

**MINUTES OF THE  
OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

November 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge convened at 7:00 p.m. on November 24, 2014, in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan presiding.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was delivered by the Pastor Derrick Hammond, Oak Valley Baptist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilwoman Trina Baughn; Mayor Thomas L. Beehan; Councilwoman Anne Garcia Garland; Councilman L. Charles Hensley; Councilman Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller; and Councilman David N. Mosby.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; Alexander J. Ford, Acting City Clerk.

**RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Councilman Hope moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller, to suspend the City Council Rules and Procedures. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Hope moved, seconded by Councilwoman Baughn to approve the Consent Agenda thereby:

- Approving the October 13, 2014 City Council Meeting minutes.
- Approving the October 20, 2014 City Council Special Meeting minutes.
- Approving the October 27, 2014 City Council Special Meeting minutes.

The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Mayor Beehan delivered special remarks.

Councilman Mosby delivered special remarks.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller delivered special remarks.

Councilwoman Garland delivered special remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 7:25pm.

### **CALL TO ORDER WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL**

The new City Council convened at 7:26pm.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION-OATHS OF OFFICE**

Oaths of office for the Office of Oak Ridge City Council were administered to the following newly-elected members: Ms. Ellen D. Smith; Mr. Kelly Callison; Mr. Warren Gooch; and Mr. R.G. Chinn, Jr.

### **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilwoman Trina Baughn; Councilman Kelly Callison; Councilman Rick Chinn; Councilman Warren Gooch; Councilman L. Charles Hensley; Councilman Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Councilwoman Ellen Smith.

### **ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

#### **Elections/Appointments**

Election of Mayor of the City of Oak Ridge

Before first ballot Councilwoman Baughn moved to ask the following questions to Councilmembers Chinn, Gooch, Hope, and Smith.

- (1) Mayor or not, will you support the previous council's decision to formally request a DOE Community Assistance Review as allowed within AECA 1955, PL 84-221, DOE Order 2100.12A?
- (2) Did you, any of your immediate family members or your affiliated businesses contribute financially, in any amount, to the Progress PAC?
- (3) If you are a member of the Chamber of Commerce or if you have received their endorsement for your candidacy via their Progress PAC, will you recuse yourself from voting on the Chamber of Commerce contract when it comes up from renewal?

Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Gooch, Hope, and Smith voted "aye." Councilman Hensley voted "nay."

Responses to question 1: Councilman Chinn responded yes. Councilman Gooch responded yes. Councilman Hope responded yes. Councilwoman Smith responded yes.

Responses to question 2: Councilman Chinn responded no. Councilman Gooch responded no. Councilman Hope responded no. Councilwoman Smith responded no.

Responses to quest 3: Councilman Chinn responded no. Councilman Gooch responded no. Councilman Hope responded no. Councilwoman Smith responded no.

On first ballot:

Councilwoman Baughn voted for Councilwoman Smith. Councilman Callison voted for Councilman Hope. Councilman Chinn voted for himself. Councilman Gooch voted for himself. Councilman Hensley voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Hope voted for himself. Councilwoman Smith voted for herself.

Councilman Chinn received one vote; Councilman Gooch received two votes;

Councilman Hope received two votes; and Councilwoman Smith received two votes. Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, and Hensley did not received any votes and were dropped from the ballot. No member of Council received the four votes necessary to be elected mayor.

On second ballot:

Councilwoman Baughn voted for Councilwoman Smith. Councilman Callison voted for Councilman Hope. Councilman Chinn voted for himself. Councilman Gooch voted for himself. Councilman Hensley voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Hope voted for himself. Councilwoman Smith voted for herself.

Councilman Chinn received one vote; Councilman Gooch received two votes; Councilman Hope received two votes; and Councilwoman Smith received two votes. No member of Council received the four votes necessary to be elected mayor.

On third ballot:

Councilwoman Baughn voted for Councilwoman Smith. Councilman Callison voted for Councilman Hope. Councilman Chinn voted for himself. Councilman Gooch voted for himself. Councilman Hensley voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Hope voted for himself. Councilwoman Smith voted for herself.

Councilman Chinn received one vote; Councilman Gooch received two votes; Councilman Hope received two votes; and Councilwoman Smith received two votes. No member of Council received the four votes necessary to be elected mayor.

On fourth ballot:

Councilwoman Baughn voted for Councilwoman Smith. Councilman Callison voted for Councilman Hope. Councilman Chinn voted for himself. Councilman Gooch voted for himself. Councilman Hensley voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Hope voted for himself. Councilwoman Smith voted for herself.

Councilman Chinn received one vote; Councilman Gooch received two votes; Councilman Hope received two votes; and Councilwoman Smith received two votes. No member of Council received the four votes necessary to be elected mayor.

Before fifth ballot, Councilwoman Baughn moved, and Councilman Hensley seconded, to accept public comments before additional balloting. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Gooch, Hensley, Hope, and Smith voting "aye."

Ms. Anne Garcia Garland of 120 Outer Drive suggested pulling a name out of the hat for Mayor.

Ms. Joy Henderson of 103 Paris Lane, a City resident for 44 years, voiced her support for Smith's candidacy.

Mr. Aditya Savara of 109 Trenton Drive suggested that the Council was not constrained by Robert's Rules of Order and that the Council could pick the Mayor an alternative way.

Mr. Tony Stevens of 110 Oak Ridge Turnpike suggested that the candidates for Mayor further elaborate and discuss their individual positions on issues.

Ms. Linda Mabry of 106 Montana Avenue voiced her support for Rick Chinn's candidacy.

On fifth ballot:

Councilwoman Baughn voted for Councilwoman Smith. Councilman Callison voted for Councilman Hope. Councilman Chinn voted for himself. Councilman Gooch voted for himself. Councilman Hensley voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Hope voted for himself. Councilwoman Smith voted for herself.

Councilman Chinn received one vote; Councilman Gooch received two votes; Councilman Hope received two votes; and Councilwoman Smith received two votes. No member of Council received the four votes necessary to be elected mayor.

Before sixth ballot, Councilman Callison moved, and Councilman Hensley seconded, to suspend the voting rules and drop the candidate that receives the fewest votes on ballot six. After brief discussion on the motion, Councilman Hensley with three other councilmembers called the question. The motion failed with three votes in favor. Councilmembers Hensley, Callison, and Smith voted "aye." Councilmembers Hope, Chinn, Gooch, and Baughn voted "nay."

After the vote, City Staff suggested that the Council move up the Resolutions paying tribute to the former City Council members. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Gooch, Hensley, Hope, and Smith voting "aye."

On sixth ballot:

Councilwoman Baughn voted for Councilwoman Smith. Councilman Callison voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Chinn voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Gooch voted for himself. Councilman Hensley voted for Councilman Gooch. Councilman Hope voted for himself. Councilwoman Smith voted for herself.

Councilman Gooch was elected Mayor with four votes from Councilmembers: Callison; Chinn; Gooch; and Hensley.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Oak Ridge

On first ballot: Councilwoman Smith was elected Mayor Pro Tem on first ballot with four votes from Councilmembers: Baughn, Hensley, Hope, and Smith. Councilman Callison voted for himself. Councilman Chinn voted for himself. Councilman Gooch voted for Councilman Chinn.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Adoption of **Resolution No. 11-109-2014** paying tribute to Mayor Thomas L. Beehan for his service on the Oak Ridge City Council.

Councilwoman Smith moved, and Councilman Hensley seconded, to adopt the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Gooch, Hensley, Hope, and Smith voting "aye."

- b. Adoption of **Resolution No. 11-110-2014** paying tribute to Councilwoman Anne Garcia Garland for her service on the Oak Ridge City Council.

Councilwoman Smith moved, and Councilwoman Baughn seconded, to adopt the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Gooch, Hensley, Hope, and Smith voting "aye."

- c. Adoption of **Resolution No. 11-111-2014** paying tribute to Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller for her service on the Oak Ridge City Council.

Councilman Hope moved, and Councilwoman Smith seconded, to adopt the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Gooch, Hensley, Hope, and Smith voting "aye."

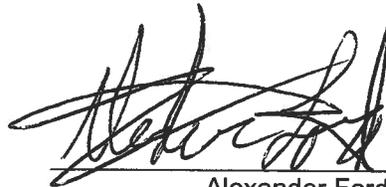
- d. Adoption of **Resolution No. 11-112-2014** paying tribute to Councilman David N. Mosby for his service on the Oak Ridge City Council.

Councilman Hensley moved, and Councilman Hope seconded, to adopt the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Gooch, Hensley, Hope, and Smith voting "aye."

**CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO**

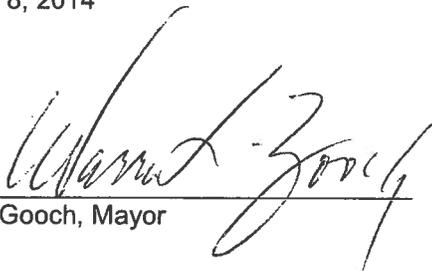
**ADJOURNMENT**

City Council adjourned at 8:40pm.



Alexander Ford, Acting City Clerk  
CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
December 8, 2014



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor