

**MINUTES OF THE  
OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL**

**March 26, 2012**

The City Manager special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 6:55 p.m. on March 26, 2012, in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following councilmembers were present: Mayor Thomas L. Beehan; Councilmember Anne Garcia Garland; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller; Councilmember David N. Mosby; and Councilmember Ellen D. Smith.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; and Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 15, TITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING," CHAPTER 6, TITLED "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY DELETING SECTION 15-601, TITLED "EQUAL RIGHTS TO PARKING SPACES," IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION 15-601, TITLED "EQUAL RIGHTS TO PARKING SPACES FOR MOTORIZED VEHICLES, EXCEPTIONS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-603, TITLED "PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES," BY RE-DESIGNATING THE SECTION AS SUBSECTION (A), ADDING LANGUAGE TO SUBSECTION (A)(1) PERTAINING TO SIDEWALKS, CREATING TWO NEW SUBPARTS (A)(21) AND (A)(22) PERTAINING TO PARKING ON CURBS AND WITHIN MARKED PARKED SPACES, AND CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION (B); AND BY DELETING SECTION 15-604, TITLED "METHOD OF PARKING," SUBSECTION (1), IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SUBSECTION (1), WITH ALL AMENDMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING ON-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS AND FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH RECENTLY ENACTED SECTION 15-617.**

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley that the ordinance be approved on first reading.

The City Manager provided a brief presentation and the purpose of the ordinance change, as well as explained that the language proposed will clarify parking parameters on city streets thus leading to effective enforcement and efficient vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

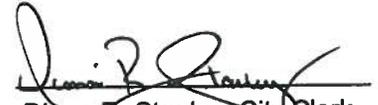
Upon inquiries from Councilmember Garcia Garland, the City Manager explained that the violations are not based strictly on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Watson continued that the Police Department would issue citations along with other city personnel as violations are encountered. The City Attorney added that the fine for parking violations is a maximum of \$50 and is at the discretion of the city judge to which Councilmember Garcia Garland requested that the staff consider language that codifies the fine amount.

Councilmember Hope suggested that staff consider adding language regarding a maximum vehicle length for on-street parking.

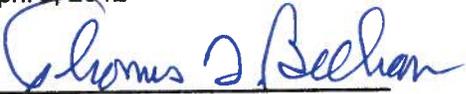
The ordinance was approved unanimously on first reading by board vote with Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
April 9, 2012

  
Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor