

Business Session

1:00 PM – Thursday, February 12, 2026,

26th Floor Council Chambers

Those in attendance: Mayor Quinton Lucas, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryana Parks-Shaw, Councilmembers: — O’Neill, Willett, French, Patterson-Hazley, Robinson, Rea, Bunch, Curls, Bough, Duncan, & City Manager Mario Vasquez represented the City Manager’s office; Howard Rice represented the City Clerk’s Office.

- **Approval of Minutes for Business Session of January 15, 2026:** Minutes approved unanimously.

- **Submitted Budget Presentation**

Brenton Siverly of the Kansas City, Missouri Finance Department presented the FY 2026–27 Submitted Budget, outlining a \$2.5 billion total budget, including \$1.7 billion in governmental activities and \$878 million in business-type operations such as Aviation and Water Services. The city uses Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) to rank 212 programs by alignment with strategic goals, directing funding toward the highest-priority outcomes rather than by department structure. The General Fund totals about \$844 million, primarily supported by earnings tax, sales tax, property tax, and other local revenues, with approximately 75% of General Fund spending dedicated to public safety. Finance initially projected a \$100.8 million deficit, later reduced to \$54.9 million through revenue adjustments, departmental reductions, debt refinancing, ERP bond financing, and elimination of long-vacant management positions. While the City remains within its required 17–25% reserve policy, officials acknowledged a continuing structural imbalance, meaning ongoing expenses are growing faster than recurring revenues. Major investments include public safety, infrastructure, water services, housing, and capital improvements. In summary, Kansas City is financially stable but must address long-term spending pressures to maintain reserves and credit strength moving forward.

- **Discussion of Ordinances, Resolutions, and Communications listed on the Council legislative docket or for Floor Introduction:** There may be discussion of a possible veto by Mayor Quinton Lucas regarding the energy code standards ordinance passed last week, with concerns that delaying the measure could cause compliance and implementation issues for upcoming projects.
- **Closed Session:** No motion or vote was made to enter closed session.
- . Meeting was adjourned