



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
APRIL 13, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 4:30 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 Wanda Allen; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Jason Knight.

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON: Jason Knight (Ward 5), Travis Holleman (Ward 7), Wanda Allen (Ward 8), Karen Reynolds (Ward 9), Stacey Streetman (Ward 10), Ashlee Evans (Ward 11), Trisha Butler (Ward 12)

VIA GOOGLE MEETS: Richard Garrett (Ward 1), Vondell Richmond (Ward 2), DaJuan Little (Ward 3), Wallace Redd (Ward 4), Wanda Smith (Ward 6)

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 Holleman made a motion to approve the electronic meeting. 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 approve the electronic meeting unanimously passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 68-2020-21 Approving appointments to the Community Health Foundation and the Board of Zoning Appeals

- *Community Health Foundation: Dr. Mark Trawinski - March 2021 through February 2024*
- *Board of Zoning Appeals: Michael Long - Coterminous RPC; Joe Shackeenab - April 2021 through December 2025*

Councilperson Knight made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. 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.

CARES ACT FUNDING

ORDINANCE 81-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Housing and Community Development budget for CARES Act Part 1 program funding

Councilperson Smith made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Allen. Councilperson Smith said this amendment involved a Housing & Urban Development grant in the amount of \$600,000 and noted the funds were already allocated. Housing & Community Director Dennis Newburn said 10% funding for administration was allowed by law. 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 second reading unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE 82-2020-21 (Second reading) Amending the FY21 Housing and Community Development budget for CARES Act Round 3 Program funds

Councilperson Smith made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. Councilperson Smith said this amendment involved a Housing & Urban Development grant in the amount of \$838,000. 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 second reading unanimously passed.

HIRING OUTSIDE COUNSEL

ORDINANCE 93-2020-21 (First Reading; Postponed April 1st) Amending the Official Code relative to hiring outside counsel

Councilperson Allen made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. Councilperson Allen motioned to discuss this ordinance as a Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to discuss as a Committee of the Whole unanimously passed.

Councilperson Allen said this change would make the City Council, as well as the City Attorney, accountable for outside legal expenditures. City Attorney Lance Baker felt this amendment should be referred to the Finance Committee for a more intensive study and said he would like additional time to consider the ramifications to avoid unintended consequences.

Mr. Baker responded to Councilperson Reynolds stating the appropriation for legal services had been reduced over the years because of the ability for staff to perform in-house legal services. He said outside counsel fees and judgements are paid from the Internal Service Fund and not from the Legal Department's operating budget. Chief Financial Officer Laurie Matta said any overages from the ISF are paid from the General Fund. Mr. Baker said the Legal Department does not have software to track hours worked on specific cases and stated few government legal departments track time.

Councilperson Redd made a motion to revert to special session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Streetman

NAY: Butler, Evans, Reynolds, Richmond, Smith

The motion to revert to special session passed. Councilperson Allen made a motion to postpone action on this ordinance to a special session prior to April 30, 2021. 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 postpone passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ADOPTED: May 6, 2021