

**OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Municipal Building Courtroom

Monday, March 27, 2017

7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- I. **ROLL CALL**
- II. **RESOLUTION**
  - a. A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE OAK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S RECOMMENDATION AND TO SELECT SCARBORO PARK AS THE LOCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRESCHOOL BUILDING.
- III. **ADJOURNMENT**

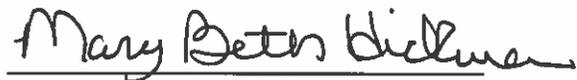
**CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM**  
**17-07**

DATE: March 20, 2017  
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
FROM: Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk  
SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

At the request of City Manager Mark Watson, and in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Charter of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a special meeting of City Council is hereby called for **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Municipal Building Courtroom, 200 S. Tulane Avenue, for consideration of the following:

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE OAK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S  
RECOMMENDATION AND TO SELECT SCARBORO PARK AS THE LOCATION FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRESCHOOL BUILDING.

In accordance with the City Charter, matters transacted at this special meeting shall be limited to the subjects recited in the notice of the meeting.

  
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Mary Beth Hickman

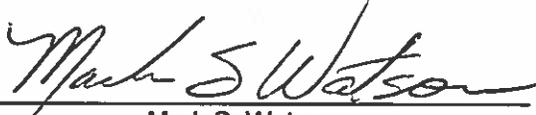
cc: Mark S. Watson, City Manager  
Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney  
Department Directors  
The Oak Ridger  
Oak Ridge Today  
The Knoxville News Sentinel  
BBB Communications

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM  
17-05

DATE: March 22, 2017  
TO: Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk  
FROM: Mark S. Watson, City Manager  
SUBJECT: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Charter of the City of Oak Ridge, you are hereby requested to call a special meeting of the Oak Ridge City Council for Monday, March 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom, 200 S. Tulane Avenue, for consideration of the following:

- A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE OAK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S RECOMMENDATION AND TO SELECT SCARBORO PARK AS THE LOCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRESCHOOL BUILDING.

  
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Mark S. Watson

**CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM  
17-09**

DATE: March 7, 2017  
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
FROM: Mark S. Watson, City Manager  
SUBJECT: SELECTION OF SITE FOR PRE-K SCHOOL

Introduction:

An item for City Council's consideration is a resolution to support the Oak Ridge Board of Education's recommendation and to select Scarboro Park as the location for construction of a new pre-K school building.

Funding:

The City Council has received information reviewing the particulars of two sites that are presently owned by the City of Oak Ridge and large enough to encompass a new school facility. Said selection avoids the purchase of a new site (land costs). The City of Oak Ridge will sell bonds for this design, construction, and engineering of the proposed school. Upon selection, further financial details will be developed.

Background and Consideration:

On February 27, 2017, the Oak Ridge Board of Education (BOE) met and discussed the possible sites for a new Pre-K facility. After having a joint workshop with the City Council and having BOE workshop, the Board has unanimously selected Scarboro Park as their preferred site for the new Pre-K school. The new site has adequate acreage, full utility services, adjacency to the Scarboro Community Center, positive soil tests, and lessened levels of traffic.

Oak Ridge City Council has received previously a study by a joint Task Force of which the Elm Grove site came out as the preferred site of the many studied. However, during this time, the Scarboro pre-school chose to close its doors and was not one of the sites studied for that reason. The assessment was conducted in the same manner as the previous study. Additionally, public safety data was applied to both sites and found to be somewhat similar and the same was found with transportation data, including speeds and car counts. Both sites were found to be similar.

Finally, the members of each neighborhoods had differing opinions. Scarboro residents welcome and value the investment and location of the school site. Residents in and around Elm Grove generally would prefer to keep that site as a public park.

Again, the City Council's action is to select a site, so further design work can proceed along with cost estimate that may be incorporated into the upcoming budget process.

Recommendation:

Approval of the attached resolution is recommended.

  
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Mark S. Watson

Attachment

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE OAK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S RECOMMENDATION AND TO SELECT SCARBORO PARK AS THE LOCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRESCHOOL BUILDING.

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2-14-2015, City Council, in conjunction with the Oak Ridge Board of Education (BOE), created a joint committee known as the Joint City/Schools Preschool Planning Committee to develop a replacement plan for the Preschool Building located at 304 New York Avenue; and

WHEREAS, at a joint work session of City Council and the BOE on October 20, 2015, the Chair of the Joint City/Schools Preschool Planning Committee presented a report to examine options and recommendations to the governing bodies with the final recommendation being construction of a new preschool at Elm Grove Park, which report was later accepted by City Council through Resolution 1-5-2016; and

WHEREAS, discussions of options continued throughout Calendar Year 2016, with Studio Four Design, Inc., developing conceptual plans for a new preschool; and

WHEREAS, at a joint work session on January 26, 2017, City Council and the BOE discussed the site selection for a new preschool with a focus on Elm Grove Park and Scarboro Park; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2017, the BOE discussed both locations and found them to be relatively equal based upon learning environment, building and transportation costs, safety and security, expandability, and impact on parks; and

WHEREAS, the BOE noted there was public opposition in the Elm Grove community to diminishing the acreage of Elm Grove Park by locating the new preschool at the park, but there was public support from the Scarboro community to locate the new preschool in Scarboro Park; and

WHEREAS, at their February 27, 2017 meeting, the BOE voted unanimously to select Scarboro Park as the preferred location for construction of a new preschool; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends City Council support the recommendation of the BOE and select Scarboro Park as the location for construction of a new preschool.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

That the recommendation of the City Manager is approved and City Council hereby supports the recommendation of the Oak Ridge Board of Education and selects Scarboro Park as the location for construction of a new preschool.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed to develop funding options for this project to coincide with upcoming budgetary processes.

This the 27th day of March 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



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Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney

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Warren L. Gooch, Mayor

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Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk