

**CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM
11-33**

DATE: July 8, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Donna L. Patterson, City Clerk

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE 7/11/11 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Attached are two (2) proposed additions to the agenda for the July 11, 2011 City Council meeting. They are:

- For insertion under Proclamations and Public Recognitions:

A Resolution in Tribute to Councilman Thomas Hayes

A Resolution in Memoriam of former Councilman Washington R. Butler, Jr.

A packet containing these items will be placed in your mailboxes in the Municipal Building.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7-60-11

A TRIBUTE TO COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAYES

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, Thomas Hayes completed four (4) years of service to his community as a member of the Oak Ridge City Council; and

WHEREAS, during his term as a member of City Council, Thomas Hayes worked diligently and earnestly with his fellow Council members to establish sound policy for the continued betterment and growth of the Oak Ridge community; and

WHEREAS, in so doing, Thomas Hayes earned the gratitude and respect of his fellow members of City Council and of the citizens of Oak Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

That in recognition of his distinguished service to the community, this Council pays tribute to Councilman Thomas Hayes and accords him an honored place in the history of this city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be signed by his fellow members of City Council and presented to Councilman Hayes as a token of this Council's esteem and on behalf of all citizens of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

This the 11th day of July 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney

Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor

Donna L. Patterson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7-61-11

IN MEMORIAM OF WASHINGTON R. BUTLER, JR.

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge is saddened by the death of former Councilman Washington R. Butler, Jr., on July 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Washington R. Butler, Jr., exemplified citizenship as it should be exercised in a free society, with dedication to his family, to serving his country, and to responsible participation in civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, he served his country honorably in the Korean War, but his commitment to good citizenship did not cease with the end of his military service; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Butler became involved in the affairs of Oak Ridge, and was elected to serve on the Oak Ridge City Council in June 1959; and

WHEREAS, he was also the first elected African-American to serve on City Council and so earned the respect and confidence of his constituents that he remained a member of the Council until 1965; and

WHEREAS, after his resignation as a Councilmember, Councilman Butler later became a candidate for nomination as governor of Tennessee – the first African-American to run for that office since Reconstruction – and was subsequently appointed to a Cabinet-level position overseeing all federal funding channeled through state government; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Butler later became a Seventh-Day Adventist, the faith that would guide him for most of his adult life. He led an active church life and earned a Master of Arts in Organizational Management in 2001. A decade earlier he had traveled to China to teach English at Hunan University, and returned in 2004 to teach at a college in Jiangsu Province. He also taught American history at the University of Phoenix Nashville campus; and

WHEREAS, his lifelong love of learning and ideas found a creative outlet in his poetry and inspirational writing, much of it published in the South Central Courier, a regional church-related publication, and in various anthologies; and

WHEREAS, in his passing the community has lost a devoted servant, teacher and a true friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

That this tribute to Washington R. Butler, Jr., shall be entered into the minutes of this City Council meeting, and that as a body, this Council extends to his bereaved family its sincere condolences in the great loss sustained by them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be mailed to Councilman Butler's son, Landry Butler, as a token of this Council's esteem for his late father and on behalf of all citizens of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

This the 11th day of July 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney

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