



REGULAR SESSION JULY 1, 2021

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Langley had requested to speak but was not present. Denita Robertson Brooks reported sewer problems at her Kelsey Drive residence. Joel Andalon expressed his objection to the renaming of Mammy Lane to Hattie Lane; he questioned the process and was concerned about the cost for residents to change their personal address information.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

An individual moment of silence was led by Councilperson Ashlee Evans; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Jason Knight .

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: 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), Karen Reynolds (Ward 9), Stacey Streetman (Ward 10), Ashlee Evans (Ward 11), Trisha Butler (12)

ABSENT: Wanda Allen (Ward 8, Excused)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Councilperson Knight presented a Certificate of Recognition to Noell Thompson, Miss Austin Peay State University 2021, for representing the City of Clarksville in the recent

Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant on June 19th in Jackson, Tennessee, finishing as 2nd Runner-Up.

Councilperson Little presented Certificates of Recognition to the following individuals for representing the City of Clarksville in the Cage Fighting Championship:

Saigh Mullens, Heavyweight Champion
Isaac Morris - Bantamweight Champion
Alexander Schenk- Featherweight Champion
Adonis Bonilla Carrillo- Interim Middleweight Champion
George Peiratt- Middleweight Champion

ZONING & ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to conduct a public hearing to hear comments regarding requests for zone change and the annexation progress report. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. There was no objection.

ORDINANCE 1-2021-22 (First Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Rick Reda for zone change on property located at the intersection of Evans Rd. and Shaw Dr. from RM-1 Single-Family Mobile Home Residential District to R-4 Multiple-Family Residential District

Rick Reda said his plan was to build affordable housing for the area. No one expressed opposition to this request.

ORDINANCE 2-2021-22 (First Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of City of Clarksville, Joe Pitts, Mayor - Agent for zone change on property located at the intersection of Union St. and South 3rd St. from CBD Central Business District to R-4 Multiple-Family Residential District

No one expressed support for or opposition to this request.

RESOLUTION 2-2021-22 Approving the Final Plan of Services Progress Report for annexed territory off Britton Springs near Center Road

There were no comments regarding this report.

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

ADOPTION OF ZONING AND ANNEXATION

The recommendations of the Regional Planning Staff and Commission were for approval of **ORDINANCE 1-2021-22**. Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

The recommendations of the Regional Planning Staff and Commission were for approval of **ORDINANCE 2-2021-22**. Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. In response to Councilperson Smith's question, Mayor Pitts said adoption of this ordinance would allow the Office of Housing and Community Development to donate the property to Urban Ministries. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2-2021-22**. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Allen. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 83-2020-21** (Second Reading) Authorizing sale of city owned property located near I-24 Exit 8 to Silicon Ranch Corporation for a solar power generation facility *Removed; see Parks & Recreation Report*
2. **ORDINANCE 105-2020-21** (Second Reading) Authorizing exercise of right of eminent domain to obtain easements granting access over and across property necessary to construct, operate, and maintain the North Clarksville Water Treatment Plant *Removed; see Gas & Water Report*
3. **ORDINANCE 106-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to the Occupational Safety and Health Program
4. **ORDINANCE 107-2020-21** (Second Reading) Authorizing sale of surplus tax sale properties at public auction
5. **ORDINANCE 108-2020-21** (Second Reading) Authorizing donation of properties located on Dumas Drive and Elm Hill Drive to Habitat For Humanity for Community Development
6. **ORDINANCE 111-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Reda Home Builders, Inc. for zone change on property located at the intersection of Oak Street and Mann Circle from R-3 Three Family Residential District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District

7. **ORDINANCE 112-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Satish Prabhu, Matt Ellis-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway/Hwy. 76 and New South Drive from C-4 Highway Interchange District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District
8. **ORDINANCE 113-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Singletary Construction, LLC, Bert Singletary-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Center Pointe Drive and Center Court from C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District to C-2 General Commercial District
9. **ORDINANCE 114-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Salvador Castro, Rex Hawkins-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Ft. Campbell Boulevard and Jack Miller Boulevard from C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District to C-2 General Commercial District
10. **ORDINANCE 115-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Syd Hedrick, Syd Hedrick-Agent, for zone change on property located south of Crossland Avenue, north of West High Street, and east of Charlotte Street from R-3 Three Family Residential District and R-6 Single Family Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District
11. **ORDINANCE 116-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Bristol Ridge Apartments for zone change on property located south of Highway 76 and north of Karmaflux Way from C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District and R-1A Single Family Residential District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District, C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District, and R-1A Single Family Residential District
12. **ORDINANCE 117-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Brian Wolff, Houston Smith-Agent, for zone change on property located north of Providence Boulevard and east of Cave Springs Road from R-3 Three Family Residential District and C-2 General Commercial District to C-2 General Commercial District and R-3 Three Family Residential District
13. **ORDINANCE 119-2020-21** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of William Belew, Jr. for zone change on property located at the southeast corner of Needmore Road and Hazelwood Road from R-1A Single Family Residential District to C-5 Highway & Arterial commercial District
14. **RESOLUTION 3-2021-22** Approving appointments to the Arts & Heritage Development Council, Ethics Commission, Parking Commission, Power Board, and Sustainability Board
 - *Arts & Heritage Development Council: Jordan Burns - July 21 through June 2022, Brenda Harper - July 2021 through June 2024, David Smith - July 2021 through June 2023*
 - *Economic & Community Development Board: Melinda Shepard - July 2021 through June 2025*

- *Ethics Commission: Dr. David Kanervo, Mark Rassas - July 2021 through June 2024*
- *Parking Commission: Andy Kean - July 2021 through August 2021*
- *Power Board: Travis Holleman - July 2021 through June 2024*
- *Sustainability Board: Karen Reynolds, Bert Singletery - July 2021 through June 2022; Valerie Guzman, Wanda Smith - July 2021 through June 2023; Travis Holleman, Jimmie Mann, Chris Rasnic - July 2021 through June 2024*

15. Adoption of Minutes: June 3, June 15, June 17, June 22

Councilperson Reynolds requested separate consideration of **ORDINANCE 83-2020-21**. Councilperson Redd requested separate consideration of **ORDINANCE 105-2020-21**. Councilperson Redd made a motion to adopt this Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. Councilperson Evans registered “nay” on Item #13, **ORDINANCE 119-2020-21**. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Councilperson Stacey Streetman*

Councilperson Streetman announced the Broadband Division of CDE Lightband recently repaid the \$17 million interdivisional loan to the Electric Division 17 years ahead of schedule.

GAS & WATER COMMITTEE *Councilperson Wallace Redd*

ORDINANCE 105-2020-21 (Second Reading) Authorizing exercise of right of eminent domain to obtain easements granting access over and across property necessary to construct, operate, and maintain the North Clarksville Water Treatment Plant

Councilperson Redd made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

RESOLUTION 63-2020-21 (Postponed June 3rd) Authorizing an interlocal agreement Bi-County Solid Waste Management for acceptance of biosolids from the wastewater treatment plant

Councilperson Redd made a motion to postpone action to the next regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

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

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

Councilperson Redd shared the following monthly department statistics: 46 leak repairs, 4,107 feet of pipe installed, 14 utility plan approvals, 38 ongoing projects, 104,445 meter readings.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE *Councilperson Wanda Smith*

Councilperson Smith said the department would soon begin reviewing possible improvements to Dixon Park including public recommendations.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE *Councilperson Vondell Richmond*

ORDINANCE 83-2020-21 (Second Reading) Authorizing sale of city owned property located near I-24 Exit 8 to Silicon Ranch Corporation for a solar power generation facility

This ordinance was removed from the original Consent Agenda. Councilperson Richmond made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. In response to Councilperson Reynolds' question, Mayor Pitts said funds were available for this project and the revenue from sale of the property would go to the General Fund until specifically appropriated. He said all solar energy produced would go directly to Clarksville Department of Electricity. The following vote was recorded:

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

Councilperson Richmond said the committee had recently discussed the Heritage Park soccer field project as well as open positions in the department, and noted upcoming events including Independence Day Celebration at Liberty Park, Mayor's Summer Night Lights, Kleeman Center Block Party, and Pre-School Prom.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE *Councilman Richard Garrett*

Councilperson Garrett shared the following monthly department statistics: Police - 12,768 calls for service; Fire Rescue - 2,219 emergency responses, 20 community events, 69 maintenance work orders, 26 service calls, 203 inspections, 4 investigations; Building & Codes - 3,465 inspections, 276 code enforcement cases, 59 abatement work orders, 141 single-family permits, 15 multi-family permits, 26 commercial permits.

Councilperson Garrett said the new Police Precinct was near completion. Seven cadets had recently graduated from the Police Academy. He said the new Fire Rescue maintenance building was also completed.

TRANSPORTATION-STREETS-GARAGE COMMITTEE *Councilperson Wanda Smith*

Councilperson Smith shared the following monthly department statistics: 36,740 passengers including 6,969 senior citizens, 2,952 demand responses; Streets - 238 work orders, paving of Arbor Green North, Greenspoint, and Barkers Mill subdivisions; Garage - \$168,402 in requisitions, 480 work orders, 1,036 work hours, unleaded fuel at \$2.39 per gallon, diesel fuel at \$2.20 per gallon.

Councilperson Smith said CTS would provide free rides to the Independence Day Celebration at Liberty Park from various locations.

ROBINSON V. CITY

ORDINANCE 92-2020-21 (First Reading) Approving a settlement of the Robinsons and/or Franklin Street Corporation v. City State Court and Federal Court lawsuits

First reading for this ordinance was postponed on June 29th to a special session. Councilperson Butler, Sponsor, made a motion to adopt this ordinance; the motion failed due to lack of a second.

CITY COUNCIL RESIDENCY

ORDINANCE 98-2020-21 (First Reading; Postponed June 3) Amending the Official Code relative to failure to retain continuous council ward residency requirements

Councilperson Reynolds, Sponsor, said her intent was to provide a tool to enforce residency as required by the City Charter. Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to postpone action on this ordinance indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. The following vote was recorded:

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

ABSTAIN: Garrett

_____The motion to postpone action on this ordinance indefinitely passed.

CODE OF ETHICS

RESOLUTION 65-2020-21 (Postponed April 1st) Requesting the Mayor call a special session of the City Council as a Committee of the Whole to study and make recommendations pertaining to the City Code of Ethics

In the absence of Councilperson Allen, Sponsor, Councilperson Little made a motion to postpone action to the next regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Little. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to postpone action on this ordinance to the next regular session passed.

RED RIVER DISTRICT ZONING STUDY

RESOLUTION 4-2021-22 Requesting the Regional Planning Commission Director and Staff to perform an area-wide study of the R-3 residential neighborhood in the Red River District

Because this resolution was not presented during the previous executive session, Councilperson Smith made a motion to consider **RESOLUTION 4-2021-22**. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion passed with the required 3/4 majority approval. Councilperson Smith made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. Councilperson Streetman made a motion to postpone action on this resolution to the next regular session to allow the Regional Planning Staff time to evaluate the impact of this study. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. The following vote was recorded:

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

_____NAY: Butler

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilperson Streetman invited members to the first meeting of the 2021 Legislative Liaison Committee which was scheduled for July 13. In response to Councilperson Reynolds' question, Mayor Pitts said agendas and minutes of previous meetings of the committee were posted on the City's website. Councilperson Evans wished everyone a safe Independence Day and Councilperson Knight said everyone should remember its meaning. Councilperson Smith invited the public to the upcoming August 8 celebrations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ADOPTED: August 5, 2021