



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 4, 2021**

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Prior to the meeting, Jennifer Jerkins and Helon Long encouraged approval of August 8, Emancipation Day, as an official City holiday; Michael Ritter asked the Council to retain regulations regarding short term rentals; Ryan Bowie and David Shelton criticized Councilperson Vondell Richmond for his comments made during the March 4, 2021 regular session while discussing the Roxy Regional Theater with regard to equality and inclusion; Nick Nicholson thanked the City Council for supporting the preservation of Mt. Olive Cemetery.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

This meeting was conducted in person, via Google Meets, and live streamed on cityofclarksville.com.

A prayer was offered by Councilperson Richard Garrett; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Wanda Allen.

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON: Richard Garrett, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 1), Vondell Richmond (Ward 2), DaJuan Little (Ward 3), Wallace Redd (Ward 4), Jason Knight (Ward 5), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Travis Holleman (Ward 7), Wanda Allen (Ward 8), Karen Reynolds (Ward 9), Stacey Streetman (Ward 10), Ashlee Evans (Ward 11), Trisha Butler (Ward 12)

APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC MEETING

"In order to comply with the technical aspects of the Governor's Executive Order regarding holding open meetings in a forum other than in the open and in public, this governing body determines that meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens due to the COVID-19 outbreak."

Councilperson Smith made a motion to approve the electronic meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to approve the electronic meeting unanimously passed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Councilperson Allen introduced students from the Northwest High School Health Science Academy who shared their vision for transforming Sidney Brown Park into an inclusive facility.

Councilperson Knight thanked City Clerk Sylvia Skinner and City Attorney Lance Baker for their support.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding applications for zone change. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. There was no objection.

ORDINANCE 76-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Oscar Lee Hearn, Eric Huneycutt-Agent, for zone change on property located south of Crossland Avenue, east of Bradley Street, and north and south of West High Street from M-1 Light Industrial District and R-3 Three Family Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District

Kayla Goad LeVan spoke on behalf of the application stating the C-2 zoning would be the most appropriate classification for this property. No one requested to speak in opposition to this request.

ORDINANCE 77-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Luke Baggett, Syd Hedrick- Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Beechwood Drive and Beech Drive from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-2 Single Family Residential District

Syd Hedrick, Agent, said the owner wished to develop this property to be used for its original intent. He said previously two lots had been joined into one parcel for tax purposes and said one single family home would be constructed on each of the two lots. In response to Councilperson Smith's question regarding the narrow road, Mr. Hedrick noted the developer was not responsible for road improvements. No one requested to speak in opposition to this request.

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to revert to regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. There was no objection.

ADOPTION OF ZONING

The recommendations of the Regional Planning Staff and Commission were for approval of **ORDINANCE 76-2020-21**. Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Reynolds. Councilperson Allen called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Evans. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion unanimously passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading unanimously passed.

The recommendations of the Regional Planning Staff and Commission were for approval of **ORDINANCE 77-2020-21**. Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Reynolds. Councilperson Smith expressed concern for additional traffic on the narrow road leading to this property. Councilperson Richmond said the road was the City's responsibility. Councilperson Garrett said two homes would not adversely affect traffic. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Richmond, Streetman

NAY: Reynolds, Smith

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

ORDINANCE 61-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to bulk regulations, building setbacks, minimum frontage requirements, and other minor updates

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd.

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to amend this ordinance by adding language recommended by the Regional Planning Commission relative to easements, common access drives, shared driveways, and usable road frontage. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Little.

Councilperson Reynolds expressed concern that since homeowners would be responsible for shared driveway maintenance, a lower grade of materials may be used causing a driveway to degrade quicker. She said this could create a "buyer beware" situation.

Councilperson Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Allen. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Butler

The motion to cease discussion on the amendment passed. The following vote on the amendment was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Streetman

NAY: Smith

The amendment passed. Councilperson Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Knight. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Pitts, Redd, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Evans, Little, Reynolds, Richmond

The motion to crease discussion on the main motion passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Pitts, Redd, Richmond, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Little, Reynolds, Smith

The motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading as amended passed.

REPORT OF MAYOR'S RPC PROXY APPOINTMENT

Mayor Pittts announced he had appointed Michael Long as his proxy on the Regional Planning Commission; no action was required.

CONSENT AGENDA *City Clerk*

All items in this portion of the agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and may be approved by one motion; however, a member of the Council may request that an item be removed for separate consideration under the appropriate committee report:

1. **ORDINANCE 63-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to short term rentals *[Removed; see end of New Business]*

2. **ORDINANCE 64-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code designating Juneteenth and Emancipation Day as City holidays *[Remove; see end of New Business]*
3. **ORDINANCE 65-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Mark A. Davis, Shannon or William Wilford-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Old Trenton Road and Wilma Rudolph Boulevard from M-2 General Industrial District to C-2 General Commercial District
4. **ORDINANCE 66-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Richard Collins, Richard Garrett-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Columbia Street and Batts Lane from RM-1 Single Family Mobile Home Residential District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District
5. **ORDINANCE 67-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Charles Nichols Credit Shelter Trust, James Maynard-Agent, for zone change on property located in the southeast corner of Tobacco Road and Nussbaumer Road from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District, R-1 Single Family Residential District, and AG Agricultural District to R-1A Single Family Residential District
6. **ORDINANCE 68-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Guerrier Development for zone change on property located at the corner of Blackman Street, Charlotte Street, and Lawn Street from R-3 Three Family Residential District to R-6 Single Family Residential District
7. **ORDINANCE 69-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Lalana Lee and Gordon Lee, Mark Holleman-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Paradise Hill Road and Highland Circle from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-6 Single Family Residential District
8. **ORDINANCE 70-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Frank Bryant, Albatross Partners-Agent, for zone change on property located the intersection of Colonial Court and Golf Club Lane from R-3 Three Family Residential District and C-5 Highway and Arterial Commercial District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District
9. **ORDINANCE 71-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Luke Baggett and Bobby Wall, Syd Hedrick-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Daniel Street and Central Avenue from R-3 Three Family Residential District to R-6 Single Family Residential District
10. **RESOLUTION 54-2020-21** Approving appointments to the Beer Board

- *Beer Board: John Hunt - April 2021 through March 2023*

11. Adoption of Minutes: February 3, February 4, February 9

Councilperson Streetman requested separate consideration of **ORDINANCE 63-2020-21**. Councilperson Smith requested separate consideration of **ORDINANCE 64-2020-21**. Councilman Holleman made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with noted exceptions. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. Councilperson Garrett announced his abstention on **ORDINANCE 66-2020-21**. Councilperson Redd announced his abstention on **ORDINANCE 68-2020-21**. Councilperson Holleman announced his abstention on **ORDINANCE 69-2020-21**. The following vote was recorded.

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended, with noted abstentions, passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Chairperson Stacey Streetman*

ORDINANCE 75-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the FY21 Housing & Community Development Budget to include the 2021 Community Housing Partnership of Williamson County THDA Grant (Emergency Solutions Grant)

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was for approval. Councilperson Streetman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading unanimously passed.

GAS & WATER COMMITTEE *Chairperson Wallace Redd*

Councilperson Redd said the Gas & Water Department continuously worked in shifts to repair leaking water mains throughout the system caused by recent freezing temperatures. During the inclement weather, critical decisions and significant modifications were made to ensure the continuous supply of natural gas to fulfill substantial demands. Councilperson Redd thanked the department for their efforts.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE *Chairperson Wanda Smith*

RESOLUTION 46-2020-21 (Postponed February 4) Requesting an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds

The recommendation of the Housing & Community Development Committee was for approval. Councilperson Smith made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this resolution unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION 47-2020-21 (Postponed February 4) Requesting an amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan

The recommendation of the Housing & Community Development Committee was for approval. Councilperson Smith made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this resolution unanimously passed.

No monthly report.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE *Chairperson Vondell Richmond*

Councilperson Richmond said the committee recently met and discussed the proposed regional recreation center, open positions in the department, and the 2020 annual report. He announced the floors had been refinished and a new HVAC unit had been installed at Freedom Point and fencing had been removed from Edith Pettus Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE *Chairperson Richard Garrett*

Councilperson Garrett shared the following monthly department statistics: Building & Codes - 2,363 inspections, 84 code enforcement cases, 15 abatement work orders, 146 single family permits, 29 multi family permits, 25 commercial permits; Police - 9,861 calls for service.

Councilperson Garrett reported construction of Police District 3 Precinct was in the final rough-in stage and the department recently hired eight new police officers.

STREETS-GARAGE-TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE *Chairperson Wanda Smith*

Councilperson Smith shared the following monthly department statistics: Clarksville Transit System - 28,581 passengers including 4,730 senior citizens, 2,017 demand responses; Streets - 113 work orders; Garage - city-wide vehicle expenses of \$194,861, requisition submitted for \$163,666, 531 work orders, 1,292 work hours, unleaded fuel \$1.94/gallon, diesel fuel \$1.93/gallon.

Councilperson Smith announced CTS planned to give a presentation on new software on March 9th. She thanked Veronica Williams for her work, as well as the bus crew, van operators, and maintenance team for keeping services available throughout the recent snow and ice event.

Councilperson Smith announced Angie Sikes had been named Riverview Cemetery Caretaker and said the Street Department's spring cleanup would be in effect March 15 through April. She thanked the department staff for keeping the streets safe during the recent winter storm.

DESIGNATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 53-2020-21 Approving the official renaming of Mammy Lane to Slattery Lane

The recommendation of the Designations Committee was for approval. Councilperson Evans made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. Councilperson Garrett said some residents do not want their street name changed and made a motion to postpone action on this resolution to the May 2021 regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Butler, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Redd, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Evans, Pitts, Reynolds

The motion to postpone action on this resolution to the May 2021 regular session passed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ORDINANCE 73-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to membership of standing committees

Councilperson Allen made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. Councilperson Allen said committee membership should be diverse. Councilperson Redd said the Mayor should determine the number of members for each committee. Councilperson Smith said committee membership should be inclusive. In response to Councilperson Streetman's question, City Attorney Lance Baker said the Official Charter gives the mayor authority to appoint committees. Councilperson Holleman felt this requirement would add complexity to the process of appointing committees.

Councilperson Smith made a motion to amend this ordinance by adding the following language to City Code Sec. 1-205(1):

All standing committee appointments shall be diverse and inclusive, as to be equal in race and gender, based on the councilpersons elected to serve in office. A council member shall have the authority to choose at least two Standing Committees to serve on, provided that their choice will enhance balance to the committee based on diversity and inclusion.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight. Mr. Baker said the terms “diverse and inclusive” should be defined and recommended consideration of a resolution that would require the Mayor to consider certain criteria. Because of conflicting elements of this amendment and to allow time for further review, Mr. Baker suggested this amendment be denied. Councilperson Smith called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion on Councilperson Smith’s first amendment unanimously passed. The following vote on Councilperson Smith’s first amendment was recorded:

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

Councilperson Smith’s first amendment failed.

Councilperson Smith made a motion to amend this ordinance by amending Sec. 1-205(2) as follows:

~~Chairman~~ Chairperson. The mayor shall name the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of each standing committee ~~any~~ and may from time to time combine two (2) or more standing committees under a joint or one ~~chairman~~ chairperson when ~~he~~ the mayor deems it necessary or appropriate for specific projects.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

Councilperson Smith’s second amendment unanimously passed. The following vote on the main motion as amended was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Knight, Little, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Holleman, Pitts, Redd, Streetman

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading as amended passed.

AMEND AGENDA

Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to amend the agenda by moving **ORDINANCE 74-2020-21** and **RESOLUTION 59-2020-21** to the end of New Business. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. Following brief discussion, Councilperson Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Streetman

NAY: Smith

The motion to cease discussion passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Butler, Pitts, Reynolds, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Redd, Richmond, Smith

The motion to move **ORDINANCE 74-2020-21** and **RESOLUTION 59-2020-21** to the end of New Business failed.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY FUNDING

ORDINANCE 74-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating Budget for Governmental Funds to add funding to support the Juneteenth holiday

This ordinance was postponed by the Finance committee. Councilperson Allen made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. Councilperson Streetman felt this ordinance should be considered after final approval of the Juneteenth holiday (**ORDINANCE 64-2020-21**). *[Transcription continued following recess]*

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY FUNDING CONTINUED

Councilperson Redd made a motion to refer **ORDINANCE 74-2020-21** to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Holleman, Knight, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little, Richmond

The motion to refer this ordinance to the Finance Committee passed.

RECONSIDER ORDINANCE 73-2020-21

Councilperson Knight made a motion to reconsider **ORDINANCE 73-2020-21**, relative to standing committees, adopted on first reading earlier during this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. Councilperson Butler called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Redd, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion passed. The following vote on the motion to reconsider was recorded:

AYE: Holleman, Knight, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little, Richmond, Smith

The motion to reconsider **ORDINANCE 73-2020-21** on first reading failed.

HAZELWOOD ROAD & NEEDMORE ROAD

ORDINANCE 78-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating Budget for Governmental Funds to create road improvement projects for Hazelwood Road and Needmore Road

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight. Councilperson Garrett said his online poll showed 64 responses in support of these projects. Councilperson Reynolds noted funding was not currently appropriated and made a motion to postpone action indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. Councilperson Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to postpone action on this ordinance indefinitely passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Evans, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Butler, Garrett, Richmond, Smith

The motion to postpone action on this ordinance indefinitely passed.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER

ORDINANCE 79-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating Budget for Governmental Funds to transfer funds from the Athletic Complex capital project to the Regional Community Center

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Richmond. Councilperson Garrett made a motion to amend this ordinance by deleting language relative to transferring funds from the Athletic Complex and appropriating \$1,000,000 for a regional community center. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. Councilperson Garrett said a recreational facility is needed to serve the north area of the City noting the Visitors Bureau estimated significant revenue could be generated and said a center in this area would not compromise the current soccer proposal for the Athletic Complex. Councilperson Streetman said funding should be reviewed by the Parks & Recreation and Finance Committees. Councilperson Allen and Councilperson Smith objected to committee review. Councilperson Butler said roads and traffic solutions should have priority. Councilperson Reynolds felt this amendment should have been researched further with regard to purchase of additional land. Councilperson Knight expressed support for the committee process and also for a regional community center.

Councilperson Redd called for the question on Councilperson Garrett's amendment. The question was seconded by Councilperson Allen. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion on Councilperson Garrett's amendment unanimously passed. The following vote on this amendment was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Butler, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Streetman

Councilperson Garrett's amendment passed. Councilperson Streetman made a motion to refer this ordinance, as amended, to the Parks & Recreation Committee for review. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. Councilperson Redd expressed support for the committee process which includes input from department staff. Councilperson Garrett called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to crease discussion on the motion to refer unanimously passed. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Richmond, Smith

The motion to refer this ordinance to the Parks & Recreation Committee failed. Councilperson Garrett called for the question on the main motion. The question was seconded by Councilperson Richmond. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion on the main motion unanimously passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Butler, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Streetman

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading as amended passed.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND/VOTING ELIGIBILITY

ORDINANCE 80-2020-21 (First Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to the Internal Service Fund

Councilperson Knight made a motion to refer this ordinance to the Finance Committee for further review. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Reynolds. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

_____ The motion to refer this ordinance to the Finance Committee unanimously passed.

SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

RESOLUTION 55-2020-21 Establishing the Clarksville Sustainability Board

Councilperson Knight made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. Councilperson Butler expressed support for this board, but was concerned that it could become an attempt to coordinate with a program originating from the United Nations and stated sustainability efforts should remain local. Councilperson Reynolds said establishment of this board could result in access to federal grants. Councilperson Allen called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion unanimously passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Redd

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

2ND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY CITY

RESOLUTION 56-2020-21 Declaring the City of Clarksville as a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary City

Councilperson Knight made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Allen. Councilperson Knight shared statistics relative to use of guns and said adoption of this resolution would be a symbolic gesture stating the City Council supports the Constitution of the United States. Councilperson Butler said the Constitution says gun ownership shall not be infringed upon. Councilperson Redd called for the question. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Richmond. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Reynolds, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

_____AYE: Allen, Butler, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Redd, Streetman

NAY: Evans, Pitts, Reynolds, Richmond

ABSTAIN: Smith

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

EQUITY AND EQUALITY

RESOLUTION 57-2020-21 Requesting Governor Bill Lee, the Tennessee General Assembly, the Montgomery County Mayor and Montgomery County Commissioners, the City of Clarksville Mayor and the Clarksville City Council exercise their duties focusing on equity and equality; rejecting bills that promote exclusion, discrimination, or bigotry

Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to amend this resolution by deleting the language in Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

Section 1. The City of Clarksville requests the 112th Tennessee General Assembly vote YES on Senate Bill 941/HB1030 pertaining to authorizing a qualified voter to register to vote and vote on any day of early voting and on election day for a primary, general, or runoff election in this state.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. Councilperson Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion on the amendment unanimously passed. The following vote on the amendment was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

Councilperson Reynolds' amendment unanimously passed. Councilperson Redd called for the question on the main motion. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Little. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion on the main motion failed. Councilperson Butler made a motion to amend this resolution by deleting the language in the sixth whereas clause and substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, voter suppression efforts and systemic disenfranchisement exist and need to be acknowledged and addressed; and

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Richmond. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

Councilperson Butler's amendment unanimously passed. At the request of Councilperson Garrett, Mr. Baker stated each year the Mayor appoints a Legislative Liaison Committee who gathers information from city officials and department heads and Montgomery County officials regarding proposed legislation that should be presented to the Tennessee General Assembly regarding state laws and funding that directly affect both local governments. Councilperson Allen called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Richmond. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion on the main motion unanimously passed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Little, Pitts, Reynolds, Streetman

NAY: Redd, Richmond

ABSTAIN: Knight, Smith

The motion to adopt this resolution as amended passed.

RESOLUTION 58-2020-21 Supporting decriminalization of simple possession or casual exchange or marijuana for personal use

Councilperson Butler made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Allen. In response to Councilperson Streetman's question, Councilperson Butler said she had not discussed this legislation with the local District Attorney. Councilperson Streetman made a motion to refer this resolution to the Legislative Liaison Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. Councilperson Knight said the Clarksville Police Chief should be given an opportunity to share his views on this resolution. Councilperson Allen called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Redd

The motion to cease discussion passed. The following vote on the motion to refer was recorded:

AYE: Holleman, Knight, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little

The motion to refer this resolution to the Legislative Liaison Committee passed.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 59-2020-21 Requesting the Tennessee General Assembly to amend the Official Charter of the City of Clarksville according to Exhibit A

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Little. Councilperson Garrett made a motion to divide

the question to consider each item separately. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Richmond. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Holleman, Knight, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds

The motion to divide the question passed. Following discussion, Councilperson Allen made a motion to postpone this resolution to the April regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Reynolds. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Garrett

The motion to postpone action on this resolution to the April 2021 regular session passed.

HONORING VETERANS

RESOLUTION 60-2020-21 Expressing the sense of the City Council honoring Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans

Councilperson Knight made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. Councilperson Smith called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this resolution unanimously passed.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 61-2020-21 Requesting the Mayor call a special session of the City Council as a Committee of the Whole to study and make recommendations pertaining to amendments to the Official Charter

Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to postpone action on this resolution to the April 2021 regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Holleman, Knight, Redd, Smith

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little, Pitts, Reynolds, Richmond, Streetman

The motion to postpone failed. There was a motion and second to adopt this resolution. Councilperson Reynolds called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith,

NAY: Streetman

The motion to cease discussion passed. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little, Pitts, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Holleman, Knight, Redd

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

ORDINANCE 63-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to short term rentals

This ordinance was removed from the original Consent Agenda. Councilperson Butler made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Allen. Councilperson Butler said her online poll showed these regulations are ineffective. Councilperson Knight called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Redd, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Evans, Little, Pitts, Reynolds, Streetman

ABSTAIN: Butler

The motion to cease discussion passed. Councilperson Little made a motion to postpone second reading to the April 2021 regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight.

Councilperson Redd made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Holleman, Knight, Pitts, Redd

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adjourn failed. The following vote on the motion to postpone was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pits, Redd, Reynolds, Streetman

NAY: Butler, Evans, Garrett, Richmond, Smith

The motion to postpone second reading to the April 2021 regular session passed.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

ORDINANCE 64-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code designating Juneteenth and Emancipation Day as City holidays

This ordinance was removed from the original Consent Agenda. Councilperson Allen made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. Councilperson Knight made a motion to divide the question to consider the proposed holidays separately. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butler. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Smith

NAY: Garrett, Richmond, Streetman

The motion to divide the question passed. Councilperson Allen called for the question regarding Juneteenth (**ORDINANCE 64A-2020-21**). The question was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Pitts, Redd, Streetman

The motion to cease discussion regarding approval of the Juneteenth holiday passed. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Pitts, Redd, Streetman

The motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 64A-2020-21** on second reading passed.

EMANCIPATION DAY HOLIDAY

Councilperson Knight made a motion to refer **ORDINANCE 64B-2020-21**, approval of Emancipation Day as a City holiday, to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Holleman, Knight, Reynolds, Redd, Pitts, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Little, Richmond, Smith

The motion to refer failed. Councilperson Smith made a motion to recognize August 8, Emancipation Day, as a Tennessee state holiday. The motion was seconded. Mayor Pitts ruled the motion out of order because this was a new item that was not listed on the agenda. Councilperson Garrett called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Streetman

The motion to cease discussion passed. The following vote regarding approval of the Emancipation Day holiday was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Evans, Garrett, Little, Richmond, Smith

NAY: Butler, Holleman, Pitts, Redd, Reynolds, Streetman

ABSTAIN: Knight

The motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 64B-2020-21** on second reading failed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilperson Richmond asked members to consider limiting items on agendas in an effort to reduce lengths of meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

ADOPTED: April 1, 2021