

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

June 7, 2021

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2021 in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Warren Gooch presiding.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Derrick Hammond.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kelly Callison.

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 (via video-conference); Deputy City Manager Jack Suggs; Tammy Dunn, City Attorney; and Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gooch requested that the following item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM (FMPP), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00 OVER THREE YEARS WITH A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) LOCAL MATCH TO BE CONTRIBUTED BY THE OAK RIDGE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (EXPLORE OAK RIDGE), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT SHOULD IT BE AWARDED.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

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

Transmittal of Reports on Debt Obligation: State Form CT-0253 \$40,300,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A \$2,575,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021B (Federally Taxable)

Resolution No. 6-59-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OAK RIDGE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL PRESERVATION OFFICER, THE TENNESSEE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION, THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AND THE EAST TENNESSEE

PRESERVATION ALLIANCE, PURSUANT TO 36 CFR PART 800.6(b)(2) FOR DECOMMISSIONING AND DEMOLITION OF THE K-25 SITE AND INTERPRETATION OF THE EAST TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY PARK, ON THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION, ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Resolution No. 6-60-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERY AND REBUILDING DIRECT APPROPRIATION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$333,991.00.

Resolution No. 6-61-2021

A RESOLUTION TO ENCUMBER ALL REMAINING UNSPENT BUDGETED FUNDS AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 IN THE STATE STREET AID FUND AND IN GENERAL FUND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 960 AND 967.

Discussion was then held on the item that was removed from the Consent Agenda:

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Convention and Visitors Bureau/Explore Oak Ridge Executive Director Katy Watt answered questions from Council regarding the resolution.

Councilmember Smith moved to defer action on the resolution to the June 14, 2021 meeting, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Hammond, Hope, Smith and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye," and Councilmember Dodson voting "No." Mayor Pro Tem Chinn was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, BY IMPOSING A TAX ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY, FIXING THE RATE OF THE TAX, ADOPTING A BUDGET, AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATIONS.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Hope seconded. Councilmember Smith moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Mayor Pro Tem Chinn being absent. Seeing that no citizen wished to address Council during the public hearing, Councilmember Callison moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Mayor Pro Tem Chinn being absent.

Deputy City Manager Jack Suggs provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

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

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Announcements

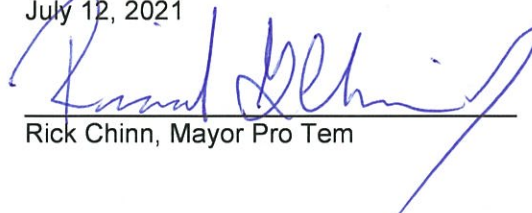
Councilmember Dodson informed Council that the dedication for the new mural at the ORNL Credit Union building would be held next Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.



Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
July 12, 2021



Rick Chinn, Mayor Pro Tem