

LEGAL NOTICE

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 8, 2024 with Mayor Warren Gooch presiding.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Rory Naeve, Pastor at First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Stella Scott, Oak Ridge High School Senior and Youth Advisory Board member.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll call, the following councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dodson; Councilmember Sean Gleason; Mayor Warren Gooch; Councilmember Derrick Hammond; Councilmember Charlie Hensley; Councilmember Chuck Hope and Councilmember Ellen Smith.

Also present were Randy Hemann, City Manager; Tammy Rackard, City Attorney; Janice McGinnis, Finance Director; and Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE TAKEN:

PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of new Oak Ridge Electric Department Director Dave Cross.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Elected the following applicants to the 2023 Charter Review Committee: Raynauld Cherry, Courtney Cook, Chip Dooley, Ann Garcia, Joel Hewett, Ann Miller, Dr. Mark Watson.

William Slover was elected to the Anderson County Community Action Commission for a one-year term. Chip Dooley and Rodney Nelson were elected to the Oak Ridge Beer Permit Board for three-year terms. Jake Greear was elected to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term. Heather Brown, Brittany Hensley, and Kimberly Jackson were elected as Hotel Representatives to the Convention and Visitors Bureau/Explore Oak Ridge Board for one-year terms. Jonathan Dziurzynski was elected to the Convention and Visitors Bureau/Explore Oak Ridge Board for the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2024. Kezia Cox, Lynna Nicholas, and Regina Wilson were elected to the Disability Advisory Board for three-year terms. Lillian McManus was elected as a student representative to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board for the balance of an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2024. Kelli Thompson was elected to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board for a three-year term. Sasha Benjamin, Richard Chinn, Sr., and David Wilson were elected to the Industrial Development Board for six-year terms. Gordon Fee was elected to the Oak Ridge Heritage Railroad Authority for a four-year term. Jake Greear, Brittany Hensley, and Ann Miller were elected to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board for three-year terms. Dr. Elaine Bunick, Anne Donovan, Gene Dunaway, Jackie Nichols, and Lisa Plante were elected to the Senior Advisory Board for three-year terms. William Polfus was elected to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board for a three-year term.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the following:

December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH CHARLES E. LAMPERT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00 PER FISCAL YEAR.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCESSES TO TUSKEGEE DRIVE AND EAST TULSA ROAD FROM 151 TUSKEGEE DRIVE TO PROVIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR A NEW PROPOSED EXTENDED STAY HOTEL CALLED WOODSPRINGS SUITES.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and approved:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH ZENCITY TECHNOLOGIES US INC. FOR PREMIUM PULSE SURVEYS AND ZENCITY ENGAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WITHERSRAVENEL, INC., CARY, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE CITY'S PAVEMENT AND FOR THE CREATION OF A PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,225.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

The following ordinance listed below was approved on first reading. The ordinance has been published on the City's website in its entirety (<http://www.oakridgetn.gov>). The ordinance is also available at the Oak Ridge Public Library and at the Office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building during regular office hours. The ordinance is scheduled for second reading on February 12, 2024.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING TITLE 17, TITLED "REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL," IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW TITLE 17, TITLED "REFUSE AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION," FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE CITY CODE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY'S CURRENT TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION PROCESSES.

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

The following ordinances were adopted on second reading and will become effective on January 18, 2024. The ordinances have been published on the City's website in their entirety (<http://www.oakridgetn.gov>). The ordinances are also available at the Oak Ridge Public Library and at the Office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building during regular office hours.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF ARTICLE IV, FROM "LIST OF ZONING DISTRICTS," TO "ZONING DISTRICTS AND THE ZONING MAP"; TO RENUMBER EXISTING SECTION 4.05 AS SECTION 4.06, EXISTING SECTION 4.06 AS SECTION 4.07, AND EXISTING SECTION 4.07 AS SECTION 4.09; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 4.05, TITLED "AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING MAP," AND TO REWRITE SECTION 16.09, TITLED "APPEALS, HOW TAKEN"; SAID AMENDMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE INCREASING PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REZONING REQUESTS AND APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING SECTION 13.02, TITLED "DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS," TO ALLOW REDUCED SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSURFACE WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SYSTEMS.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, TITLED "DEFINITIONS," TO DELETE "OPEN SPACE, FRONT," "OPEN SPACE, REAR," "OPEN SPACE, REQUIRED," AND "OPEN SPACE, SIDE" AND ADD "LOT, THROUGH," "SETBACK, FRONT," "SETBACK, REAR," "SETBACK, REQUIRED," "SETBACK, SIDE," AND "YARD, REQUIRED"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3.04, 3.08, 3.21, 3.22, 3.26, 3.27, 3.34, 3.35, 5.02, 5.07, AND 9.05 TO CHANGE THE REFERENCES TO "YARD" TO BE "SETBACK"; BY DELETING SECTION 3.05, TITLED "CORNER LOT SETBACKS"; BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3.05, TITLED "MULTIPLE FRONTAGE LOT SETBACKS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 3.07, TITLED "ACCESSORY BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES OR ADDITIONS TO PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS," TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY; BY DELETING SUBSECTION 9.09(D)1.D, WITHOUT REPLACEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 9.09(D)2. TO SIMPLIFY LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO PLACEMENT OF CARPORTS.

Amended and adopted the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING SECTION 8.01, TITLED "IND-1, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS," TO ALLOW LITHIUM BATTERY RECYCLING AS A USE REQUIRING SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

RESOLUTIONS

Approved the following:

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SERVICE ELECTRIC COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FOR SIX (6) STEEL POLES TO BE INSTALLED AT SUBSTATION 200, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$416,381.52.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (FY2020-143) WITH CANNON & CANNON, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE OAK RIDGE GATEWAY MONUMENT PROJECT TO INCREASE THE AVAILABLE FUNDING BY \$18,750.00 FOR A NEW NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$131,120.00.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (FY2023-034) WITH BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT, TO INCREASE COMPENSATION BY \$55,700.00, AND TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF WORK TO REPAIR OR REPLACE ELEVATED SANITARY SEWER LINE SUPPORT PIERS AT TWO (2) LOCATIONS TO INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF A WATER DISTRIBUTION LINE FROM PALISADES PARKWAY TO CLAREMONT ROAD; SAID AGREEMENT IN THE NEW NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$142,600.00 PLUS A \$5,000.00 CONTINGENCY.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FOXPE, LLC, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR A SHORT-TERM FLOW STUDY OF THE SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINE BETWEEN BISSELL PARK AND THE TURTLE PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO EVALUATE THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 825 OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE AS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF FIRE STATION 2 AS PART OF A POTENTIAL LAND SWAP WITH HEXA USA FOR A CITY-OWNED PARKING LOT LOCATED AT CENTRAL AVENUE AND EAST TENNESSEE AVENUE.

By unanimous consent, the following resolution was added to the meeting agenda and approved:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, TO PURSUE AND NEGOTIATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, ROANE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER POTENTIAL REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING CITY, COUNTY, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, FEDERAL CONTRACTORS, ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND UTILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL, COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Tammy Rackard announced the retirement of Oak Ridge Municipal Judge Robert McNeese, which will be effective in the middle of November, and outlined the process for selecting a new judge.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:19 p.m.

Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk
CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE