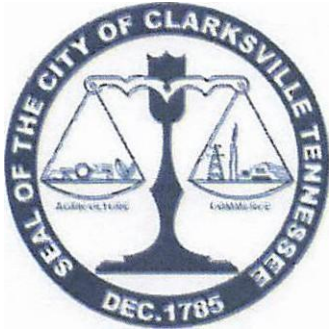




City of Clarksville Public Safety Committee

July 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM
City Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The City of Clarksville Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Keri Lovato on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

2. Announce Members in Attendance (Verify Quorum)

COUNCILPERSONS

PRESENT:

Councilperson Keri Lovato
Councilperson Jimmy Brown
Councilperson Amber Marquis
Councilperson Joe Shakeenab

COUNCILPERSON

ABSENT:

Councilperson Wanda Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joe Pitts
Councilperson Jerry Haywood
Justin Crosby, Director of Building and Codes
Freddie Montgomery, Chief of Clarksville Fire Rescue
Jobe Moore, Deputy Chief of Logistics, CFR
Ty Burdine, Chief of Clarksville Police Department
Daniel Lane, Deputy Chief, Clarksville Police Department
Ernie Griffith, City Court
Brenda Tyree, Deputy Chief Court Clerk
Eric Bittner, City Attorney
Lisa Canfield, City Court Clerk
Tessa Luntz, HR Director
Jimmy Settle, Communications Director
Stephanie Fox, Director of Internal Audit

3. Approval of Minutes

Public Safety Committee Minutes – June 18, 2025

Councilperson Jimmy Brown made a motion to adopt the June 18, 2025, meeting minutes as written. Councilperson Amber Marquis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Department Reports

A. Building & Codes Department

Justin Crosby reported that in June, the Construction Division completed 3,170 inspections. Code Enforcement handled 455 new cases, and the Abatement Division closed 41 work orders. Total revenue for the month was \$443,457.37.

B. Clarksville Fire Rescue

Chief Freddie Montgomery reported 1,657 calls in June, 68% of which were medical. The department attended 27 community events, completed 432 maintenance work orders, conducted 499 inspections, and performed five investigations. The Training Division logged 7,556 student hours. Fourteen vacancies are scheduled to be filled on July 28. Between June 20 and July 5, there were 19 fireworks-related calls, with no structures lost and only minor fires reported.

C. Clarksville Police Department

Chief Ty Burdine reported 11,500 total activities in June, including 2,060 traffic stops. Speeding complaints have increased. The department currently has about 20 vacancies, with five more resignations expected. Preparations are underway for the school year, including staffing of crossing guards. Between 15 and 20 students completed the STAT program for teen drivers. Officer wellness efforts are ongoing. Overall crime is down, though juvenile-related activity, especially car hopping by individuals from Nashville, remains a concern.

D. Municipal Court

Ernie Griffith reported that in June, the department processed 1,926 citations involving 2,123 violations and collected \$114,752.20 in revenue. He introduced Brenda Tyree as the new Deputy Chief Court Clerk.

5. Committee Action Required

None.

6. Council Action Required

A. Ordinance 01-2025-26

An ordinance of the City of Clarksville amending City Code Title 10 (Offenses - Miscellaneous), Chapter 1 (Generally), Section 10-101 (Certain Misdemeanors Under State Law) to adopt by reference state traffic offenses, rules of the road, and certain other misdemeanors.

Sponsor:: Ernie Griffith

Councilperson Joe Shakeenab made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2025-26 as written.

Councilperson Amber Marquis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 64-2024-25

A resolution requesting the Department of Human Resources to perform a study regarding the creation of a step pay plan for Fire and Police Department employees and to establish a dedicated

Public Safety pay structure separate from the general city pay scale, with an ordinance to be returned to the Council for consideration.

Sponsor: Council Member Haywood

Councilperson Jimmy Brown made a motion to table Resolution 64-2024-25 until the August session. Councilperson Amber Marquis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 01-2025-26

A resolution requesting the Chief Financial Officer and the Department of Finance to study a pay adjustment plan for Fire Department employees to support recruitment and retention separate from the general city pay scale and to return an ordinance for consideration at the November Executive Session.

Sponsor: Council Member Shakeenab

Councilperson Joe Shakeenab made a motion to table Resolution 01-2025-26 until the August session. Councilperson Jimmy Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 02-2025-26

A resolution requesting the Chief Financial Officer and the Department of Finance to study a pay adjustment plan for Police Department employees to support recruitment and retention separate from the general city pay scale and to return an ordinance for consideration at the November Executive Session.

Sponsor: Council Member Shakeenab

Councilperson Joe Shakeenab made a motion to table Resolution 02-2025-26 until the August session. Councilperson Jimmy Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Adjournment

Councilperson Joe Shakeenab made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

9. Public Comment

(Three persons allowed, five minutes each)

Charles Uffleman made a statement to the Public Safety Committee.