

OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

October 10, 2016

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on October 10, 2016 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Aleta Ledendecker, Secretary of the Rationalists of East Tennessee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilmember Hensley.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Kelly Callison; Councilmember Rick Chinn, Jr.; Mayor Warren L. Gooch; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; and Mayor Pro Tem Ellen D. Smith. Councilmember Trina Baughn was absent.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk; Janice McGinnis, Finance Director and Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Mark Christy, 22 Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council regarding the practice of invocations at City Council meetings.

Martin McBride, 954 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council regarding his request that an invitation be extended to representatives from the Department of Energy to attend the November City Council meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Public Recognitions

Ms. Jerry Luckmann and Mr. Tom Roe from the Sister City Support Organization addressed the City Council and thanked them for their continued support of the Sister City Exchange Program with students from Naka, Japan. Ms. Luckmann thanked Councilmember Rick Chinn for representing the City in Naka, Japan at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Sister City program. She also thanked Mayor Gooch for spending time with the students at the Municipal Building and allowing them to participate in a mock City Council meeting during their visit to Oak Ridge. Several of the students who participated in the exchange program this year also expressed their thanks to City Council for its support. Councilmember Chinn expressed his gratitude to Council for allowing him to represent the City of Oak Ridge in Naka, and he stated that he could not be more proud of our city and the students who represented it on the trip.

Proclamations

A proclamation expressing support for members of the National Guard and Reserve.
Councilmember Hensley moved for approval, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The proclamation was

approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

A proclamation recognizing William Bear Stephenson for receipt of the Aid to Distressed Families of the Appalachian Counties (ADFAC) Bill Wilcox Bow Tie Award.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved for approval, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

A proclamation designating October, 2016 as Fire Prevention Month.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval, and Councilmember Hensley seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

SPECIAL REPORTS

City Attorney Evaluation Committee Report

Councilmember Rick Chinn, chair of the City Attorney Evaluation Committee, gave the committee's report. The Committee recommended a 3% increase consistent with that of other city employees and a one-year contract extension to March 1, 2019. Councilmember Chinn moved for approval of the Committee's report, and Mayor Gooch seconded. The report and accompanying resolution were unanimously approved by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

City Manager Evaluation Committee Report

Councilmember Kelly Callison, chair of the City Manager Evaluation Committee, gave the committee's report. The Committee recommended a 3% increase consistent with that of other city employees and a two-year contract extension through August 8, 2020. The Committee also recommended that the City Manager be authorized to attend the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia. Councilmember Callison moved for approval of the committee's report, and Councilmember Hensley seconded. The report and accompanying resolution were unanimously approved by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Chinn moved for adoption of the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

The Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye."

Approval of the September 6, 2016 City Council special meeting minutes

Approval of the September 12, 2016 City Council regular meeting minutes

Resolution No. 10-74-2016

A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS REGIONAL GREENWAY COUNCIL AND RE-AFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF JON HETRICK AS THE CITY'S GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION AND ROGER MACKLIN AS THE CITY'S CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GREENWAY COUNCIL.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A PERMIT TO KALPESH TRAMBADIA AND NILAYKUMAR TRAMBADIA TO ENGAGE IN THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE AT TURNPIKE LIQUOR STORE, 331 OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE, AND WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH APPLICANTS.

Due to a potential conflict of interest Mayor Gooch removed himself from the dais and turned the chair over to Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Smith. Councilmember Hensley moved for adoption of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. There was discussion among Council members regarding the residency requirement for liquor store licenses.

Anne Garcia Garland, 120 Outer Drive, stated that the city code should be changed pertaining to the residency requirement for liquor store licenses as she believes there are no other types of businesses limited in this manner.

The resolution failed by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Hensley, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye," and Councilmembers Chinn and Hope voting "No." Mayor Gooch did not vote.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND ISSUE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE FOR KALPESH TRAMBADIA AND NILAYKUMAR TRAMBADIA TO ENGAGE IN THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT TURNPIKE LIQUOR STORE, 331 OAK RIDGE TURNPIKE.

[The next resolution was skipped and brought up for further discussion at the end of "Resolutions."]

Resolution No. 10-75-2016

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LDA ENGINEERING TO CONVERT THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM MAPS FROM COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN (CAD) TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00.

Councilmember Hensley moved for adoption of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

Resolution No. 10-76-2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF COMMENTS TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ON THE DRAFT FOUNDATION DOCUMENT FOR THE MANHATTAN PROJECT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK (TENNESSEE, NEW MEXICO, WASHINGTON) DATED SEPTEMBER 2016.

Councilmember Callison moved for adoption of the resolution, and Councilmember Chinn seconded. Amy Fitzgerald, Director of Government and Information Services, and City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

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Due to a potential conflict of interest, Mayor Gooch removed himself from the dais and turned the chair over to Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

Councilmember Hope moved for adoption of the resolution, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded. City Attorney Ken Krushenski explained that action needs to be taken on the item even though the first resolution pertaining to this issue failed. He stated that under state law, if no action was taken, the certificate would

automatically be granted within 60 days.

The resolution failed by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Hensley, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye," and Councilmembers Chinn and Hope voting "No."

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

Announcements

Scheduling

The City Clerk distributed a tentative calendar for the remainder of the year to members of Council. The dates contained in the calendar are listed below:

Tuesday, October 18th – City Council Work Session, Multipurpose Room, Central Services Complex

Wednesday, October 19th - Budget and Finance Committee (tentative pending discussion with the Committee)

Tuesday, November 8th – Election Day

Monday, November 14th – City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 15th – Proposed Work Session (One week early due to Thanksgiving holiday)

Monday, December 12th – City Council Regular Meeting and ceremonial swearing-in of new Council members

Tuesday, December 13th – City Council Work Session TBD

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Councilman Callison asked for a brief report on the current financial status of the City. Finance Director Janice McGinnis stated that the City ended last year higher than expected due to the rebounding of Roane County sales tax revenue. She stated that the tax roll is performing up to expectations.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mark Watson announced the City Council work session for October 18, which will include a discussion of the report on the water plant, upcoming boards and commissions, and a draft of the legislative agenda.

Mr. Watson also made City Council aware of a letter of support for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Knoxville "Drive to 55" Project Capacity Grant that was signed by the Mayor and the City Manager pertaining to the location of a College of Applied Technology in Anderson County.

Mr. Watson also informed City Council that the City had received an acknowledgement of approval from the state Comptroller's office of the Waterworks Interfund loan capital outlay note.

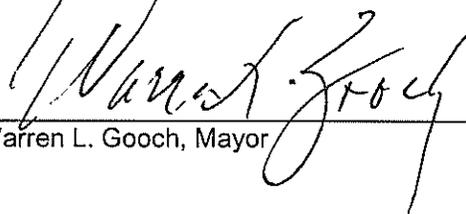
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 p.m.



Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
November 14, 2016



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor