

MINUTES OF THE OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

July 25, 2011

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, convened at 7:00 p.m. on July 25, 2011 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan presiding.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember David N. Mosby.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joseph Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Anne Garcia Garland, L. Charles Hensley, D. Jane Miller, David N. Mosby, Ellen D. Smith, and Mayor Thomas L. Beehan.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; Steven W. Jenkins, Deputy City Manager; and Donna L. Patterson, City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet Equinox from Chevrolet Buick GMC of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for use by the City Manager, in the estimated amount of \$27,999.00. (Resolution No. 7-74-11)

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

City Manager Mark Watson reported on the factors that were considered for the Equinox, such as gas mileage, travel accommodations, and interior space. Mr. Watson indicated that hybrid vehicles were not listed on the abstract of bids due to the long waiting list and how the wait would prolong the implementation of the vehicle into the City's fleet. Councilmember Mosby inquired as to the gas mileage of the current vehicle. The City Manager responded to Councilmember Mosby that although the V-6 engine affected the gas mileage of the Equinox, the vehicle would still be more fuel efficient than his current vehicle.

Councilmember Smith expressed an interest in the City looking at fuel efficient vehicles as well as considering vehicles other than SUVs. Additionally, Councilmember Smith would like for the City to examine avenues for acquiring hybrid vehicles. The City Manager discussed looking at a change out plan that allows the City to examine which vehicles in the City's fleet will be replaced in the years following and planning for vehicle replacement with hybrids.

Councilmember Hensley remarked that hybrids are in the City's future, but that the organization has not had an opportunity to evaluate the full cycle costs, including evaluating the battery technology's impact on the environment and the impact on the City's garage. He also provided an idea about the City looking at a systematic approach, so that hybrids could be ordered and planned for ahead of time.

Mayor Beehan indicated that when the time comes to replace police cars that the City should evaluate the needs and safety of the police force in order to provide an adequate vehicle.

Councilmember Garcia Garland reported that she would have like to have had more information provided. She expressed an interest in a repair report and condition report, as well as information about the down time of the vehicle, the consideration of used vehicles, and trade-in allowances.

The resolution was adopted by electronic vote with Councilmembers Hensley, Miller, Mosby, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye," Councilmember Smith voting "Nay," and Councilmember Garcia Garland abstaining.

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 8-11, which ordinance imposes a tax on all property within the city, fixes the rate of the tax, adopts a budget, and adopts appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, by amending said appropriations. (Ordinance No. 10-11)

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley, that the ordinance be adopted. The ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

All City Council candidates who were present at the meeting were allotted three minutes to speak to Council regarding their application to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilmember Thomas Hayes. Ms. Trina Baughn, Mr. Kelly S. Callison, Mr. Charles J. Hope, Jr., and Mr. Joseph H. Noecker spoke. Councilmembers Hensley, Mosby, Miller, and Mayor Beehan voted to appoint Charles J. Hope, Jr. Councilmembers Garcia Garland and Smith voted to appoint Trina Baugh. Having a majority of the vote on the first ballot, Charles J. Hope, Jr. was appointed to fill the vacancy on City Council created by the resignation of Councilmember Thomas Hayes and shall serve until the next general election scheduled for August 2012.

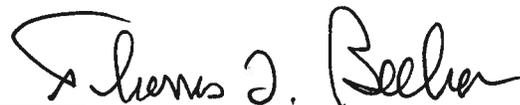
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Diana R. Stanley, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
August 8, 2011



Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor