

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL**

February 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2013, in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan presiding.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Troy Forrester, Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. David McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Trina Baughn; Mayor Thomas L. Beehan; Councilmember Anne Garcia Garland; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; and Councilmember David N. Mosby.

Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller was absent.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; and Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Ms. Kris Light, 113 West Irving Lane, expressed her concern over smoking at Cedar Hill Park Playground and asked if City Council would consider the placement of signs recommending that residents not smoke on the playground given that the State of Tennessee cannot allow cities to enforce such regulations.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

A proclamation designating March 1, 2013 as "Arbor Day."

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia Garland that the proclamation be adopted. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

The proclamation was accepted by Recreation and Parks Department Director Josh Collins.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Briefing to the City Council by Delegation Chair Chuck Hope on recent visit to Atlanta EPA offices by City Council EPA Sub-Committee, staff, and former Councilmember Ellen Smith.

Chairman Hope provided an overview of the EPA Sub-Committee—Garcia Garland, Hensley, Mosby, and former Councilmember Ellen D. Smith—and staff's recent visit to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) facilities in Atlanta, Georgia. Other committee members Hensley, Mosby, Garcia Garland, and Smith (116 Morningside Drive) all provided additional comments regarding the recent visit and the processes for the City to complete the Administrative Order (AO). Additionally, staff and the committee members responded to questions of City Council.

Mr. Martin McBride, 954 West Outer Drive, expressed his gratitude for City Councilmembers meeting with the EPA. Mr. McBride inquired about the formality of the extension of time that the EPA would possibly grant related to the AO, and suggested that the City determine what was allowable per the EPA's

procedures.

CONSENT AGENDA

(The Mayor noted that the City Clerk had corrected two (2) typos on Councilmember Baughn's name in the minutes)

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Baughn that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, thereby:

- Approving the January 14, 2013 City Council Meeting minutes.
- Adopting **Resolution No. 02-7-2013** amending the contract (COR 96-01) between the City and Waste Connections of Tennessee, Inc., to establish a residential customer number beginning January 2013 and to set forth a simpler residential customer number calculation for future use.
- Adopting **Resolution No. 02-8-2013** amending Resolution 6-46-2012 to allow the City to purchase in-car digital video recording equipment for the Police Department from Insight Public Sector instead of L3 Communications.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 02-09-2013

Adoption of a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineering, Inc., Knoxville, for engineering services related to the Jackson Square Revitalization Project Phase I, in the estimated amount of \$152,945.00.

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

Mr. Ray Evans, City Consultant, responded to inquires of Councilmember Baughn.

The motion was approved by voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye," and Councilmember Garcia Garland abstaining.

Resolution No. 02-10-2013

Adoption of a resolution accepting an enhancement grant awarded by the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation to the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to be utilized for construction of the Southern Appalachia Railway Museum in an amount not to exceed \$480,000.00; authoring the City to enter into the amended Enhancement Grant Agreement with TDOT; authorizing the City to enter into a construction management agreement with CROET and Heritage Center, LLC, for the project; and authorizing CROET and/or Heritage Center, LLC, to pay construction invoices for the project to be reimbursed by the City out of grant fund disbursements.

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

The City Attorney provided an overview of the project and responded to questions and comments of City Council.

Following brief discussions among City Council regarding completion date and the future of the project, the resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

(NONE)

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(NONE)

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

*Elect one (1) member to the Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau
Elect one (1) member to the Elder Citizens Advisory Board*

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Baughn to elect Mr. Aaron Wells to serve on the Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau for the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2015, and Ms. Gene Dunaway to serve on the Elder Citizens Advisory Board for the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2013 by acclamation. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

Appoint one (1) councilmember to the Sister City Support Organization

Mayor Beehan nominated himself to serve as the City Council representative of the Sister City Support Organization. Garcia Garland moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley to nominate Mayor Beehan to serve in the aforementioned capacity. The nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

Announcements

Scheduling

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Councilmember Hensley requested that the City Attorney determine what the policy is on the school debt service in an official communication. Councilmember Baughn added that a communication could be sent to the schools regarding the City's position on the debt service.

Councilmember Baughn requested two (2) briefings on the following: (1) the airport project; and (2) a return on investment regarding the City's commitment to PlanET in terms of labor hours and other expenses for the future, as well as the benefits received. Mayor Beehan responded that the five (5) counties participating are gaining access to a \$4 million dollar grant and is a visioning process for the area. Ms. Ellen Smith, 116 Morningside Drive, also responded to the benefits of the program regarding the existence of meetings in which different jurisdictions come together to meet, connect, and collaborate.

Councilmember Hensley concurred with Baughn's request for a briefing on the airport and suggested that Mr. Bill Marrison, President of Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority, provide insight as well.

Councilmember Hope requested that further discussions take place on economic development and for the City Manager to provide an update to City Council on the budgeting process.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager reminded City Council that the February 25 Special Meeting was to consider rezonings and land use amendments and then to adjourn into Work Session. Mr. Watson noted that a retreat was being tentatively scheduled for March 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with additional details to be forthcoming and Darryl Akins serving as the facilitator. Additionally, he explained that the City had recently received confirmation from the State of Tennessee on the City's State Revolving Fund application. Mr. Watson closed by indicating that the Economic Diversification Fund would be a focus for discussions during budget discussions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney explained that the EPA Assistant Regional Counsel Michele Wetherington would be submitting information to him that would be forwarded to City Council in the week..

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 2013


Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor