

The El Dorado City Commission met in a work session on February 25, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Room with the following present: Mayor Bill Young, Commissioner Andrew Tipton, Commissioner Syndee Scribner, Commissioner Leon Leachman, Commissioner Kendra Wilkinson, and City Manager David Dillner. Absent:

VISITORS

Tabitha Sharp	Assistant City Manager	El Dorado, KS
Scott Rickard	Director of Engineering	El Dorado, KS
Kevin Wishart	Parks and Recreation Director	El Dorado, KS
Brad Meyer	Director of Public Works	El Dorado, KS
Haley Remsberg	HR Director	El Dorado, KS
Emerald Veatch	City Clerk	El Dorado, KS
Joe Haag	Fire Chief	El Dorado, KS
Michael Holton	Police Chief	El Dorado, KS
Nicole Sheffler	Vintage HOA	El Dorado, KS
Jeremy Sheffler	Vintage HOA	El Dorado, KS
Emily Connell		El Dorado, KS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Young called the February 25, 2026, meeting to order.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**OPPORUNITY ZONE DESIGNATION PROCESS**

City Manager David Dillner stated that the Governor of Kansas will nominate up to 25 percent of eligible low-income census tracts in the state for federal Opportunity Zone (OZ) designation. Kansas is expected to be able to designate approximately 53 tracts statewide. The Governor must nominate the state's tracts to the U.S. Department of Treasury within the ninety days following July 1. El Dorado has two eligible census tracts, creating both an opportunity and a strategic decision.

The Commission discussed the opportunity zones and directed city staff to work with local stakeholders to determine which of the two tracts should be advocated for.

12TH AVENUE BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN ACCOMODATION CONNECTION UPDATES

City Engineer Scott Rickard reviewed the two concepts that the consultants prepared for the 12th Avenue Bridg Pedestrian Path.

The Commission instructed staff to move forward with intent and continue to work with the HOA.

GOVERNANCE POLICIES

City Manager David Dillner stated that governance policies define how the City Commission, as the governing body of the City, will conduct its business. A few categories of governance policies are included in the attached memorandum for discussion by the City Commission. It is good practice to review and discuss these policies to ensure that they reflect how the governing body wants to operate.

REGULAR AGENDA PREVIEW

The City Commission reviewed the upcoming agenda for January 20, 2026.

COMMISSION REPORTS

There were no reports.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager David Dillner gave a legislative update to the Commission.

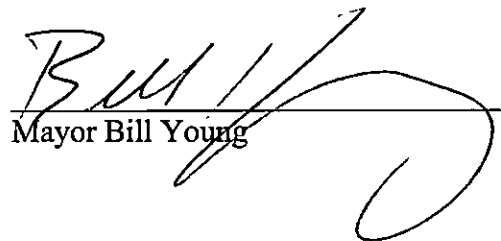
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Commissioner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.


City Clerk Emerald Veatch


Mayor Bill Young