

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

April 12, 2021

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on April 12, 2021 with Mayor Warren Gooch presiding.

The invocation was given by Pastor Joseph Westfall, Oak Valley Baptist Church.

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, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Altrusa International Foundation of Oak Ridge and Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Foundation for \$4,000 Grant Award to Friends of the Library
Representatives from the Altrusa International Foundation and the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Foundation were recognized for their presentation to the Friends of the Library of a \$4,000 grant award.

A proclamation paying tribute to Herbert Jackson "Jackie" Pope
Mayor Pro Tem Chinn 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating April 12, 2021 as Oak Ridge High School Boys Basketball Team Day
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 and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating April, 2021 as Safe Digging Month
Councilmember Hope 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, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating April, 2021 as Fair Housing Month
Councilmember Smith 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, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating May 2-8, 2021 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week
Mayor Gooch 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

SPECIAL REPORTS

(NONE)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ALL FIREWORKS FOR THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY FROM PYRO SHOWS, INC., LAFOLLETTE, TENNESSEE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00.

Councilmember Hammond moved for approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, 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."

Approval of the March 8, 2021 City Council regular meeting minutes

Resolution No. 4-31-2021

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE UNIFORM ITEMS FROM SUMMIT UNIFORM SOLUTIONS, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,900.00.

Resolution No. 4-32-2021

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO INFOR (US), INC., FOR A ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,948.71.

Resolution No. 4-33-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("TDOT") FOR MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS WHEREBY THE CITY IS REIMBURSED BY TDOT FOR SAID SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,282.65 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

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

Resolution No. 4-34-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ALL FIREWORKS FOR THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY FROM PYRO SHOWS, INC., LAFOLLETTE, TENNESSEE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Dodson 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."

Mayor Gooch requested that the following item be called up next on the agenda:

Resolution No. 4-35-2021

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING MISSIONS OF THE Y-12 NATIONAL SECURITY COMPLEX BUT ENCOURAGING THESE MISSIONS BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER SO AS NOT TO REMOVE PRIVATE PROPERTIES FROM THE CITY'S TAX BASE THEREBY DAMAGING THE FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE CITY.

The Mayor's request was granted by unanimous consent.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to approve 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, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

PUBLIC HEARING 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 104N, GROUP A, PARCEL 002.00, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 30.98 ACRES, FROM R-2, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, TO RG-1, RESIDENTIAL, OPEN SPACE, AND RESERVED.

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

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Seeing no citizen who wished to address Council on this item, Councilmember Dodson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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 ABANDONING THE PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ADJACENT TO PARCEL 008M B 026.01, ALSO KNOWN AS 1144 W. OUTER DRIVE.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn 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.

Lida Whitaker-Sheppard, 1144 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council in support of her request to abandon the right-of-way.

The ordinance was approved by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Hammond, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye," and Councilmembers Dodson and Smith voting "No."

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(NONE)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 4-36-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT WATER PUMPS FROM SOUTHERN SALES COMPANY, A DIVISION OF TENCARVA MACHINERY COMPANY, LLC, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE DELAWARE BOOSTER PUMP STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,053.00.

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

Public Works Director Shira McWaters informed Council that the amount in the title and the body of the resolution is incorrect and should read \$34,130. Mayor Gooch moved to amend the resolution to correct the amounts, 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."

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. 4-37-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THREE CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PILOT PROJECT IN THE TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,084,900.00.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hope seconded. Deputy City Manager Jack Suggs 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. 4-38-2021

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2021-086) TO ROGERS GROUP, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR STREET MILLING AND RESURFACING OF DESIGNATED CITY STREETS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,591,477.36.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Public Works Director Shira McWaters and City Engineer Roger Flynn answered questions from Council. Councilmember Smith stated it would be helpful if City Council could see the entire master plan for street resurfacing.

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. 4-39-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$50,750,000, IN MULTIPLE SERIES; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities 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

Scheduling

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

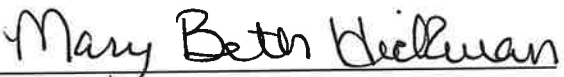
Councilmember Hammond requested additional information as to how many items were listed on the last street resurfacing contract and how many were completed.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

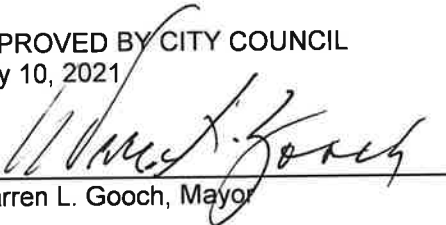
CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT: 8:44 p.m.



Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
May 10, 2021



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor