Partlow accepted the proclamation honoring Ms. Lucille Gray Partlow Day honoring her as the first African American female police officer in Tupelo, MS. and proclaiming January 18, 2026 as “Lucille Granny Gray Parlow Day”
APPENDIX “A”

Rob Rogers accepted the proclamation honoring Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists’ and proclaiming the week of January 18-24, 2026 as National Certified Nurse Anesthetists Week
APPENDIX “B”

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Nolan invited everyone to the Amp Foundations birthplace sessions with Charlie Mars show on Friday January 30 at 7pm.

Council Member Beard stated that he was proud to know the Partlow family and mentioned specifically working Walter Partlow Sr. at Carver Elementary and spoke of the benefit of knowing the family and what their family means to the community.

Council Member Davis stated that Mr. Partlow was an outstanding band director and she thought of them as family. The Partlow family holds a very special legacy in the community. Councilwoman

Davis also thanked the MLK Committee and volunteers for a great celebration. The four main events were well attended. Tupelo has the largest MLK celebration in the state, and Council Member Davis said she hopes that it will continue.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan congratulated Director Kevan Kirkpatrick and staff at the Cadence Bank Arena for the gross ticket sales this last weekend. Mayor Jordan also gave a report on sales tax for 2024-2025. Tupelo remains at #4 behind Jackson, Gulfport and Hattiesburg. We are second per capita behind Ridgeland but are up 10%. Our millage rate is 96.57.

CITIZEN HEARING

Thomas Harrison spoke on behalf of Andy Graf, the owner of La Vino Wine and Spirits, located at 1204 North Gloster Street. He passed out some statistics to the council and requested a moratorium on package stores on behalf of La Vino and other existing package stores. He stated that they are not asking to shut business down but would like a cap on package store permits in the future.
APPENDIX "C"

(CLOSE PUBLIC AGENDA AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION)

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW / APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2026

Council Member Travis Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nettie Davis, to approve the minutes as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "D"

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

The bills were reviewed by Council Member Lynn Bryan, Council Member Bentley Nolan and Council Member Travis Beard. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve and pay the bills as presented with check numbers 439302 – 439595 and 50004105 - 50004132. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "E"

AN ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING THE SELECTION OF CADENCE BANK TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH THE SELECTED DEPOSITORY SUBJECT TO LATER RATIFICATION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF TUPELO

Council Member Nettie Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Travis Beard, to table this item. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "F"

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2026 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUATION AS A MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION DESIGNATED COMMUNITY

Council Member Bentley Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the MOA as presented. Of those present the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “G”

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD RFQ NUMBER 2025-044PW TO COOK COGGIN ENGINEERS FOR TARGET ROAD WATER PROJECT

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve and award the RFQ for professional services to Cook Coggin Engineers (CCE) for the Target Road Water Project. Depending on the scope and cost of the project of up to \$2,000,0000, the grant will have a 50/50 match. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “H”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE TUPELO AQUATIC CENTER POOL LINER

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the contract with Memphis Pool Supply Company, Inc. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “I”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR THE BID FOR THE BALLARD PARK LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve and award the bid to Allterra Construction, LLC, for the Ballard Park Lakeshore Improvements as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$373,000.00. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “J”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE BALLARD PARK LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve and award the contract to Allterra Construction, LLC, for the Ballard Park Lakeshore Improvements. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “K”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR THE RFQ FOR TENNIS INSTRUCTION AND FACILITY OPERATIONS FOR ROB LEAKE CITY PARK

Council Member Nolan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve and award the RFQ for tennis instruction and facility operations management to Daniel Pounders. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “L”

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE TENNIS INSTRUCTION AND FACILITY OPERATIONS CONTRACT FOR ROB LEAKE CITY PARK

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve and award the contract for North MS Tennis Academy. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX “M”

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE AMENDING DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 5 – OVERLAY DISTRICTS BY ADDING 5.12 – PARKHILL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT (TA25-02.01)

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to enter into the minutes this item as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX "N"

STUDY AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE, POSSESSION, PURCHASE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE OR DISPLAY FOR SALE OF KRATOM AND KRATOM PRODUCTS

The council voted to move this time to the action agenda for the meeting of February 3, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the city council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Nolan, to adjourn the meeting of 1/20/26 at 6:21 p.m.

LYNN BRYAN
COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SANDRA SHUMAKER
COUNCIL CLERK

APPROVED

TODD JORDAN, MAYOR

DATE