

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

September 13, 2021

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2021 in the Municipal Building Courtroom.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Wesley Nall, Youth Pastor, Heritage Fellowship Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerrod Emery, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at Linden Elementary School.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Tammy Dunn, City Attorney; Janice McGinnis, Finance Director; and Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk.

**ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

*Elect one (1) high school representative to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board.*  
Luca Filigenzi was elected on the first ballot.

*Elect two (2) high school representatives to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board.*  
Maddie Chinn was elected on the first ballot.  
Maria Cacheiro was elected on the second ballot.

Councilmember Smith moved to elect Maddie Chinn to the 2-year term and Maria Cacheiro to the balance of an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2022, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Councilmember Hammond was absent.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

**Public Recognitions**

*Swearing-In of Public Works Director Patrick Berge*  
City Manager Mark Watson swore in Public Works Director Patrick Berge.

*Recognition of Senior Planner Jennifer Williams for Work on the Census Count Committee*  
City Manager Mark Watson recognized Senior Planner Jennifer Williams for her work on the 2020 Census Count Committee.

*A proclamation designating September, 2021 as Suicide Prevention Month*  
Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Hammond was absent.

*A proclamation designating October 3-9, 2021 as Latex Allergy Awareness Week*  
Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Hammond was absent.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CTI ENGINEERS, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE INSPECTION OF FIVE ELEVATED WATER TANKS AND THREE IN-GROUND RESERVOIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,200.00.

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

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

Approval of the August 9, 2021 City Council regular meeting minutes

Approval of the August 17, 2021 City Council special meeting minutes

Approval of Youth Advisory Board 2021-2022 Goals and Objectives

**Resolution No. 9-97-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING, INC., OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR CLEANING THE WET WELLS AT THE EMORY VALLEY AND EAST PLANT SANITARY SEWER PUMPING STATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,011.24, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENTS UP TO \$5,000.00 IF NEEDED.

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

**Resolution No. 9-98-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CTI ENGINEERS, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE INSPECTION OF FIVE ELEVATED WATER TANKS AND THREE IN-GROUND RESERVOIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,200.00.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

(NONE)

**FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

(NONE)

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 9-99-2021**

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT (FY2022-028) TO SUPERIOR PAVEMENT MARKING, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR STREET STRIPING OF DESIGNATED CITY STREETS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$152,439.03 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENTS UP TO \$5,000.00 IF NEEDED.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution, and City Engineer Roger Flynn answered questions from Council.

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

**Resolution No. 9-100-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROOFCONNECT®, SHERIDAN, ARKANSAS, FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE OAK RIDGE CIVIC CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,280.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDERS UP TO \$10,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, IF NEEDED, WHICH ARISE DURING THIS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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

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

**Resolution No. 9-101-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ENERGYSOLUTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED OAK RIDGE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT AND TO REIMBURSE ENERGYSOLUTIONS UP TO \$60,000.00 FOR LEGAL AND OTHER FEES ASSOCIATED WITH STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR ABANDONMENT OF THE RAIL LINE PRIOR TO THE LAND DONATION.

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

**Resolution No. 9-102-2021**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PHASE 1 PLAN FOR PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hope seconded. Police Chief Robin Smith provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

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

**Resolution No. 9-103-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FORTY-EIGHT MONTH GOLF CART AND UTILITY CART LEASE WITH CLUB CAR, LLC, EVANS, GEORGIA, FOR TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,874.12 PER YEAR, AS WELL AS AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE CURRENTLY-LEASED 2018 CAFÉ EXPRESS FOOD AND BEVERAGE CART FOR \$3,770.75.

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

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

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

Doug Colclasure, 103 Monticello Road, Oak Ridge, addressed Council about development of the Horizon Center and the natural habitat of the Black Oak Ridge Conservation Easement (BORCE).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

City Manager Mark Watson reminded Council about the Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Councilmember Dodson requested that Council hear from Dr. Kelly Williams with the Oak Ridge Schools with a presentation on how well the schools have performed the past year.

Councilmember Smith requested a briefing on the possibility of utilizing solar panels on roofing projects and the status of the new trash pickup contract. She also requested that Council begin to receive building permit reports again.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn asked for an update regarding the Secret City Festival.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

(NONE)

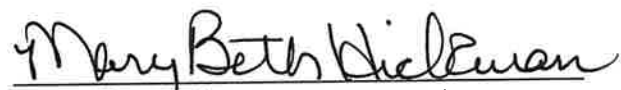
**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Mark Watson announced that the Police Department grant for training has been renewed by the federal government, and the Fire Department has received \$189,000 in funding from the federal government for a grant to replace outdated equipment.

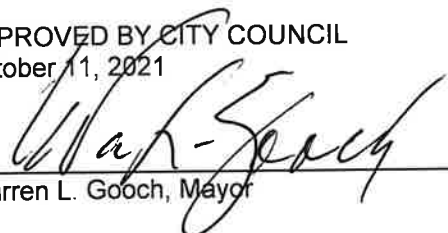
**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Tammy Dunn stated she would have some ordinances to discuss with City Council at the upcoming work session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:56 p.m.

  
Mary-Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
October 11, 2021

  
Warren L. Gooch, Mayor