

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

June 14, 2021

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on June 14, 2021 with Mayor Warren Gooch presiding.

The invocation was given by Rev. Bailey Norman, St. Stephens Episcopal Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Chuck Hope.

**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 honoring Robertsville Middle School students for the launch of the RamSat Project*  
Councilmember Dodson 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**

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

Confirmation of Nomination of James Rushton, III to the Oak Ridge Utility District Board of Commissioners

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, and Councilmember Hope 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:

May 10, 2021 City Council regular meeting minutes

May 18, 2021 City Council special meeting minutes

**Resolution No. 6-62-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE EAST TENNESSEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, WITH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,116.00 FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.

**Resolution No. 6-63-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$38,198.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VEHICLE FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UTILIZING STATE CONTRACT PRICING.

**Resolution No. 6-64-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY, TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (TEMA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00 WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT SHOULD IT BE AWARDED.

**Resolution No. 6-65-2021**

A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 5-37-2020 AND TO DESIGNATE THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR AS THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE.

**Resolution No. 6-66-2021**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND CONTRACT FY2016-001 WITH KNOX BLOUNT MAINTENANCE, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2021, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$153,000.00.

**Resolution No. 6-67-2021**

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND MAKING AN AWARD TO ORACLE AMERICA, INC., FOR FURNISHING OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL SOFTWARE SYSTEM UTILIZED BY THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,570.48.

**Resolution No. 6-68-2021**

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE AND MAKING AN AWARD TO MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY FOR THE FURNISHING UNLEADED AND DIESEL FUEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$361,000.00.

**Resolution No. 6-69-2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF TAX EQUIVALENTS FROM THE ELECTRIC AND WATERWORKS FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, AND TO AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELECTRIC FUNDS BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE AND ANDERSON AND ROANE COUNTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

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

Confirmation of James Rushton, III to the Oak Ridge Utility District Board of Commissioners

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for confirmation, and Councilmember Hope seconded. Mayor Gooch stated that he removed this item from the Consent Agenda for discussion in order to request that the City Council and the Utility District Board of Commissioners meet jointly at a future work session with a date to be determined.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 6-70-2021**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PY2021/FY2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR PY2021/FY2022 ESTIMATED AT \$241,776.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Chinn 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 resolution, Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Community Development Director Wayne Blasius 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. 6-71-2021**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PY2019/FY2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE \$232,681.00 OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR PY2019/FY2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Seeing no citizen who wished to address Council on the resolution, Councilmember Dodson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Community Development Director Wayne Blasius 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**

(NONE)

**FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 9-2021**

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 adoption of the ordinance, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Seeing no citizen who wished to address Council on this item, Councilmember Callison moved to close the public hearing, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Gooch moved to amend the ordinance to add \$50,000 to the police patrol activity for overtime and increase the general fund total appropriation amount by \$50,000 to \$30,505,874. Councilmember Dodson seconded. The amendment was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye."

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CHLORINE BRIQUETTES FOR THE OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL FROM DUFFIELD AQUATICS, INC., ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Recreation and Parks Director Jon Hetrick provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

The resolution failed by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hammond, Hope, Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye," and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "No." Waiver of competitive bid requires a unanimous vote.

### **Resolution No. 6-72-2021**

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED NINE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (9,640,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE.

Councilmember Smith 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."

## **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

(NONE)

## **ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

### **Elections/Appointments**

### **Announcements**

### **Scheduling**

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

Councilmember Smith requested that arrangements be made for City boards meet in a joint work session with City Council.

## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

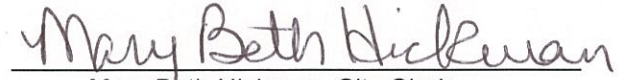
**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Mark Watson informed Council that there would be a Budget and Finance Committee meeting in June but no work session.

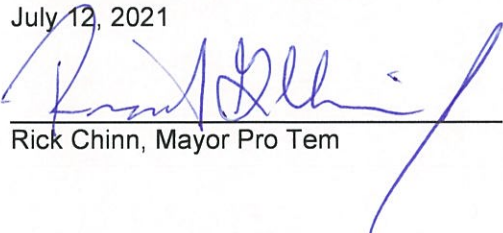
**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

(NONE)

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:01 p.m.

  
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Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
July 12, 2021

  
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Rick Chinn, Mayor Pro Tem