

**OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Municipal Building Courtroom

February 14, 2022

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on February 14, 2022 with Mayor Warren Gooch presiding.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Reverend Erica Haigler, Spurgeon Chapel AME Zion Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nicholas Podar, Oak Ridge High School junior.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

*Receiving for the record of the FY2021 Audit Report – Presented by Conor O'Donoghue and Julie Hayes, Coulter & Justus*

Conor O'Donoghue and Julie Hayes with Coulter & Justus presented the FY2021 Audit Report and answered questions from Council.

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

**ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

**Resolution No. 2-4-2022**

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ERIN ELIZABETH SMITH AS THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE'S FIRST "HONORARY POET LAUREATE" AND IN SUCH CAPACITY SHALL INSPIRE AND PROMOTE LITERACY AND LITERATURE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE.

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 and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

*Elect four (4) members to the Oak Ridge Beer Permit Board.*

Richard Bell, Mark Cantrell, Chip Dooley, and Pamela Layne were elected on the first ballot.

Richard Bell, Mark Cantrell, and Pamela Layne were elected to three-year terms ending on December 31, 2024. Chip Dooley was elected to the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2023.

*Elect two (2) members to the Board of Zoning Appeals.*

Susan Donnelly and David Gengozian were elected on first ballot to five-year terms ending on December 31, 2026.

*Elect three (3) Hotel Representatives to the Convention and Visitors Bureau/Explore Oak Ridge Board of Directors.*

Heather Brown, Kimberly Byrd, and Micaelyn Middleton was elected to one-year terms on the first ballot by acclamation.

Naomi Asher, Barbara Ferrell, Carol Smallridge, and Matthew Stanke were elected on the first ballot.

Naomi Asher, Barbara Ferrell, and Carol Smallridge were elected to three-year terms ending on December 31, 2024, and Matthew Stanke was elected to the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2022.

*Elect seven (7) members to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board.*

Wende Doolittle, Les Hook, Robert Kennedy, Nick Podar, Kelley Smith, and Christopher Wieland were elected on the first ballot, and Anna Mills was elected on the second ballot.

Wende Doolittle, Les Hook, Robert Kennedy, Anna Mills, Kelley Smith, and Christopher Wieland were elected to three-year terms ending on December 31, 2024, and Nick Podar was elected to the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2022.

*Elect one (1) member to the Health and Educational Facilities Board.*

Richard Wallace was elected on the first ballot to a six-year term ending on December 31, 2027.

*Elect four (4) members to the Industrial Development Board.*

Sean Gleason and Harold Trapp were elected to six-year terms ending on December 31, 2027 on the first ballot. David Wilson was elected on the first ballot to the balance of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023. Adam Vann was elected on the second ballot to a six-year term ending on December 31, 2027.

*Elect two (2) members to the Oak Ridge Housing Authority*

Anne Dunthorn and James Palmer were elected on the first ballot to five-year terms ending on December 31, 2026.

*Elect two (2) members to the Oak Ridge Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors.*

Councilmember Hammond shared with Council some concerns about the process utilized by the Land Bank for communicating the availability of properties in the City.

After discussion, Mayor Gooch moved to defer this election until the March 28, 2022 City Council meeting. Councilmember Dodson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

*Elect two (2) members to the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission.*

Charles Hensley and Benjamin Stephens were elected on the first ballot to four-year terms ending on December 31, 2025.

*Elect two (2) members to the Personnel Advisory Board.*

Because Gary Kennedy was the only candidate to apply, he was elected on the first ballot by acclamation.

*Elect two (2) members to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.*

Dan Robbins was elected on the first ballot to a three-year term ending on December 31, 2024.

Alissa Jones was elected on the fourth ballot to a three-year term ending on December 31, 2024.

*Elect four (4) members to the Senior Advisory Board.*

Martha Adler-Jasny, Gregory Hamilton, Karen Larabee and Sally Ward were elected on the first ballot to three-year terms ending on December 31, 2024.

*Elect two (2) members to the Trade Licensing Board*

Jawrell Cook and Jeff Lewis were elected on the first ballot by acclamation to three-year terms ending on December 31, 2024.

*Elect three (3) members to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board*

Chris Jones and Daniel Miller were elected by acclamation on the first ballot for three-year terms ending on December 31, 2024.

Martha Adler-Jasny was elected by acclamation on the first ballot to the balance of an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2022.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approval of the January 10, 2022 City Council regular meeting minutes and the January 18, 2022 City Council special meeting minutes.

### **Resolution No. 2-5-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2021 ANDERSON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN TO MAINTAIN THE CITY'S ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (TEMA) DISASTER FUNDING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING EFFORTS.

### **Resolution No. 2-6-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, TWO GRANTS FROM PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS (PEP) IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.00; SAID GRANTS EACH REQUIRING A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) LOCAL MATCH.

### **Resolution No. 2-7-2022**

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2022-108) TO HARRIS LAWN CARE SERVICE, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE MOWING OF STATE ROUTE MEDIANS, CITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS, EASEMENTS, AND CITY PROPERTIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$297,878.70.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

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 106G,

GROUP B, PARCEL 007.00, LOCATED AT 114 UNION VALLEY ROAD, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES, FROM IND-2, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, TO UB-2, UNIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Seeing no citizen who wished to speak during the public hearing, the public hearing was closed by unanimous consent.

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

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

#### **FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

##### **Ordinance No. 4-2022**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 27-85, TITLED "A PERSONNEL PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," AS AMENDED, SECTION 11.2, TITLED "EMERGENCY LEAVE," SUBSECTION B, TITLED "USE OF EMERGENCY LEAVE," BY ADDING A NEW SUBPART TO GIVE THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY, IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TO IMPLEMENT TEMPORARY POLICIES ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO IMMEDIATELY USE EMERGENCY LEAVE.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to bring a substitute ordinance to the floor, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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

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

##### **Ordinance No. 4-2022**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION H (ROYAL TROON) OF THE RIVERS RUN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) MASTER PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE OPEN SPACE COMMON AREA REQUIREMENT OF LOT T-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to open the public hearing. Councilmember Smith seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Seeing no citizen who wished to speak during the public hearing, the public hearing was closed without objection.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The ordinance was adopted unanimously as amended by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2-8-2022**

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING HUGH B. WARD, JR., TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER AND APPROVING THE ASSOCIATED FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn 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."

**Resolution No. 2-9-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FOXPE, LLC, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE DESIGN OF ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TURTLE PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Public Works Director Patrick Berge 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. 2-10-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENTAL OF A FERRIC CHLORIDE STORAGE TANK FROM BLUE TANK AND PUMP RENTAL, NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hammond seconded. Public Works Director Patrick Berge 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."

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

(NONE)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

**Announcements**

(NONE)

**Scheduling**

*Approval of Revision of February and March Meeting Schedules*

City Manager Mark Watson presented the need for a revision of the February and March City Council meeting schedules. Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the revision, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote, with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

**COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS**

Councilmember Dodson requested discussion of a proposed Disability Advisory Board at the next work session.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

(NONE)

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

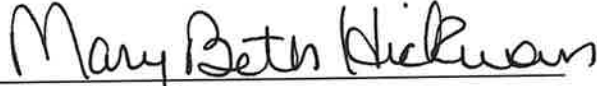
City Manager Watson announced that Oak Ridge has once again been designated a Tree Line USA city. He also commended Public Works Director Patrick Berge and his staff for handling of the recent water main break.

The City Manager also stated that in the coming months, the Community Development Department will be changing its name to the Planning and Development Department, in order to more accurately reflect the services that the department offers.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

(NONE)

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:57 p.m.

  
Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
February 28, 2022

  
Warren L. Gooch, Mayor