

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

October 11, 2021

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2021 in the Municipal Building Courtroom.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Robert May, Oak Ridge Family Bible Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Luca Filigenzi, Traffic Safety Advisory Board Student Representative.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Kelly Callison; Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn; Councilmember Jim Dodson; Mayor Warren Gooch; Councilmember Derrick Hammond; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr. and Councilmember Ellen Smith.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Tammy Dunn, City Attorney; Janice McGinnis, Finance Director; and Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Public Recognitions

Recognition of Six Police Officer Trainees Who Have Recently Graduated from the Police Academy
Police Chief Robin Smith recognized six police officer trainees who recently graduated from the Police Academy.

A proclamation commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Oak Valley Baptist Church
Mayor Gooch moved for approval of the proclamation, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation recognizing the 65th Anniversary Celebration Committee
Mayor Gooch moved for approval of the proclamation, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation honoring Jim Dodson as the 2021 recipient of the ADFAC Bill Wilcox Bow Tie Award
Councilmember Hammond moved for approval of the proclamation, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating October, 2021 as Fire Prevention Month
Councilmember Hammond moved for approval of the proclamation, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating October, 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the proclamation, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating October 23-31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn requested that the following item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MOWERS FOR TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$157,483.22 USING OMNIA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE PRICING.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Approval of the September 13, 2021 City Council regular meeting minutes

Approval of the Transmittal of Reports on Debt Obligation State Form CT-0253 \$8,870,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021C

Resolution No. 10-104-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH FULGHUM MACINDOE & ASSOCIATES, INC., OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FIELD SURVEYING, BIDDING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE OAK HILLS PUMPING STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,700.00.

Resolution No. 10-105-2021

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TWO (2) GRANTS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE OAK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$22,000.00 AND \$20,000.00, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH.

Resolution No. 10-106-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, FOR A POLICE RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,964,330.00 OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

Resolution No. 10-107-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PRO-RATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES FOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SOFTWARE WITH N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,012.00.

Resolution No. 10-108-2021

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN AWARD TO NORTH AMERICAN FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC., (NAFECO), DECATUR, ALABAMA, THROUGH THE NPPGOV PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR THE FURNISHING OF TWO BREATHING AIR COMPRESSORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$178,000.00.

The item that was removed from the Consent Agenda was brought up next.

Resolution No. 10-109-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EVALUATE ANY NEW OWNERSHIP OF THE SOULFUL CUP, LLC, FOR SUITABILITY TO PROVIDE CONCESSION SERVICES AT TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE, AND TO EXECUTE A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT TO OPERATE UNDER SIMILAR TERMS AS THE CURRENT AGREEMENT.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote, with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, TITLED "FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING SECTION 7-104, TITLED "REVISIONS," SUBSECTION (4) WITHOUT REPLACEMENT TO REMOVE THE ACCESS PROVISIONS THAT ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2018 EDITION.

Councilmember Smith moved to approve the ordinance, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. City Attorney Tammy Dunn provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

The ordinance was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(NONE)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10-110-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MOWERS FOR TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$157,483.22 USING OMNIA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE PRICING.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Recreation and Parks Director Jon Hetrick provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Resolution No. 10-111-2021

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,060.00 TO S&C ELECTRIC COMPANY C/O CHAS. W. ASHBY COMPANY, INCORPORATED, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FOR THE FURNISHING OF SIX (6) INTELLIRUPTER PULSECLOSER DEVICES.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Valerie Roberson, 114 Tracy Lane, Oak Ridge, addressed Council in support of moving the City Hall voting precinct to the Scarboro Community Center.

Mary Palmer, 106 Hutchinson Place, Oak Ridge, addressed Council in support of moving the City Hall voting precinct to the Scarboro Community Center. She presented a petition to City Council from Oak Ridge and Anderson County residents in support of the move. Mayor Gooch asked the City Clerk to transmit the petition to the Anderson County Election Commission.

Alfreda Cook, 118 Greystone Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council in support of moving the City Hall voting precinct to the Scarboro Community Center.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

Appointment of City Manager/City Attorney Evaluation Committees

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to appoint Councilmember Hammond (Chair), Mayor Pro Tem Chinn, and Councilmember Callison to the City Attorney's Evaluation Committee, and Councilmember Hope (Chair), Councilmember Dodson, and Mayor Gooch to the City Manager's Evaluation Committee.

Councilmember Callison seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

Announcements and Scheduling

City Manager Mark Watson reminded Council about the work session on Tuesday, October 19th, which includes a joint meeting with the Oak Ridge Utility District Board of Commissioners. However, there will be no special meeting.

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Councilmember Dodson requested a presentation from the schools regarding performance over the past year as well as Basic Education Program (BEP) funding. He also requested that the Anderson County Administrator of Elections be asked to meet with Council regarding the relocation of the City Hall precinct.

Councilmember Hammond asked when the elimination of the sweeping right turn at Illinois and Tulane Avenues will be completed. City Manager Mark Watson responded that the change is included with other work being considered on the former AMSE property that will need to go to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Smith stated that she has been hearing from citizens increasing concerns about speed and safety on Edgemoor Road.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

(NONE)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mark Watson called attention to two grants that were approved on tonight's agenda that should aid in addressing speeding and reduce accidents.

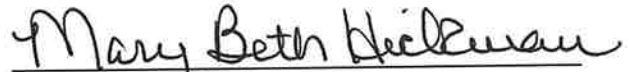
City staff has spoken to Waste Connections about the upcoming leaf pickup.

The City Manager was sworn in as an at-large representative on the Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors at the organization's annual conference in Chattanooga.

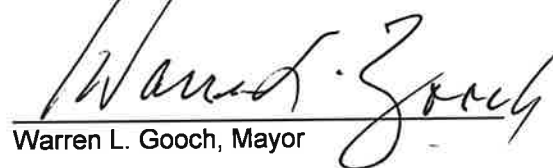
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

(NONE)

ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 p.m.


Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
November 8, 2021


Warren L. Gooch, Mayor