

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

December 14, 2015—7:00 p.m.

Minutes

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Warren L. Gooch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilmember Trina Baughn.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Baughn
Councilmember Callison
Councilmember Chinn
Mayor Gooch
Councilmember Hensley
Councilmember Hope
Mayor Pro Tem Smith

Prior to Appearance of Citizens, Councilmembers made the following changes to the Agenda:

Mayor Pro Tem Smith requested that a report on upcoming Tree Management Plan be added to the agenda under special reports. No objection from Council to this request.

Mayor Gooch moved to add a Proclamation Honoring Mary Ann Damos of the Oak Ridge Children's Museum.
Seconded Charlie Hensley. Unanimously approved

Mayor Gooch moved to move elections up in agenda after proclamations and public recognitions.
Seconded Charlie Hensley. Unanimously approved.

Councilmember Hensley requested to postpone City Manager Evaluation report. No objection from Council to this request.

Mayor Gooch moved to address proclamations and special reports before appearance of citizens.
Seconded by Councilmember Chinn. Unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

A proclamation congratulating the Kerbela Shriners 100th year Anniversary.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope that the proclamation be adopted.

The proclamation was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

A proclamation congratulating the Emory Valley Center's 60th Anniversary.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison that the proclamation be adopted.

The proclamation was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

A proclamation congratulating Tee Higgins' on his achievement of the Mr. Football Award.

Councilmember Chinn moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope that the proclamation be adopted.

The proclamation was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

A proclamation congratulating Joe Gaddis and the Oak Ridge Wildcats Football Team.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope that the proclamation be adopted.

The proclamation was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

A proclamation honoring Mary Ann Damos retiring Director of the Oak Ridge Children's Museum.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison that the proclamation be adopted.

The proclamation was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

Elections/Appointments, Announcements and Scheduling

Elections/Appointments

Councilmember Chinn moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope, to postpone election for those boards without a full slate of candidates, and to extend the application process for those boards through January. The motion was not approved with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Hensley, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Nay", and Councilmembers Chinn, and Hope voting "Aye".

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, to have an additional election in January to fill the remaining board positions at a special called meeting preceding the January 19, 2015 work session. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

- i. Elect one (1) applicant to the Anderson County Economic Development Association

Mr. Leonard Abbatiello was elected on first ballot.

- ii. Elect three (3) applicants to the Beer Permit Board

Ms. Wende Doolittle, Ms. Theresa Scott, and Mr. Danny Whitson were elected on first ballot.

- iii. Elect three (3) applicants to the Board of Building and Housing Code Appeals

Mr. Joseph E. Lee, Mr. Michael Marsh, and Mr. Leonard Vaughn were elected on first ballot.

- iv. Elect one (1) applicant to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to elect Ms. Susan Donnelly by acclamation. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers,

Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

- v. Elect seven (7) applicants to the Convention and Visitors Bureau (including the hotel representatives)

Councilmember Baughn moved, seconded by Councilmember Chinn, to elect Ms. Heather Buck, Ms. Gretchen A. Julius, and Mr. Troy Patel by acclamation. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

Mr. Owen Driskill, Mr. Martin McBride, and Ms. Rebecca Williams were elected on first ballot. Ms. Susan Frederick was elected on third ballot.

- vi. Elect three (3) applicants to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope, to elect Mr. Leon Baker, Mr. Bryan Crable, and Ms. Kaela O'Dell by acclamation. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

- vii. Elect three (3) applicants to the Health and Educational Facilities Board

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, to elect Mr. Leon Baker, Ms. Sue Anne Lewis, and Mr. William Mark Logan by acclamation. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

Comment Councilmember Baughn addressed the potential conflict of interest of having another member serving on both the Land Bank and Housing Authority Boards.

City Attorney was asked if there was a conflict of interest, and elaborated that nothing in the existing rules prevented the serving on both aforementioned boards.

Councilmember Hensley and Councilmember Callison commented that having an individual on both boards strengthened the cities focus on resolving housing issues.

- viii. Elect one (1) applicant to the Oak Ridge Housing Authority

Mr. James Palmer was elected on the second ballot.

- ix. Elect four (4) applicants to the Oak Ridge Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors

Councilmember Chinn moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley, to vote on full terms before the unexpired term. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

Mrs. Annie Dunthorn, Mrs. Melinda K. Hillman, and Mr. Charlie Jernigan were elected on first ballot.

Mr. James Palmer was elected for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2016, on first ballot.

- x. Elect two (2) applicants to the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission

Mr. Hans Vogel, was elected on the first ballot. Ms. Sharon Kohler was elected on the third ballot.

- xi. Elect three (3) applicants to the Personnel Advisory Board

Councilmember Baughn moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope, to approve the two personal Advisory Board applicants to the full term positions by acclamation. The motion was not unanimously approved, with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Chinn voting "Nay".

Mayor Gooch moved, seconded by Councilmember Baughn, the two full terms be voted on first. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers, Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

Ms. Anne Garcia Garland, and Ms. Lisa Bollinger were elected on first ballot.

- xii. Elect two (2) applicants to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Dr. Kevin Hoyt, and Mr. B. Alan Tatum were elected on first ballot.

- xiii. Elect three (3) applicants to the Senior Advisory Board

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, that Patricia Gengozian and Robert Smallridge be elected by acclamation. The motion was not unanimously approved, with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Chinn voting "Nay".

Ms. Patricia Gengozian, and Mr. Robert Smallridge were elected on first ballot.

- xiv. Elect one (1) applicant to the Trade Licensing Board

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, that Mr. F. Wayne Garber be elected by acclamation. The motion was not unanimously approved, with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Chinn voting "Nay".

Mr. F. Wayne Garber was elected on first ballot.

- xv. Elect three (2) applicants to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, that Mrs. Jana F. Humphrey be elected by acclamation. The motion was not unanimously approved, with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Chinn voting "Nay".

Mrs. Jana F. Humphrey was elected on first ballot.

- xvi. Elect seven (8) applicants to the Secret City Festival 501(c) (3) Board of Directors

Councilmember Baughn moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, that the six applicants be elected by acclamation. The motion was not unanimously approved, with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Chinn voting "Nay".

Ms. Cynthia Beatty, Mr. James Dodson, Mr. Don Hughes, Mr. Bill Lawrence, Ms. Emilee S. H.

Smith, and Mr. John Stone were elected on first ballot.

Councilmember Hensley requests short break.

(10 minute intermission)

City Manager, Mark S. Watson, introduced Austin Lance, and identified Oak Ridge would be a part of the University of Tennessee MBA students' upcoming projects.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Kristy Herron, 235 Dellwood Dr., commented to the need for an increased community focus on assisting the homeless population within the county and city.

Councilmember Baughn commented on the need for the community to take interest in this issue, and for city council to evaluate how community funds are spent on social issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith commented on the budget and process of TORCH, and its contributions to the area.

Martin McBride, 954 West Outer Drive, commented on the need for follow up on Senator McNally's letter concerning Department of Energy (DOE) hotel usage in Oak Ridge. A response to this letter will give DOE an opportunity to set the record straight. A request was made for the City manager to call representatives of the DOE to follow up on their travel practices.

Councilmember Hensley commented on discussions at the Budget and Finance meeting that put a timeline on receiving answers to the city's request about the Landfill letter that had been crafted.

Mayor Gooch asked the city manager to reach out to the listed DOE representatives.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Charlie Jernigan, Chairman of the Oak Ridge Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors, presented an update on the Land Bank activities through the 2015 calendar year.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, asked if the Land Bank required continued legislative approval.

Charlie Jernigan and City Attorney Ken Krushenski identified that continued approval was not required as there were no sunset provisions in the legislation.

Councilmember Hensley commented on the City of Oak Ridge's inability to be considered for Rural Development qualifications, and the need to get back on that list.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Chinn moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously, with Councilmembers Baughn, Chinn, Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", thereby:

- Approving the November 16, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approving Resolution No. 12-133-2015A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FY2016 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PREVENT CHILD ABUSE TENNESSEE FOR USE IN THE

HEALTHY START OF ANDERSON COUNTY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,850.00 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 12-134-2015

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ENHANCEMENT GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$432,960.00, WITH AN APPROXIMATE \$108,240.00 LOCAL CASH MATCH, FOR OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE INTERSECTION PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTH TULANE AVENUE AND EAST DIVISION ROAD/TENNYSON ROAD.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison that the resolution be adopted.

City Manager Mark Watson, and Katheryn Baldwin responded to questions and comments of City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley, to amend the resolutions funding source to say "Capital Projects Fund" and for city staff to provide information on where the money will come from.

The resolution to amend was passed with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Baughn abstaining.

Councilmember Baughn addressed that passing the main resolution will commit funds from the current budget. Councilmember Baughn's questions were addressed by city staff.

The resolution was passed unanimously with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye".

Resolution No. 12-135-2015

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE 2016 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO INFORM STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS OF KEY PROJECTS, POLICIES, AND PRIORITIES IN THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE AND TO HELP SECURE FUNDING FOR AGREED UPON PROPERTIES OF THE COMMUNITY.

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith, that the resolution be adopted.

City Manager Mark Watson, and Government Affairs and Information Services Director Amy Fitzgerald responded to questions and comments of City Council.

Mayor Gooch moved, seconded by Councilmember Chinn, to move forward with the Legislative agenda, schedule meetings with state legislators before the next Council meeting, and readdress the state legislative agenda with the additional information at the January Council meeting.

The Resolution was passed with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Hensley abstaining.

Resolution No. 12-136-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF \$325,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GOLF COURSE FUND TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE.

Mayor pro Tem Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, that the resolution be adopted.

City Manager Mark Watson, and Nick Bednar of Billy Casper Golf responded to questions and comments by City Council.

City Council heard comments pertaining to the golf course from:

David Kitzmiller, 144 Wellington Circle
Walter Eichen, 116 Capital Circle
Anne Garcia Garland, 120 Outer Drive
Mike Lloyd, 126 Rockbridge Greens Blvd.
Joseph Lee, 99 E. Pasadena Rd.

Councilmember Baughn moved to reduce amount of dispersal by \$70,000 and renegotiate with Billy Casper Group. Motion failed for lack of a second.

The resolution was passed with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye", and Councilmember Baughn voting "Nay".

Resolution No. 12-137-2015

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING D. RAY SMITH AS "HONORARY CITY HISTORIAN" FOR THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AND IN SUCH CAPACITY SHALL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY LEADERSHIP ON HISTORICAL ACCURACY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley, that the resolution be adopted.

Comments were made by Council congratulating D. Ray Smith for his contributions to the city.

The Resolution, amended to remove the Dr., was passed with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye".

Resolution No. 12-138-2015

A RESOLUTION TO GENERALLY ESTABLISH MONTHLY REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MONTHLY WORK SESSION MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, that the resolution be adopted.

Comments were made by City Manager Mark Watson and City Council about dates for upcoming events, and budgetary meetings. May 23-24 (2016) would be scheduled for the annual Budget Workshop, allowing public budget adoption to occur on June 6, 2016 and June 13, 2016.

The resolution was passed unanimously with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye".

Resolution No. 12-139-2015

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE CURRENT WATER SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) TO SET FORTH A NEW ANNUAL POTABLE WATER RATE AND OTHER NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS.

Councilmember Chinn moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope, that the resolution be adopted.

The resolution was passed unanimously with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye".

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

First Reading of Ordinances

(None)

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(None)

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Councilmember Hensley identified he would like to have a proclamation put forth for Municipal Planning Commission member Terry Domm at the upcoming January meeting.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager Report

City Manager Mark Watson commented on the success of the Finance Department's recent bond issuance, indicating the favorable rates received will produce a long term savings to the community.

City Attorney Report

(None)

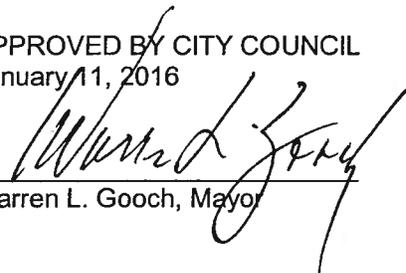
ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.



Bruce M. Applegate Jr., City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
January 11, 2016


Warren L. Gooch, Mayor