

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

September 10, 2018

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2018 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Rafael Morales, Oak Ridge Seventh Day Adventist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Glenwood Elementary School Student Leaders Committee.

**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.

Councilmember Dodson moved to add the following items to the meeting agenda under "Resolutions":

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR AN OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR UP TO EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) OF THE NET OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,500.

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO MOTOROLA COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS, INC., FOR FURNISHING OF MAINTENANCE OF THE 800 MHZ TRUNKED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM'S INFRASTRUCTURE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,663.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded the motion to add the items to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

**Public Recognitions**

Steve Heatherly, Chair of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee addressed City Council and thanked the City for its participation with the Anderson County Chamber and with contributions to the preparation of the Chamber's annual legislative agenda.

### Proclamations

*A proclamation recognizing September 29, 2018 as Historically Black Colleges and Universities Expo Day.* 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, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

*A proclamation recognizing Keys Fillauer for receipt of the 2018 CAREacter Star East Tennessee Service Award for Coaching.*

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

A proclamation honoring Oak Ridge Community Band Conductor Dale Pendley on the occasion of his retirement was deferred until the October meeting.

### SPECIAL REPORTS

Robert Kennedy, Chair of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board, provided an update on the Board's activities regarding the proposed waste disposal site in Oak Ridge.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Callison 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 September 10, 2018 City Council regular meeting minutes

2018-2019 Youth Advisory Board Goals and Objectives

Report on Debt-Obligation-State Form CT-0523 on \$3,000,000 Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Loan and Update on Draw Loan Expenditures as of 6/30/2018

### Resolution No. 9-76-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$30,668.00 FROM THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F-250 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILIZING STATE CONTRACT PRICING.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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 005.01, ANDERSON COUNTY TAX MAP 106A, GROUP C, FROM IND-2, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO R-2, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, WITH SAID PARCEL BEING BOUNDED BY MITCHELL ROAD, CENTRIFUGE WAY, SOUTH ILLINOIS AVENUE, AND MIDWAY LANE CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 32.32 ACRES; AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN'S LAND USE PLAN MAP BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF SAID PARCEL FROM B-P, BUSINESS PARK, TO M, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded.

Wende Doolittle, 108 Locust Lane, Oak Ridge, spoke in support of the rezoning because she feels that Oak Ridge is in need of housing and that this rezoning would be a huge step forward.

Dan Jones with Ametec, 801 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, stated that he is not opposed to the rezoning but wanted to know how property borders will be affected.

Councilmember Smith moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Hammond seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval 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. 27-85, TITLED "A PERSONNEL PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SUBSECTIONS 5.3(B) AND 5.3(C)(1) REGARDING TRANSFERS AND DEMOTIONS WHERE THE ACTION IS NOT FOR CAUSE, AND BY UPDATING SUBSECTION 7.3(C), TITLED "TRANSFERS," ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE PERSONNEL PLAN AS SET FORTH BELOW.**

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Administrative Services Director Bruce Applegate 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 TITLE 1, TITLED "GENERAL ADMINISTRATION," CHAPTER 2, TITLED "MISCELLANEOUS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING SECTION 1-201, TITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY," IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION 1-201, TITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY," TO UPDATE THE ORGANIZATION AND DEPARTMENTAL LIST.**

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson 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."

### **FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

(NONE)

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 9-77-2018**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2019-030) TO DURACAP ASPHALT PAVING CO, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT 117 UNION VALLEY ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,605.00.**

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

**Resolution No. 9-78-2018**

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT (FY2019-028) TO BROGDON ROOFING, INC., OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,277.00.

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

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

**Resolution No. 9-79-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE-PHASE PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS FROM ERMCO, DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$385,546.00 FOR USE BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

Councilmember Dodson 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. 9-80-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SINGLE-PHASE PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS FROM ERMCO C/O UTILITY SALES AGENCY, LENOIR CITY, TENNESSEE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,351.00 FOR USE BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

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

**Resolution No. 9-81-2018**

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED SIXTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$16,500,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE.

Councilmember Callison moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution, and Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities 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. 9-82-2018**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RATE CHANGE AMENDMENT WITH TVA WHICH IMPLEMENTS NEW RETAIL RATE SCHEDULES AND ACCEPTING AN ADJUSTMENT ADDENDUM TO SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, WHICH ADJUSTS RATES AS REQUIRED TO PASS THROUGH A TVA RATE INCREASE FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE, BOTH EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn 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. He clarified that this rate adjustment was a pass-through adjustment from TVA and that the City would not realize any additional revenue from the adjustment.

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. 9-83-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR AN OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR UP TO EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) OF THE NET OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,500.

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

Pat Gengozian, 114 Capital Circle, Oak Ridge, Chair of the Senior Advisory Board, stated to Council the importance of maintaining some type of transportation program as many seniors are without reliable means of transportation. Councilmember Smith indicated that the decision to explore other options for this program should not lie solely in the hands of Senior Center staff and perhaps the Senior Advisory Board should discuss the issue.

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. 9-84-2018**

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO MOTOROLA COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS, INC., FOR FURNISHING OF MAINTENANCE OF THE 800 MHZ TRUNKED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM'S INFRASTRUCTURE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,663.00.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Oak Ridge Police Department Captain Mike Uher 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."

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

Mike Mahathy, 113 Fallberry Street, Oak Ridge, thanked the City and people who never gave up on Rarity Ridge as a community. He stated that it is now one of the fastest growing communities in Oak Ridge. He also stated he was disappointed in the way the situation with the Police Chief was handled.

**ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

**Announcements**

Councilman Dodson thanked the two student representatives from ASAP of Anderson who addressed City Council at the August meeting regarding the issue of vaping among youth. He stated that he loved to see students getting involved and that he would help on this issue in any way he can. He also thanked Phil Enquist, Community Development Director Wayne Blasius, and City Manager Mark Watson for their work on the latest Blueprint Meeting.

City Manager Mark Watson informed City Council about an informational meeting pertaining to the Bull Run Environmental Impact Statement on September 20, 2018. He also stated that he and Councilman Hope would be attending the Energy Communities Alliance Cleanup Caucus meeting in Alexandria, Virginia September 11-13.

The City Manager also stated that public notice has been given for comments on the proposed landfill, which will be received until October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Energy has scheduled an informational meeting on September 13, 2018 from 4:30 to 6.

**Scheduling**

City Manager Mark Watson informed City Council that the City Council Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is being cancelled but that Budget and Finance Committee will meet on September 19<sup>th</sup>. He also stated plans to cancel the work session and the Budget and Finance Committee meeting in October.

The City Manager also reminded Council of the Friendship Bell Dedication on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the American Museum of Science and Energy grand opening on October 18<sup>th</sup>.


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

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:50 p.m.

  
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Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
October 8, 2018

  
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Warren L. Gooch, Mayor