

**OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

February 21, 2014

The Joint Work Session of the Oak Ridge City Council and the Board of Education convened at 12:00 noon on February 21, 2014 in the Training Room of the Municipal Building.

Present: Trina Baughn, Councilmember
Tom Beehan, Mayor
Anne Garcia Garland, Councilmember
Charlie Hensley, Councilmember
Chuck Hope, Councilmember
Jane Miller, Mayor Pro Tem
David Mosby, Councilmember

Also Present: Mark Watson, City Manager
Ken Krushenski, City Attorney
Diana Stanley, City Clerk
Bruce Borchers, Superintendent
Angie Agle, Board Member for the Board of Education
Dan DiGregorio, Board Member for the Board of Education
Robert Eby, Board Member of the Board of Education
Keys Fillauer, Chairman for the Board of Education

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE OAK RIDGE SCHOOLS AND THE OAK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oak Ridge Police Chief James Akagi and Crime Analyst Dave Gordon provided information for School Year 2013 and School Year 2014 regarding service stats, incident reports, cooperation efforts between school staff and the police department, and initiatives and improvements for SROs for 2014.

During the presentation, city staff noted that the department had increased their property checks and the number of incidents/calls for service between the two school years had reduced.

FIBER OPTIC NETWORK UPDATE

Electric Department Director Jack Suggs provided an update on the Oak Ridge Fiber Optic Network which is cooperative project between the City and the Schools. Mr. Suggs noted reliable, flexible, and cost saving advantages of this system to the parties involved and provided an update on the progress of the project from items completed to those remaining while noting a completion date of spring 2015.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY MANAGER AND THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ABOUT CITY/SCHOOLS DEBT FINANCING AND JOINT ANNUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the work performed by himself and the Superintendent to bring a draft resolution that offers a compromise on the debt repayment of the Oak Ridge High School renovation given that there was limited records from the past regarding the specifics of repayment.

The City Manager noted the following key components of the draft resolution:

- Sales tax collected inside city limits would be spent on repayment of the renovation debt
- Sales tax collected outside city limits would be spent on one of the four (4) education components listed in the resolution

- A community priority aspect is being included as part of a joint Capital Improvement Program with a list of overall community priorities as established by the City Manager and the School Superintendent
- The two elected bodies will jointly establish and coordinate long-term and strategic priorities for the entities they represent

Councilmember Baughn expressed concerns related to the future cost of the debt, specifically over the repayment of the debt. Councilmember Mosby inquired about the future of the school debt service as it relates to sales tax growth and property taxes.

Based on discussions and comments of the Board of Education and the City Council, the general consensus was support for the joint resolution and moving forward.

OAK RIDGE SCHOOLS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION — PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Oak Ridge Superintendent Dr. Bruce Borchers provided some brief highlights regarding the School's "Digital Transformation" and STEM initiative which will utilize technology to advance the knowledge and skills of the students. Dr. Borchers noted that the biggest element of this project would be to infrastructure improvements to support the enhancement associated with the initiative.

BLANKENSHIP FIELD BLEACHER UPDATE

Dr. Borchers noted that the visitors' bleachers at Blankenship field was out of sequence in terms of priority and the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission had recommended considering it a priority project for FY2015.

Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Operations Alan Thacker provided a timeline of the Blankenship Bleacher Replacement Project being pursued by the schools. Mr. Thacker noted that the bleachers were deemed condemned by an engineer firm and the bleachers were in the process of being demolished. Mr. Thacker further explained that other site issues would also be addressed, such as ADA compliance, storm drainage, and replacement to the retaining wall. The project completion date for this project was anticipated to be August 29, 2014 for the first home game.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.


Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
April 14, 2014


D. Jane Miller, Mayor Pro Tem