

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

May 31, 2016

Minutes

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on May 31, 2016 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Pro Tem Ellen D. Smith presiding.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Trina Baughn; Councilmember Kelly Callison; Councilmember Rick Chinn, Jr.; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; and Mayor Pro Tem Ellen D. Smith. Mayor Warren L. Gooch and Councilmember L. Charles Hensley were absent.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Janice E. McGinnis, Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk; and Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

SPECIAL REPORTS

a. Presentation and transmittal of the City of Oak Ridge's FY2017 Proposed Budget by Mr. Mark S. Watson, City Manager.

City Manager Mark Watson presented the FY 2017 budget to the City Council and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Baughn asked the City Manager what other debt obligations he foresees in the coming year. The City Manager responded that the senior center, funds for replacement water lines and school design are three items that could add to the debt obligation.

Councilmember Hope asked if the City was going to continue to utilize the Diamond Team concept to pursue economic development. There was discussion with the City Manager about the challenges facing industrial recruitment that are different from retail recruitment. Councilman Hope also stated he would like to see a report card on existing businesses that are expanding.

Councilmember Chinn requested that the City research and pursue any available state and federal grant options to assist with funding City programs in the coming year.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked whether the Tennessee Department of Education would recognize the expenses that the Oak Ridge schools label as "nonrecurring" rather than including the funding of them as part of the maintenance of effort calculation. The City Manager stated that the school system is in conversation with the State of Tennessee to determine this, and additional information would be provided for the June 6, 2016 City Council meeting.

The presentation was for informational purposes only; no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mary Beth Hickman
Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
June 13, 2016

Warren L. Gooch
Warren L. Gooch, Mayor