

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

October 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2015 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Lloyd Johnson, West Village Christian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Trina Baughn; Councilmember Kelly Callison; Councilmember Rick Chinn, Jr; Mayor Warren L. Gooch; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen D. Smith.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk; and Tammy M. Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney serving in the absence of City Attorney Kenneth R. Krushenski.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Mr. Jack Mansfield, 103 Hendrix Drive, expressed his disapproval for a recent situation involving former Oak Ridge Police Officer Cassen Jackson-Garrison.

Ms. Anne Garcia Garland, 120 Outer Drive, commented regarding attendance of city and community officials at the Community Matters Event on October 11, 2015 and inquired about the cancellation of a Harrah's Hotel and Casino bus trip scheduled for senior centers through the Oak Ridge Senior Center.

The Mayor had requested that the City Manager responded to Ms. Garcia Garland's inquiries to which the City Manager remarked that bus safety of those participating was the primary factor for canceling the trip.

Mr. Joe Lee, 99 East Pasadena Road, commented about the remarkableness of the Oak Ridge School Systems and how his participation in the school system has afforded him opportunities, such as traveling abroad.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

A proclamation in recognition of the community work performed by and the Bill Wilcox Bow Tie Award presented to Mrs. Cande Seay.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith that the proclamation be adopted.

The proclamation was adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating October 17, 2015 as "Historically Black Colleges and Universities Expo Day."

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley that the proclamation be adopted.

The proclamation was adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn,

Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.”

At this point in the agenda, the City Manager requested a point of special privilege to introduce two (2) International City Manager Association (ICMA) Professional Fellows Exchange Program as funded by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs—Ms. Aliya Mhd Zahir and Ms. Iis Masiar Taqia. Ms. Aliya Mhd Zahir serves as a Civil Engineer and Assistant Director, Draining and Irrigation Department, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment in Malaysia; and Ms. Iis Masiar Taqia serves as the Infrastructure and Utilities Division Staff for Bappeda Kota Tangerang, Indonesia.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Presentation by Coulter and Justus, P.C. (city auditors) on the finances of the renovation of the Melton Lake Marina Bathrooms.

Mr. Adam Alan, Principal with Coulter and Justus, provided a City Manager requested overview to the City Council of the renovations to the Melton Lake Marina Bathrooms and responded to questions and comments of City Council. Mr. Alan noted that they had received a letter from the State of Tennessee Comptroller’s Office that requested that the auditors reexamine the Melton Lake Marina Bathroom Project. As part of this review, Mr. Alan noted that the auditors had not found any irregularities regarding procedures of city bid processes or practices of other municipalities.

Mr. Alan inquired if members of City Council had any additional requests of the auditors to which Councilmember Baughn requested additional reviews of the costs and procedures related to this project, such as a review of a contract associated with the renovations. During these discussions, Councilmember Hensley remarked that this project review and presentation was outside of the normal scope of performing the City’s audit and required additional costs and because of such should require a vote of the Council to determine if the auditors should perform further work. Councilmember Hensley moved for the review to be terminated based on the findings presented by Coulter and Justus, P.C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Callison and approved by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye,” and Councilmember Baughn voting “Nay.”

Presentation by the Environmental Quality Advisory Board Chair Mr. Steve Kenworthy on the progress of the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Environmental Quality Advisory Board Chair Steve Kenworthy provided an overview of the progress of the City’s effort and progress of reducing greenhouse gases for calendar year 2014, noting that the City is making good progress to achieving its 10% reduction goals for 2015. Specifically, Mr. Kenworthy encouraged the City to continue to look for opportunities to reduce costs, energy usage, and emission of greenhouse gases. Mr. Kenworthy noted that the continual support of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) would be great toward achieving a community goal to reduce usage and use as a marketing tool. As part of the presentation, Mr. Kenworthy responded to questions and comments of City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Baughn requested to remove the following item from the Consent Agenda “a resolution awarding a contract (FY2016-065) to Service One, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, for the abatement and demolition of four (4) city-owned 4-plex residential structures, in the estimated amount of \$82,000.00.”

Following removal of the item, the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye;” thereby:

- Approving the September 14, 2015 City Council meeting minutes.

- Confirming Dr. Pete Craven to serve as the Mayor's Appointment on the Oak Ridge Railroad Authority for a three-year term of office that will expire on October 9, 2018.
- Approving **Resolution No. 10-114-2015** waiving the competitive bid process and approving a contract with Tyco SimplexGrinnell, Knoxville, Tennessee, for the repair of HVAC smoke alarms at the Central Services Complex damaged as a result of a lightning strike; said contract in the estimated amount of \$31,686.00 with \$25,841.75 being reimbursed to the City by the TML risk management pool for a net estimated cost to the city of \$5,844.25.
- Approving **Resolution No. 10-115-2015** awarding a contract (FY2016-070) to Performance Training, Inc., (PTI), Knoxville, Tennessee, to provide physical fitness training and a nutrition and education program to all Oak Ridge firefighters; said contract in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00.

Item Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 10-116-2015

A resolution awarding a contract (FY2016-065) to Service One, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, for the abatement and demolition of four (4) city-owned 4-plex residential structures, in the estimated amount of \$82,000.00.

As part of consideration for this item, City Council discussed this request to purchase houses with city funds from commercial property owners as a solution to remedying blighted housing. During this discussion, Community Development Housing Specialist Matt Widner and Community Development Director Kathryn Baldwin responded to questions and comments of City Council regarding the goal of utilizing this method to remove blight to improve and invest in neighborhoods.

Mr. Joe Lee, 99 East Pasadena Road, expressed his approval in granting this contract and remarked that housing is a community effort.

Councilmember Callison moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye," and Councilmember Baughn voting "Nay."

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10-117-2015

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER SIX (6) CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTIES TO THE OAK RIDGE LAND BANK CORPORATION FOR DISPOSITION AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION 11-108-2013.

Councilmember Callison moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye," and Councilmember Baughn voting "Nay."

Resolution No. 10-118-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CONTRACT (FY2015-220) WITH WRIGHT CONTRACTING, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 3-28-2015; SAID CHANGE ORDERS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$84,000.00 TO ADDRESS UNFORESEEN STRUCTURAL ISSUES.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison to adopt the resolution. Electric Department and Interim Public Works Director Jack Suggs responded to questions and comments of City

Council regarding the change order.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.”

Resolution No. 10-119-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (BUNKER GEAR) FOR FIREFIGHTERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,500.00, PROVIDED SUCH ITEMS ARE PURCHASED UNDER THE CITY’S BIDDING REQUIREMENTS.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope to adopt the resolution. The resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.”

Resolution No. 10-120-2015

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FIVE (5) MEMBER OAK RIDGE CORRIDOR INITIATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY COUNCILMAN RICHARD CHINN, JR., TO STUDY THE ECONOMICAL, REGIONAL, AND MARKETABLE BENEFITS OF SENATOR LAMAR ALEXANDER’S PROPOSAL TO RENAME THE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY FROM THE KNOXVILLE AIRPORT TO OAK RIDGE THE “OAK RIDGE CORRIDOR.”

Mayor Gooch moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope to adopt the resolution. Following brief discussions, the resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.”

Resolution No. 10-121-2015

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING NOTICE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE’S REFINANCING OF ITS CURRENT LOANS WITH Y-12 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON THE CHAMBER’S LEASEHOLD INTEREST ON ITS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1400 OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE, WHICH PROPERTY IS LEASED FROM THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE.

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison to adopt the resolution. Senior Staff Attorney Tammy Dunn explained that this formal acceptance of notice for the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce’s refinancing was under the advisement of the City Attorney even though formal acceptance of such notices were not performed in previous years.

The resolution was adopted by board vote Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye,” and Councilmember Baughn voting “Nay.”

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

First Reading of Ordinances

(NONE)

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(NONE)

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

Appointment of the seven (7) member 2015 Charter Review Committee

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to confirm the appointments as follows:

City Council Member	Appointment
Trina Baughn	Mr. Lin Phillips
Kelly Callison	Ms. Martha Wallus
Rick Chinn, Jr.	Mr. Aaron Wells
Warren L. Gooch	Mr. Chip Dooley
L. Charles Hensley	Mr. Matt Bailey
Charles J. Hope, Jr.	Mr. Phil Yager
Ellen D. Smith	Ms. Jessica Hill

The appointments as outlined above were confirmed by unanimous board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye."

Announcements

2015 End-of-Year Election for Boards and Commissions

The City Manager noted that the end-of-year Election Notice was provided in the agenda packet for Council's information with the election scheduled to occur at December 14, 2015 City Council Meeting. Mr. Watson explained that the Boards and Commissions recruitment deadline and process would be different from the election for the Board of Directors for the 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization who will assume responsibility of implementing the Secret City Festival/Celebration.

The City Manager noted that deadline for material for the Board of Directors for the 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization who will assume responsibility of implementing the Secret City Festival/Celebration and the newly created Oak Ridge Corridor Initiative Committee would be November 6, 2015 with the election occurring on November 16, 2015.

Scheduling

City Council Meetings and Events

The City Manager noted the following scheduling for City Council:

First, a City Council and Board of Education Joint Work Session was scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom for discussions on receiving of the Pre-K School Task Force Report as presented by Chairman Raines. Additionally, Mr. Watson noted that city staff would be scheduling a City Council Special Meeting the same evening to consider amendments to the tax increment financing (TIF) for the Oak Ridge Main Street Project.

Second, the City Council "Advance" was scheduled for October 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the The MCLinc Conference Facility at Heritage Center with Facilitator Christina Kloker Younger to discuss housing and capital infrastructure planning.

Lastly, a second date was proposed regarding the Pre-K School Task Force Report for November 2; however, a determination was not yet made as to whether that date was set and Mr. Watson requested that City Council reserve that date on their calendars. Also, due to Manhattan Project National Historical Park Signing Ceremony in Washington, D.C., Mr. Watson requested to reschedule the November 9, 2015 City Council Meeting to November 16, 2015 to accommodate travel, and noted that the November 17, 2015 City Council Work Session would be canceled.

The City Manager also noted the City Council Special Work Session was scheduled for October 15, 2015 to receive the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) police review.

Also, Mr. Watson announced that a Manhattan Project National Historical Park Memorandum of Agreement Signing Day was scheduled in Oak Ridge on November 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Oak Ridge High School Auditorium. Following the presentation, a photo reenactment was scheduled in Jackson Square at 4:00 p.m.

No action was taken regarding the scheduling as it was presented for informational purposes only.

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Councilmember Hensley requested that councilmembers complete their FY 2015 City Manager Evaluation Forms.

Councilmember Chinn requested that cemestros housing plans be published on the City's website.

Councilmember Baughn inquired about the fountain at Jackson Square and a completion date to which the City Manager explained that work was still being performed to finalize the project.

Regarding an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Smith regarding timing signalization of traffic lights for pedestrian and motorcycles, Electric Department and Interim Public Works Director Jack Suggs noted that city staff was working on solutions with new equipment to address problems to equalize traffic signalization.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Signature on file
Bruce Applegate, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
November 16, 2015

Signature on file
Warren L. Gooch