

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

May 14, 2018

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2018 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Steve Sherman with First Christian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Willowbrook Elementary School Student Senate.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Kelly Callison; Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn, Jr.; Councilmember Jim Dodson; Mayor Warren L. Gooch; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Councilmember Ellen Smith; and Councilmember Hans Vogel.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney, Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk; and Janice McGinnis, Finance Director.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Public Recognitions

City Manager Mark Watson recognized Yoga Dewanto, who is a Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Fellow visiting from Indonesia as part of an exchange program with the International City Managers' Association and the U.S. Department of State.

Proclamations

A proclamation recognizing the Robertsville Middle School cube satellite launch.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation recognizing the Secret City Wildbots for reaching the Carver Division Semi-Finals of the World Championship in Houston, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America program in Oak Ridge.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Vogel seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Y-12 National Security Complex.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The

proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

A proclamation designating May 16, 2018 as Oak Ridge Wellness Day.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

A proclamation designating May 14-18, 2018 as Police Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

A proclamation designating May 14-21 as Infrastructure Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

A proclamation designating May 20-26, 2018 as Public Works Week.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

SPECIAL REPORTS

Annual Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Report – Alan Tatum, Chair.

Alan Tatum, Chair of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board provided the board’s annual report for 2017-2018. The report was received for the record.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT (FY2018-163) TO WRIGHT CONTRACTING, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE OAK RIDGE FIRE STATION #4 RENOVATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$515,000.00.

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT (FY2018-139) TO SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTORS, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE INTERSECTION PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$528,355.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously as amended by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

Approval of the April 9, 2018 City Council regular meeting minutes

Resolution No. 5-28-1018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PATTERSON & DEWAR ENGINEERS, INC., NORCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF A TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$34,000.00.

Resolution No. 5-29-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) TO AMEND THE POWER CONTRACT RELATIVE TO THE INDUSTRIAL SERVICE POLICY.

Resolution No. 5-30-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A SURPLUS FIRE ENGINE (#356) AND DECONTAMINATION TRAILER (#739) TO ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AT NO COST.

Resolution No. 5-31-2018

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST UNCLAIMED BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS REMITTED TO STATE TREASURER UNDER UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT.

Resolution No. 5-32-2018

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT (FY2018-163) TO WRIGHT CONTRACTING, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE OAK RIDGE FIRE STATION #4 RENOVATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$515,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Vogel seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution, and Fire Chief Darryl Kerley answered questions from Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Resolution No. 5-33-2018

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT (FY2018-139) TO SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTORS, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE INTERSECTION PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$528,355.00.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP WHICH IS MADE A PART OF THE ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF PARCELS 1.31, 1.32, 1.33, 1.34, 1.35, AND 1.37, ROANE COUNTY TAX MAP 30, (APPROXIMATELY 17.97 ACRES) FROM FIR, FEDERAL INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT, TO IND-2, IMDO INDUSTRIAL MANHATTAN DISTRICT OVERLAY, SAID PARCELS BEING BOUNDED BY ZIRCONIUM STREET, AMERICUS AVENUE, TITANIUM STREET, AND HERITAGE CENTER BOULEVARD.

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Seeing no citizens wishing to speak, Councilmember Dodson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Vogel seconded. The motion to close the public hearing passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Vogel moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

The ordinance was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP WHICH IS MADE A PART OF THE ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF PARCELS 10.11, 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, and 10.15, ROANE COUNTY TAX MAP 29, (APPROXIMATELY 185.1 ACRES) FROM FIR, FEDERAL INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT, TO IND-2, IMDO INDUSTRIAL MANHATTAN DISTRICT OVERLAY, SAID PARCELS BEING BOUNDED BY PERIMETER ROAD AND POPLAR CREEK.

Councilmember Vogel moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Seeing no citizens wishing to speak, Councilmember Smith moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Vogel seconded. The motion to close the public hearing passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Vogel moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

The ordinance was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

First Reading

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 101 BUS TERMINAL ROAD UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Vogel seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council. After considerable discussion, Mayor Gooch made a motion to defer the ordinance one month, and Councilmember Dodson seconded.

The motion to defer the ordinance one month was approved with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye” and Councilmember Vogel voting “No.”

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 27-85, TITLED “A PERSONNEL PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,” AS AMENDED, BY UPDATING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SECTION 5.1, TITLED “COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY”; SECTION 6.10, TITLED “LONGEVITY PAYMENTS”; SUBSECTION 11.1.B, TITLED “CREDITING GENERAL LEAVE”; SUBSECTION 11.1.D, TITLED “MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF GENERAL LEAVE”; SUBSECTION 11.1.F, TITLED “BUY-BACK OF EXCESS GENERAL LEAVE”; SUBSECTION 11.2.A, TITLED “EMERGENCY LEAVE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT”; AND 11.4, TITLED “INJURY LEAVE”; AND BY DELETING SUBSECTION 11.2.D, TITLED “TRANSFER OF EMERGENCY LEAVE CREDITS TO GENERAL LEAVE,” AND REPLACING IT THEREFOR WITH A NEW SUBSECTION 11.2.D, TITLED “MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF EMERGENCY LEAVE”; ALL FOR THE PURPOSES OF UPDATING THE PERSONNEL PLAN AS SET FORTH BELOW.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Vogel seconded. In the absence of Administrative Services Director Bruce Applegate, City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

The ordinance was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 9-2018

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP WHICH IS MADE A PART OF THE ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF PARCEL 9.00, TAX MAP 106, FORMERLY KNOWN AS PARCEL G (APPROXIMATELY 20.96 ACRES), FROM FIR, FEDERAL INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT, TO IND-2, IMDO INDUSTRIAL MANHATTAN DISTRICT OVERLAY, SAID PARCEL BEING LOCATED ON BETHEL VALLEY ROAD SOUTH OF COMMERCE PARK.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

The ordinance was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-34-2018

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE STUDIO FOUR DESIGN, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO PROCEED WITH FINAL DESIGN OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR THE NEW PRESCHOOL BUILDING.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution, and Jacene Phillips with Studio Four Design answered questions from Council.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

Resolution No. 5-35-2018

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE STUDIO FOUR DESIGN, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO PROCEED WITH FINAL DESIGN OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR THE NEW SENIOR CENTER.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution, and Jacene Phillips with Studio Four Design answered questions from Council. During discussion it was requested that automatic buttons be added to the center doors.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

Resolution N. 5-36-2018

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT (FY2018-176) TO A. MORTON THOMAS AND ASSOCIATES, INC., KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE OAK RIDGE RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$358,317.00.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Vogel seconded.

Dan Robbins, 41 Riverview Drive, Oak Ridge, who serves as Chairman of Greenways Oak Ridge, spoke in support of the Rails-to-Trails project.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.”

Resolution No. 5-37-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LDA

ENGINEERING, ALCOA, TENNESSEE, TO COMPLETE DATA-GATHERING PHASES OF AN ADA COMPLIANCE AND TRANSITION PLAN, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$165,200.00.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Public Works Director Shira McWaters provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Resolution No. 5-38-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF \$250,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GOLF COURSE FUND TO MAINTAIN GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS AT TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE THROUGH THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2018.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Vogel seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council. Discussion was held among Councilmembers concerning the merits of transferring additional funds to the golf course.

The resolution was approved by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voted "No."

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Robert Kennedy, 209 Whippoorwill Drive, Oak Ridge, who serves as Chairman of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board, addressed Council pertaining to the Department of Energy's decision to clear-cut trees in order to install transmission lines for the Uranium Processing Facility.

Louise McKown, a resident of Greenfield Senior Living in Oak Ridge and a member of the Anderson County ADA Oversight Committee, asked that the City update its website and add the name of the new Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator to replace Pat Fallon, who retired.

Maria Gregorio, 113 Colby Road, Oak Ridge, spoke in support of school resource officers for each of the middle schools.

Derek Hammond, 107 W. Melbourne Road, Oak Ridge, requested an update regarding the pre-school project and when or if another community meeting would be held.

Darris Upton, 202 Tusculum Drive, Oak Ridge, thanked Council for their hard work and stated that there is still a great deal of work to be done in the City.

Pat Gengozian, 202 Tusculum Drive, Oak Ridge, who serves as Chair of the Senior Advisory Board, asked for clarification as to the next steps in the process for the Senior Center.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

Elect one (1) representative to the Anderson County Board of Equalization
Kathy Edwards was elected unanimously on the first ballot.

Appointment of City Council representative to the Youth Advisory Board Screening Panel
Councilmember Hope moved to re-appoint Councilmember Jim Dodson as the City Council representative on the Youth Advisory Board Screening Panel, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Vogel, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Announcements

Councilmember Dodson stated that he would be discussing his ideas pertaining to school resource officers with the Budget and Finance Committee at their upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Dodson also reminded members about the upcoming Secret City Festival and all of the activities that will be taking place in the city during that time.

Scheduling

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Councilmember Callison asked for an update regarding the new accounting software.

Councilmember Hope stated that there is a tremendous amount of ongoing projects taking place and that during a July or August work session, there should be discussion of a strategy for approaching these projects.


SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mark Watson briefed Council on upcoming environmental project reviews taking place by the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT: 10:02 p.m.



Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
June 11, 2018



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor