

**OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Municipal Building Courtroom

August 13, 2018

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 2018 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Dan Taylor, Kern United Methodist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ava Mittelstat and Rori Emery, students at Linden Elementary 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 Derrick Hammond; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; and Councilmember Ellen Smith.

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

Mayor Gooch extended condolences to former Oak Ridge Mayor Walt Brown on the passing of his wife, Linda.

Mayor Gooch recognized members of Encounter Oak Ridge who were in the audience.

City Manager Mark Watson recognized his brother, Phil Watson, who was visiting from Kansas City, Missouri.

Proclamations

*A proclamation recognizing the publication of Celebrating 75 Years: Excellence in Education Oak Ridge Schools 1944-2018.*

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

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

(NONE)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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

**Resolution No. 8-67-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR WILLIAM A. CROSS, III, B.P.O.E. ELKS LODGE NO. 1684, 684 EMORY VALLEY ROAD, OAK RIDGE.

**Resolution No. 8-68-2018**

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN AWARD TO MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC., CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR FURNISHING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION-BASED EMPLOYEES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00. A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICE, INC., FOR FURNISHING EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS AND FLOOR MAT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,300.00 PER FISCAL YEAR.

**Resolution No. 8-69-2018**

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICE, INC., FOR FURNISHING EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS AND FLOOR MAT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,300.00 PER FISCAL YEAR.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

(NONE)

**FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 14-2018**

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.

Councilmember Dodson moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance.

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

**Ordinance No. 15-2018**

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 for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided and overview of the ordinance.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 8-70-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$307,270.61.

Councilmember Callison moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hammond seconded. Electric Department Director Jack Suggs 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 8-71-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SCADA SYSTEM CONTROLLERS FOR TWO SUBSTATIONS FROM NOVATECH, LLC, LENEXA, KANSAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,410.00.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Electric Department Director Jack Suggs 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. 8-72-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$12,500.00 IN COMPENSATION FOR JAMES A. SPENCER, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$37,500.00.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius 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. 8-73-2018**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FY2019 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 \$26,850.00 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hammond 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. 8-74-2018**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLC, TO ADMINISTER THE CITY'S TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THDA) HOME GRANT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hope seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

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

**Resolution No. 8-75-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE YWCA KNOXVILLE AND THE TENNESSEE VALLEY'S APPLICATION TO THE TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR A PHASE II GRANT FOR *HEALTHY GIRLS TODAY, STRONG FAMILIES TOMORROW*.

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

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

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

Wende Doolittle, 108 Locust Lane, Oak Ridge, spoke on behalf of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board and thanked Councilmembers for their seriousness in dealing with the proposed landfill issue.

Manshi Patel, 216 S. Rutgers Avenue, Oak Ridge, addressed Council regarding the issue of vaping among Oak Ridge Youth and encouraged the devotion of more resources toward this issue.

Merritt Philpot, 137 Danbury Drive, Oak Ridge, requested that City Council provide a liaison to work with organizations such as Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Youth Advisory Board to address this issue. Councilmember Dodson stated that he had previously brought a resolution to Council opposing the pre-emption of local control over smoking in public places, and he would be glad to assist with this issue.

Linda Braden, 317 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oak Ridge, addressed Council regarding the work on Oak Ridge Turnpike at Martin Funeral Home. She stated she is glad the work is being done, but it is taking awhile. She also stated her concerns about Waste Connections skipping garbage pickup at some homes.

**ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

**Elections/Appointments**

*Confirmation of Mayor's appointment of Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilmember Hope moved to confirm the appointment of Kelly Callison, Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn and Ellen Smith to the Budget and Finance Committee, and Councilmember Hammond seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

**Announcements**

City Manager Mark Watson recognized Electric Department Director Jack Suggs to announce that the City of Oak Ridge has received a \$2.57 million grant to improve the signal system on Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Mr. Watson also informed Council also announced that that there will be a community meeting on Thursday,

August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Scarboro Community Center to discuss the Pre-K and park project. He also stated that the City will be proceeding with bids for the Pre-K and the Senior Center projects in September with approval of bids to be in October.

Councilmember Hope stated he will be traveling to the Energy Communities Alliance and National Cleanup Workshop meeting in Alexandria, Virginia in September.

**Scheduling**

**COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS**

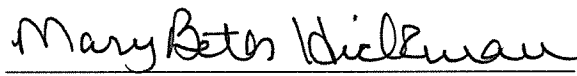
Councilmember Ellen Smith inquired as to a timeline for an updated codification or city ordinances. City Clerk Mary Beth Hickman stated that MTAS is in the process of updating the ordinances and should be finished very soon after a nine-month waiting list period and a nine-month codification process.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

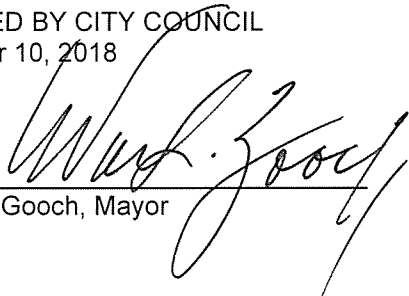
**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:37 p.m.

  
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Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
September 10, 2018

  
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Warren L. Gooch, Mayor