

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

August 26, 2013

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 8:00 p.m. on August 26, 2013 in the Multipurpose Room of the Central Services Complex with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan.

The Mayor requested that Councilmember David N. Mosby lead the Invocation, and requested that a visiting boy scout lead the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag to the United States of America.

The City Clerk called the roll with the following councilmembers present: Councilmember Trina Baughn; Mayor Thomas L. Beehan; Councilmember Anne Garcia Garland; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller; and Councilmember David N. Mosby.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; and Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-80-2013

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUND FOR TWO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; SPECIFICALLY \$370,000.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE INTERSECTIONS AND \$215,000.00 FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FOR THE JACKSON SQUARE PARKING LOT (FARMER'S MARKET SITE).

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

Following brief discussions regarding the use of the Special Program Fund monies, the resolution was approved with Councilmembers Baughn, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye" by show of hands, and Councilmember Garcia Garland indicating "Nay" by show of hand.

Ms. Robin Biloski, 33 Palisades Parkway, employee of the Emory Valley Center and Anderson County Commissioner, discussed the pedestrian crossing situation at the Emory Valley Center campus that stretches across two locations of Emory Valley Road. Ms. Biloski requested that City Council consider including the flashing light for the North and/or South end of the Emory Valley Road as a priority project as funded by the Special Programs Fund.

Procedural, the City Attorney recommended that any action for this request take place at the September City Council meeting. The Mayor requested that the City Manager consider the request with no opposition expressed by the councilmembers.

Resolution No. 08-81-2013

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE OAK RIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.00 FOR FY2014.

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

Following brief discussions regarding the indemnification clause of the contract, Councilmember Garcia Garland moved to amend Section 3 titled "Initiative's Steering Committee" to change the language from the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to a Council designee appointed by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Baughn. City Council discussed, in detail, consideration of the appointing

process of the Initiative's Steering Committee. Mr. Parker Harder, President of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, responded to an inquiry of Councilmember Baughn related to the membership of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

The amendment proposed by Councilmember Garcia Garland failed with Councilmembers Baugh, Garcia Garland, and Mosby indicating "Aye" by show of hands and Councilmember Hensley, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Mayor Beehan indicating "Nay" by show of hands and Councilmember Hope abstaining.

The resolution, as presented, was approved with Councilmembers Hensley, Mosby, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Mayor Beehan indicating "Aye" by show of hands and Councilmembers Baughn and Garcia Garland indicating "Nay" by similar method. Councilmember Hope abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
September 9, 2013


Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor