

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

April 11, 2022

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on April 11, 2022 with Mayor Warren Gooch presiding.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Drew Moorehead, LifeHouse Church, Oak Ridge

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ellen Smith.

ROLL CALL

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

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

A proclamation recognizing Oak Ridge native Matt McMahon for his selection as Coach of the LSU Men's Basketball team.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Hope seconded.

The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

A proclamation designating April 24, 2022 as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Hope seconded.

The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

A proclamation designating April, 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Councilmember Dodson 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 voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

A proclamation designating April, 2022 as Fair Housing Month.

Councilmember Hope 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 voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

A proclamation designating April, 2022 as National Library Month

Councilmember Hope 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 voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

SPECIAL REPORTS

City Attorney Evaluation Committee Report – Councilmember Derrick Hammond, Chair

Councilmember Hammond presented the report from the Committee and moved for the approval of the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember Dodson:

Resolution No. 4-24-2022

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM BY THREE YEARS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW ANNUAL BASE SALARY AMOUNT OF \$134,097.60.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Smith requested that the following item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANT (SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT) WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) TO EXTEND THE COMPLETION DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

Approval of the February 28, 2022 City Council regular meeting minutes and the March 28, 2022 City Council special meeting minutes.

Resolution No. 4-25-2022

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BYLAWS AND RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD.

Resolution No. 4-26-2022

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BYLAWS AND RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Resolution No. 4-27-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00.

Resolution No. 4-28-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLYMER INSULATORS FROM GRESKO UTILITY SUPPLY, INC., NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,922.91 FOR

USE BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

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

Resolution No. 4-29-2022

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANT (SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT) WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) TO EXTEND THE COMPLETION DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Engineer Roger Flynn 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, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 15, TITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING," CHAPTER 5, TITLED "SPEED REGULATIONS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 15-515, TITLED "MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIC STREETS - TWENTY MILES PER HOUR," TO ESTABLISH A TWENTY MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT FOR SPECIFIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Smith seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution, and City Engineer Roger Flynn answered questions from Council.

Linda Adams, 102 Fallberry Street, Oak Ridge, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Donald Smith, 103 Forestberry Street, Oak Ridge, stated to Council that Broadberry Street from Gallaher Road to the 950-foot mark should be a faster speed.

Mayor Gooch made a motion to amend the ordinance to include Fallberry Street, which was inadvertently omitted from the ordinance. Councilmember Dodson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Mayor Pro Tem Chinn being absent.

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

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 6-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP WHICH IS MADE A PART OF THE ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF ANDERSON COUNTY TAX MAP 105C, GROUP A, PARCEL 002.00, LOCATED AT 100 TULSA ROAD, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.4 ACRES, FROM O-2, OFFICE DISTRICT, TO B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Hammond seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Mayor Pro Tem Chinn being absent. Seeing no citizen who wished to speak during the public hearing, Councilmember Dodson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Mayor Pro Tem Chinn being absent.

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The

ordinance was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.” Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

Ordinance No. 7-2022

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE PRESERVE AT CLINCH RIVER (FORMERLY RARITY RIDGE) FOR PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY.

Councilmember Hope moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

The ordinance was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.” Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

Ordinance No. 8-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, TITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING CHAPTER 2, TITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD,” AND CHAPTER 3, TITLED “TREE BOARD,” WITHOUT REPLACEMENT TO REMOVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD AND TREE BOARD AS ORDINANCE-CREATED BOARDS THEREBY ALLOWING THEIR CREATION AS RESOLUTION-CREATED BOARDS.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson 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 voting “Aye.” Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 4-30-2022

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A TWELVE (12) MEMBER ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD (EQAB) TO ADVISE CITY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS AS REQUESTED, AND TO DESIGNATE EQAB AS THE CITY’S TREE BOARD.

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

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

Resolution No. 4-31-2022

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BYLAWS AND RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hammond seconded.

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

Resolution No. 4-32-2022

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2022-122) TO ROGERS GROUP, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR STREET MILLING AND RESURFACING OF DESIGNATED CITY STREETS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$417,384.90 AND ENCUMBERING RESIDUAL FY2022 BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE STATE STREET AID FUND FOR FY2023 TO BE USED FOR STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS.

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 voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

Resolution No. 4-33-2022

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 7-78-2021 PERTAINING TO ANNUAL ORDERS TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK WOODEN AND METAL POLES AND OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND CABLES.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hope seconded. Electric Department Director Ardo Ba 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 voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

Resolution No. 4-34-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE TRANSCLOSURES FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 AND UTILIZING THE CITY'S COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded.

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

Resolution No. 4-35-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF STEEL POLE STRUCTURES FOR TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADES FROM STUART C. IRBY COMPANY, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$352,839.00 FOR USE BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded.

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

Resolution No. 4-36-2022

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A NINE (9) MEMBER DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD TO ADVISE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER ON DISABILITY RELATED ISSUES AFFECTING THE CITY.

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

Councilmember Smith offered an amendment which spelled out "Americans with Disabilities Act" and clarified that the board is not intended or constituted to address complaints about ADA compliance requirements. Councilmember Dodson seconded, and the amendment was approved by voice vote with Mayor Pro Tem Chinn being absent.

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

Resolution No. 4-37-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT COMMENTS TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) ON THE AGENCY'S CLINCH RIVER NUCLEAR SITE ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR TECHNOLOGY PARK DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

Councilmember Hammond moved to approve the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch voting "Aye." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Pam Ratledge, 111 Tracy Lane, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about parking issues on Tracy Lane.

Carol Milton, 118 Tracy Lane, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about parking issues on Tracy Lane.

Larry Robeson, 114 Tracy Lane, addressed Council about parking issues on Tracy Lane.

Teddy Ratledge, 111 Tracy Lane, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about parking issues on Tracy Lane. He asked that someone actually walk the street and view the issues firsthand.

Margaret Terrell, 103 Tracy Lane, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about parking issues on Tracy Lane.

R.J. Reynolds, 119 Tracy Lane, Oak Ridge, expressed opposition to cars parking on Tracy Lane for safety reasons.

Alex Myers, 107 Tracy Lane, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about parking on Tracy Lane and pointed out that parking on the street has never been an issue before.

Marian Wildgruber, 122 Connors Drive, Oak Ridge, thanked Council for approving the Disability Advisory Board.

Martin McBride – 954 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about possible monuments commemorating the Oak Ridge 85 students.

Rose Weaver, 142 Hendrix Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about possible monuments commemorating African-American history in Oak Ridge.

John Spratling, 201 Iroquois Road, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about a possible monument for the Oak Ridge 85 students and three African-American athletes with their three white teammates.

Vanessa Spratling, 201 Iroquois Road, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about a possible monument honoring African-American history in Oak Ridge.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

Mayoral Appointments to the Anderson County Development Corporation Board of Directors Operating Committee

Mayor Gooch moved to confirm the appointment of Richard Chinn, Sr. and Terri Daugherty to the Anderson County Development Corporation Board of Directors Operating Committee. Councilmember Smith seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Mayor Pro Tem Chinn being absent.

Announcements

Councilmember Hope announced that he attended the Energy Communities Alliance Board Meeting the

prior week and plans to attend the upcoming Peer Exchange in Carlsbad, New Mexico. There is also a Nuclear Development Summit coming up in Salt Lake City Utah, and the National Cleanup Workshop is

coming up in September. He also announced that the Intergovernmental Meeting usually held the week before Thanksgiving will be held November 29-December 2nd in New Orleans.

Scheduling

City Manager Mark Watson discussed the upcoming Budget meeting schedule and stated that there will be a work session and a Budget and Finance Committee meeting this month.

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Councilmember Dodson requested an update on the Tracy Lane parking issue at the upcoming work session.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

(NONE)

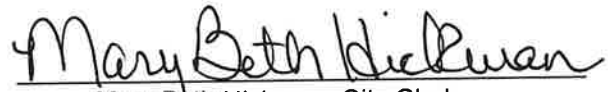
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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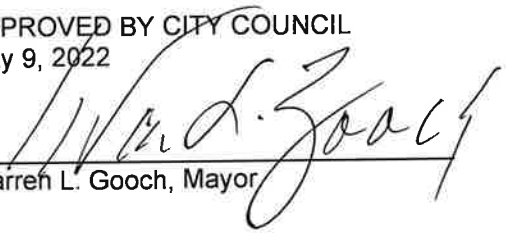
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

(NONE)

ADJOURNMENT: 9:07 p.m.


Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
May 9, 2022


Warren L. Gooch, Mayor