



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
JUNE 22, 2021**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by First Lady Cynthia Pitts; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Travis Holleman.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Richard Garrett, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 1), Vondell Richmond (Ward 2), DaJuan Little (Ward 3; arrived late), 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)

ADOPTION OF FY22 BUDGETS

ORDINANCE 120-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating Budget and approving the FY22 Operating Budget for the Central Business Improvement District (CBID)

Councilperson Holleman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butler. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Butler

The motion to adopt the FY22 Budget for the Central Business Improvement District passed.

ORDINANCE 121-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets and adopting the FY22 Operating and Capital Budgets for CDE Lightband

Councilperson Knight made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Allen. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY22 CDE Budget unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE 122-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets and adopting the FY22 Operating and Capital Budgets for Clarksville Transit System

Councilperson Holleman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Redd

The motion to adopt the FY22 CTS Budget passed.

ORDINANCE 123-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets and adopting the FY22 Operating and Capital Budgets for Clarksville Gas & Water Department

Councilperson Streetman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY22 Gas & Water Department Budget unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE 124-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Budget and approving the FY22 Annual Action Plan and Budget and authorizing application for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Funds as well as other programs

Councilperson Smith made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Reynolds. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY22 CDBG and HOME Budgets [Housing & Community Development] unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE 125-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating Budget and adopting FY22 Operating Budget for the Internal Service Funds

Councilperson Evans made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Reynolds. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Allen

The motion to adopt the FY22 Internal Service Funds Budget passed.

ORDINANCE 126-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating Budget and establishing the FY22 Operating Budget for the Clarksville Parking Commission, a Proprietary Fund

Councilperson Streetman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Knight. There was no objection to Councilperson Reynolds' request to request information from Chief Financial Officer Laurie Matta. Ms. Matta said the Finance Department provides accounting services for the Parking Commission and the department is reimbursed from the commission for actual expenses. Mayor Pitts said the City Council will vote in the future whether to transfer parking operations to a private company. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Allen, Butler, Smith

The motion to adopt the FY22 Parking Commission Budget on second reading passed.

ORDINANCE 127-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code pertaining to establishment of the Building & Facilities Maintenance Department

Councilperson Butler made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. Councilperson Reynolds was concerned that the Parks & Recreation Department's proposed budget increased significantly even though the maintenance operations would be separated. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Butler, Reynolds

The motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading passed.

ORDINANCE 129-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code pertaining to employee benefits (retirees hired after July 1, 2006)

Councilperson Holleman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. 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 ordinance on second reading unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE 128-2020-21 (Second Reading) Amending the FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets and adopting the FY22 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Governmental Funds and adopting the Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

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

AMENDMENT 1: Councilperson Evans made a motion to amend this ordinance by adding \$27,000 from the fund balance to the appropriation for the Human Relations Commission [\$14,000 already proposed]. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Allen.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to amend AMENDMENT 1 to add an additional \$8,000 for additional HRC-sponsored events. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Evans. In response to Councilperson Smith's question, City Attorney Lance Baker said the HRC would be allowed to make adjustments within the budget for event expenditures. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Holleman, Redd

ABSTAIN: Knight, Smith

The amendment to AMENDMENT 1 passed. Councilperson Streetman called for the question. There was no objection to ceasing discussion. The following vote on the amendment was recorded:

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

NAY: Butler, Redd

The motion to amend this ordinance to add \$35,000 for the Human Relations Commission (AMENDMENT 1) passed.

AMENDMENT 2: Councilperson Holleman made a motion to amend this ordinance by adding \$20,000 for a new sign at the Senior Citizens Center to be dedicated to Anita Atichley. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to amend AMENDMENT 2 requiring use American Rescue Plan funds for this additional appropriation. 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 amendment to AMENDMENT 2 unanimously passed. The following vote on the amendment was recorded:

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

The motion to add \$20,000 ARP funds for a new sign at the Senior Citizens Center, to be dedicated to Anita Atchley, (AMENDMENT 2) unanimously passed.

AMENDMENT 3: Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to amend this ordinance by reducing the proposed property tax rate from \$1.23 to \$1.19 by making the following reductions:

Delete \$250,000 Parks & Recreation,
Delete \$400,000 Police Department/Dispatch,
Delete \$300,000 Fire Rescue,
Delete \$423,150 Capital Projects

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butler. Councilperson Reynolds made a motion to amend AMENDMENT 3 by deleting \$423,150 from the Spring Creek capital project. Ms. Matta said this project was already underway. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butler. Councilperson Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Garret, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Butler, Evans, Reynolds

The motion to cease discussion on the amendment to AMENDMENT 3 passed. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Evans, Garrett, Reynolds

NAY: Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Redd, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

Councilperson Reynolds' amendment to delete \$423,150 for the Spring Creek project failed.

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pitts ruled the motion out of order. Councilperson Allen made a motion to recess; there was no objection. The City Council recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to amend AMENDMENT 3 as follows:

Delete \$250,000 Parks & Recreation,
Delete \$400,000 Swan Lake Golf Course,
Delete \$300,000 Mason Rudolph Golf Course,
Reduce the transfer from the General Fund to Capital Projects by
\$423,159.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Smith. Councilperson Little expressed concern for the employees of both golf courses that would be affected. Mayor Pitts said these cuts would eliminate most of the staff and have a definite effect on the operations of the courses. Councilperson Streetman said neither course could survive with these cuts and these reductions would eliminate amenities offered to residents and visitors and possibly loss of new industries. Councilperson Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilperson Butler. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Allen, Butler, Evans

The motion to cease discussion on Councilperson Allen's amendment to AMENDMENT 1 passed. The following vote on this amendment was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Butler, Redd, Reynolds

NAY: Evans, Garrett, Holleman, Knight, Little, Pitts, Richmond, Smith,
Streetman

Councilperson Allen's amendment to AMENDMENT 3 failed. In response to Councilperson Reynolds' question, Mayor Pitts said the City was waiting for rules for use of COVID funds. Councilperson Redd called for the question. There was no objection to ceasing discussion. The following vote on Councilperson Reynolds' amendment was recorded:

AYE: Butler, Redd, Reynolds

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

The motion to reduce funding for Parks & Recreation, Police, Fire Rescue, and Capital Projects (AMENDMENT 3) failed. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Evans, Holleman, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Butler, Garrett, Knight, Little, Redd, Reynolds

The motion to adopt the FY22 General Government Budget on second reading failed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ADOPTED: July 1, 2021