

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

July 9, 2018

Minutes

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor David Allred with High Places Community Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tommy and Hayden Sauer, students at Woodland Middle School.

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.; and Councilmember Ellen D. Smith.

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

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Councilmember Hope moved to suspend the City Council Rules and Procedures for the purpose of agenda formatting for the July 9, 2018 City Council meeting, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

ELECTIONS

Appointment to fill vacancy on City Council.

City Council heard remarks from the following candidates for the vacancy on City Council: Susan Frederick, Derek Hammond, Lynda Marcoux, Zach Panter, Tim Stallings, and Darris Upton.

Derek Hammond was elected unanimously by ballot vote.

Elect two (2) high school representatives to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board for the balance of an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2019 or for a two-year term ending on June 30, 2020.

Erin Van Berkel was elected to serve the balance of an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2019, and Sophia Krusen was elected to a two-year term ending on June 30, 2020. Councilmember Hope abstained on the vote.

Elect one (1) high school representative to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board for a one-year term ending on June 30, 2019.

Alexis Hammond was elected on the first ballot. Councilmember Derrick Hammond abstained from the vote.

Elect two (2) representatives to the Convention and Visitors Bureau, including the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2018 and one hotel representative.

Councilmember Dodson moved to elect Alan Martin to the hotel representative position by acclamation, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Mr. Martin was elected by acclamation.

Connie Hunley was elected on the first ballot.

Elect three (3) applicants to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board, including one vacancy for the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2018 and two vacancies for the balance of unexpired terms ending on December 31, 2019.

Nikki Adkisson, Donald Miller, and Darris Upton were elected on the first ballot. Nikki Adkisson was elected to the unexpired term ending on December 31, 2018, and Donald Miller and Darris Upton were elected to the terms ending on December 31, 2019.

Elect two (2) applicants to the Trade Licensing Board for the balance of unexpired terms ending December 31, 2020.

Councilmember Callison moved to elected Jawrell Cook and Jeff Lewis by acclamation, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. Mr. Cook and Mr. Lewis were elected by acclamation.

Appointment of City Council representative to the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission

Councilmember Dodson was elected as the City Council representative to the Planning Commission.

Appointment of City Manager and City Attorney Evaluation Committees

The following Councilmembers were appointed to the City Attorney Evaluation Committee: Chuck Hope (Chair), Jim Dodson, and Ellen Smith.

The following Councilmembers were appointed to the City Manager Evaluation Committee: Rick Chinn (Chair), Warren Gooch, and Kelly Callison.

Confirmation of Mayor's appointee to the Oak Ridge Heritage Railroad Authority

Councilmember Callison moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mike Magill to the Oak Ridge Heritage Railroad Authority, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chin voting "Aye." Mayor Gooch also thanked outgoing board member Pete Craven for his service on this board.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

(NONE)

SPECIAL REPORTS

The 2017-2018 State of the Youth Address was given by Youth Advisory Board Chair Candace Pang. A written copy of the report was received for the record.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gooch requested that items (e.) and (h.) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

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

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

Approval of the June 4, 2018 City Council regular meeting minutes

Approval of the June 11, 2018 City Council regular meeting minutes

Approval of the June 19, 2018 City Council special meeting minutes

Confirmation of sixteen (16) members to the Youth Advisory Board, as selected by the YAB Screening Panel, for one-year terms of office commencing on August 1, 2018.

Resolution No. 7-59-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A SURPLUS FORD EXPLORER (#281) TO THE TOWN OF OLIVER SPRINGS, TENNESSEE, FOR THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT AT NO COST.

Resolution No. 7-60-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE EAST TENNESSEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, WITH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,116.00 FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 7-61-2018

A RESOLUTION AWARDED BIDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,523,495.00 FOR THE FURNISHING OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2019.

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

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

Resolution No. 7-62-2018

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2019-001) TO SPECPRO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LLC, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR MODIFICATIONS AND REPAINTING OF THE DELAWARE AVENUE 200,000 GALLON ELEVATED WATER TANK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$471,258.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution, and Public Works Director Shira McWaters answered questions from Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, 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, ARTICLE XIV, TITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING SECTION 14.07, TITLED "SIGNS FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS"; SECTION 14.09, TITLED "SIGNS FOR EDUCATION DISTRICTS"; SECTION 14.10, TITLED "SIGNS FOR OFFICE-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS"; SECTION 14.11, TITLED "SIGNS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICTS"; 14.12, TITLED "SIGNS FOR COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICTS"; AND SECTION 14.13, TITLED "SIGNS FOR BUSINESS PARK AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS;" ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING A CONFLICT REGARDING WALL SIGNS FOR BUILDINGS WITH STREET FRONTAGE ON MORE THAN ONE STREET AND TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT OF WALL SIGNS.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Seeing no citizens who wished to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved that the public hearing be closed, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Dodson 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, Hammond, Hope, Smith, 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, ARTICLE XIV, TITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING SECTION 14.07, TITLED "SIGNS FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS," AND SECTION 14.09, TITLED "SIGNS FOR EDUCATION DISTRICTS," TO ESTABLISH A NEW METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE SIZE OF SPONSORED SCOREBOARDS TO ADDRESS FUNCTIONALITY AND READABILITY.

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Hammond seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Seeing no citizens who wished to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Gooch moved to approve 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, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(NONE)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 7-63-2018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DR. MATT JINKS, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES AT THE OAK RIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,000.00.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. Oak Ridge Police Chief Jim Akagi provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

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

Resolution No. 7-64-2018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE OAK RIDGE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN OAK RIDGE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 (FISCAL YEAR 2019) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$365,000.00.

Councilmember Callison moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Dodson 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, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Resolution No. 7-65-2018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STUDIO FOUR DESIGN, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO PERFORM AS-NEEDED ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS UPCOMING PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

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, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Resolution No. 7-66-2018

A RESOLUTION TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) IN SUPPORT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY'S CLINC RIVER NUCLEAR SITE.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Director of Government Affairs and Information Services Dr. Amy Fitzgerald provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

Councilmember Hope stated that he would like to see stronger language in the resolution to address the longterm economic impacts of the small modular reactor being proposed for the Clinch River site.

Councilmember Smith moved to amend the resolution to add a "Be it Further Resolved" section to address the economic impacts of the project. Councilmember Dodson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

The resolution was approved as amended by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Dr. Fitzgerald stated that she would circulate a copy of the amended resolution to Councilmembers prior to sending it to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Robert Kennedy, 209 Whippoorwill Drive, Oak Ridge, Chair of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board, addressed Council regarding his concerns about the proposed waste disposal site in Oak Ridge.

Martin McBride, 954 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, thanked Mayor Gooch for sending letters inviting Secretary of Energy Rick Perry and Under-Secretary Lisa Gordon-Hagerty to attend the Scarboro Alumni Association Reunion Activities July 27-28, 2018.

Wende Doolittle, 108 Locust Lane, Oak Ridge, and member of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board, echoed that board's displeasure regarding the proposed disposal site. She also reminded Council that EQAB had submitted a letter requesting that reparations be made to the City of Oak Ridge regarding the tree line clearing for transmission lines for the Uranium Processing Facility substation.

Kayla Wyatt, 121 Revere Circle, Oak Ridge, stated that it is her understanding that cost effectiveness is one argument that is being made for the waste disposal facility to be built on the Oak Ridge reservation, but that other longterm effects are not being considered.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Announcements

Scheduling

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn requested information regarding what properties the City owns and proposed future uses for that property, such as the current pre-school building that will be vacated when the new pre-school is built, the Badger Building, and the 1010 building.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

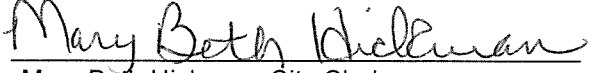
City Manager Mark Watson stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow, July 10th, pertaining to moving forward with the Blankenship Field project as the contract has been accepted.

The City Manager also referenced a letter that he has sent to Grow Oak Ridge representatives pertaining to discussions about changing the current Farmer's Market set-up. The Manager stated that there will be continued discussions but not during the current season.

The City Manager also called on Electric Department Director Jack Suggs to discuss recent power outages.

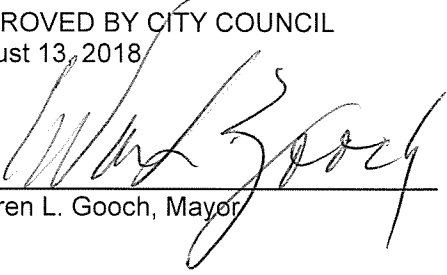
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 p.m.



Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
August 13, 2018



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor