

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

May 10, 2021

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2021 with Mayor Warren Gooch presiding.

The invocation was given by Elder Darris Waters, Oak Ridge City Employee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn.

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

A proclamation designating May 9-15, 2021 as Police Week and May 15, 2021 as Police Memorial Day
Mayor Gooch 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 May, 2021 as Foster Care 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."

SPECIAL REPORTS

(NONE)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO THE BEST PROVIDERS FOR FURNISHING CHEMICALS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL AS REQUIRED IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF BIOSOLIDS AT THE CHESTNUT RIDGE LANDFILL FOR THE

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT WITH AID TO DISTRESSED FAMILIES OF APPALACHIAN COUNTIES, INC. FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S SOCIAL SERVICES POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,305.00.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST TWO-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT'S TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT (FY2020-002) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,408,571.94, AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT TO TRANSFER THE CONTRACT FROM SEELBACH AND COMPANY, LLC INTO THE NAME OF THEIR PARENT COMPANY W.A. KENDALL AND COMPANY, LLC, LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA.

Councilmember Hope 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."

The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

April 12, 2021 City Council regular meeting minutes

Resolution No. 5-40-2021

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., 500 WEST MONROE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,506.76.

Resolution No. 5-41-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$30,795.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VEHICLE FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UTILIZING STATE CONTRACT PRICING.

Resolution No. 5-42-2021

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.

Resolution No. 5-43-2021

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO THE BEST PROVIDERS FOR EMERGENCY STREET RESURFACING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$230,000.00.

Resolution No. 5-44-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SINGLE-PHASE PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS FROM UTILITY SALES AGENCY, LENOIR CITY, TENNESSEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$313,320.00 FOR USE BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

The items that were removed from the Consent Agenda were taken up next.

Resolution No. 5-45-2021

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO THE BEST PROVIDERS FOR FURNISHING CHEMICALS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.00.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Public Works Director Shira McWaters 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. 5-46-2021

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL AS REQUIRED IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Public Works Director Shira McWaters 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. 5-47-2021

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF BIOSOLIDS AT THE CHESTNUT RIDGE LANDFILL FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000.00.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the resolution, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. Public Works Director Shira McWaters 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. 5-48-2021

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT WITH AID TO DISTRESSED FAMILIES OF APPALACHIAN COUNTIES, INC., FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S SOCIAL SERVICES POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,305.00.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Finance Director Janice McGinnis 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. 5-49-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST TWO-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT'S TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT (FY2020-002) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,408,571.94, AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT TO TRANSFER THE CONTRACT FROM SEELBACH AND COMPANY, LLC, INTO THE NAME OF THEIR PARENT COMPANY W.A. KENDALL AND COMPANY, LLC, LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. Interim Electric 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020, WHICH ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGAN ON JULY 1, 2020 BY ADOPTING A BUDGET AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATIONS BY AMENDING SAID APPROPRIATIONS.

Mayor Pro Tem Chin moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Hope 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 Hammond 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 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 17-98 (AS AMENDED), SECTION 1, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FEE FROM \$14.00 TO \$15.20.

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. 6-2021

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 Dodson moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance.

Taylor Brelsford, 219 Hermitage Boulevard, Oak Ridge, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Sarah Pennington, 203 Scenic Drive, Oak Ridge, owner of the property, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

David and Jennifer Beiser, 132 Newport Drive, Oak Ridge, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Kenneth Apple, 1024 Agora Way, Knoxville, Tennessee, the architect for the project, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Chuck Dawn, 106 Audubon Road, Oak Ridge, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Terri Newman, mother of the property owner, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Sarah Smith, 432 Oak Circle, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

The ordinance was adopted 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 Gooch moved for approval of the ordinance, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn 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.

Robert Marascia, 1142 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

The ordinance was not approved by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "No."

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-50-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT (FY2022-001) WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TENNESSEE, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PICK-UP SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,357,922.84.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. Public Works Director Shira McWaters provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council. Doug McGill with Waste Connections also answered questions from Council.

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

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Chinn, seconded by Councilmember Hope and passed unanimously by voice vote, the following item was deferred until the May 18, 2021 special meeting:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES) AND ASSOCIATED TRAINING FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN UNMANNED SYSTEMS, LLC, CENTERVILLE, UTAH, FOR JOINT USE BY THE OAK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OAK RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,624.00.

Resolution No. 5-51-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$71,149.50 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE UTILIZING STATE CONTRACT PRICING.

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

Resolution No. 5-52-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO AMEND CONTRACT FY2014-23 WITH THE EAST TENNESSEE HUMAN RESOURCE AGENDAY, INC., (ETHRA) TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FROM \$213,125.00 TO \$252,550.00.

Councilmember Dodson moved to approve the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Finance Director Janice McGinnis provided an overview of the ordinance 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. 5-53-2021

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2021-115) TO DIXIE ROOFING, INC., POWELL, TENNESSEE, FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF SECTION 2 OF THE MARINA BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,197.00.

Councilmember Hope moved to approve 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. 5-54-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD, LLC, (GMC), FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED OAK RIDGE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,272,841.00.

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.

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)

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

Appointment of Council Representative to the Youth Advisory Board Screening Panel

Mayor Gooch moved to appoint Councilmember Jim Dodson to the Youth Advisory Board Screening Panel. Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements

Scheduling

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

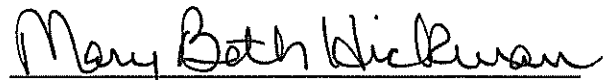
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mark Watson informed Council that there would be a special meeting prior to the work session on May 18, 2021. He also asked Finance Director Janice McGinnis to announce the results of the bond sale. Mayor Gooch stated that at this time, the City has stabilized the high school debt.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

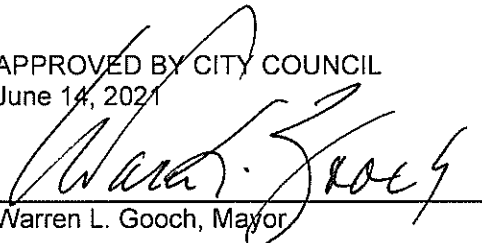
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ADJOURNMENT: 9:52 p.m.



Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
June 14, 2021


Warren L. Gooch, Mayor