

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

January 10, 2022

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2022 in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn presiding.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Tommy Dahl, President of the Knoxville TN Cumberland Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Chuck Hope.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Kelly Callison; Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn; Councilmember Jim Dodson; Councilmember Derrick Hammond; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr. and Councilmember Ellen Smith. Mayor Warren Gooch 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 High School Athletic Director Mike Mullins on the Occasion of his Retirement*

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

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

(NONE)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

At the request of Councilmember Smith, the following item was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR THE CITY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,500.00.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, and Councilmember Smith seconded.

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

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

**Resolution No. 1-1-2022**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES FOR CITYVIEW SOFTWARE WITH HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,024.50.

**Resolution No. 1-2-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM SEASON OF JUSTICE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,246.00 TO PROVIDE GENETIC TESTING FOR THE BABY WYATT DOE COLD CASE.

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

**Resolution No. 1-3-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR THE CITY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,500.00.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Dodson 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, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Mayor Gooch was absent.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

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.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Hammond seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 27-85, TITLED "A PERSONNEL PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," AS AMENDED, BY UPDATING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SECTION 6.1, TITLED "WORK PERIOD," AND SECTION 6.2, TITLED "OVERTIME," FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE WORK PERIODS FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the ordinance, and City Attorney Tammy Dunn answered questions from Council.

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

## **FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 1-2022**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, TITLED "FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING SECTION 7-109, TITLED "FIREWORKS – DISCHARGE PROHIBITED," AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFORE A NEW SECTION 7-109, TITLED "FIREWORKS – DISCHARGE AND SALE PROHIBITED: EXCEPTIONS," TO CLARIFY THE PROHIBITION ON DISCHARGING FIREWORKS BY CONSUMERS AND ALLOWING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS BY PROFESSIONALS WITH PROPER PERMITS IN PLACE.

Councilmember Dodson moved to adopt the ordinance, and Councilmember Smith seconded. City Attorney Tammy Dunn provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

(NONE)

## **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

Shelia Caldwell Massey, 101 W. Price Lane, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about neighborhood issues she has been experiencing.

Marian Wildgruber, 122 Connors Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council regarding transportation and mobility issues and the need for a Disability Advisory Board in Oak Ridge.

## **ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

### **Elections/Appointments**

*Appointment of Mr. Gregory A. (Adam) Vann to the Oak Ridge Industrial Development Board*  
Councilmember Dodson moved to approve the appointment, and Councilmember Hope seconded. City Manager Mark Watson and Industrial Development Board Chair David Wilson provided background on the request and answered questions from Council. After discussion, it was agreed to by unanimous consent to postpone the appointment one month.

### **Announcements and Scheduling**

Councilmember Dodson announced that the Poet Laureate Committee had received four applications for Poet Laureate and is in the process of vetting the application. They hope to have a recommendation for the February City Council meeting.

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

Councilmember Dodson requested an update on the status of creation of a Disability Advisory Board.

Councilmember Smith requested an update on changes to the trash pickup ordinance.

## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

(NONE)

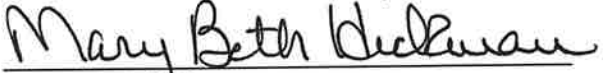
**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Mark Watson stated that there would be a special meeting prior to the Work Session on January 18<sup>th</sup> to handle some personnel items. He also congratulated Councilmember Dodson on receiving the Eugene Joyce Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce.


**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

(NONE)

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:20 p.m.

  
Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
February 14, 2022

  
Warren L. Gooch, Mayor