



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
JUNE 29, 2015**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Kim McMillan on Monday, June 29, 2015, at 5:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by Councilman Joel Wallace; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman James Lewis.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Richard Garrett (Ward 1), James Lewis (Ward 3), Wallace Redd (Ward 4), Valerie Guzman (Ward 5; arrived 5:11 P.M.), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Geno Grubbs (Ward 7), Joel Wallace, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 9), Mike Alexander (Ward 10), Bill Powers (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (Ward 12; arrived 6:45 p.m.)

ABSENT: Deanna McLaughlin (Ward 2), David Allen (Ward 8)

ADJOURN

Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn since three members were not present for roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Burkhart, Redd, Smith

NAY: Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to adjourn failed.

FY16 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ORDINANCE 77-2014-15 (First Reading) Amending the FY15 Operating and Capital Budgets and adopting the FY16 Operating and Capital budgets for the City of Clarksville Governmental Funds and adopting the Tax Rate beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016

Councilman Lewis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grubbs.

POSTPONE

Councilman Redd made a motion to postpone first reading on this ordinance to the August regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Burkhart, Redd, Smith

NAY: Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to postpone failed.

Finance Director Laurie Matta noted changes proposed in this budget that were different from the budget presented June 25th (ORDINANCE 76-2014-15). She said department expenditures had been reduced by \$750,000; \$250,000 had been added for an airport matching grant; the Police and Parks Grounds/Facility Maintenance worker positions had been deleted; construction on Fire Station 11 would proceed; tax rate had been reduced from \$1.36 to \$1.31.

EMPLOYEE GENERAL WAGE INCREASE (*Amendment 1*)

Councilman Garrett made a motion to reduce the proposed employee general wage increase from 3% to 1%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. Following discussion, Councilman Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilman Alexander. A voice vote was taken; the motion to cease discussion on the amendment passed. The following vote on the amendment was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Burkhart, Garrett, Guzman, Redd, Smith

NAY: Grubbs, Lewis, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to reduce the employee general wage increase to 1% passed.

NEW POSITIONS *(Amendment 2)*

Councilman Alexander made a motion to delete (\$74,000) the new position for Police Grounds/Facility Maintenance worker and Information Technology Applications Specialist. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Burkhardt, Garrett, Powers, Redd, Smith

NAY: Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McMillan, Wallace

The motion to delete the stated positions passed.

EMPLOYEE GENERAL WAGE INCREASE *(Amendment 3)*

Councilman Alexander made a motion to increase the amended employee general wage increase from 1% to 1.75%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wallace. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Grubbs, Lewis, McMillan, Wallace

NAY: Burkhardt, Garrett, Guzman, Powers, Redd, Smith

The motion to increase the employee general wage increase from 1% to 1.75% failed.

PROPERTY TAX RATE *(Amendment 4)*

Councilman Alexander made a motion to reduce the proposed property tax rate from \$1.31 to \$1.28. The motion was not seconded.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCY FUNDING *(Amendment 5)*

Councilman Lewis made a motion to delete \$125,000 for Miscellaneous Agencies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Lewis, McMillan, Redd, Smith

NAY: Burkhardt, Guzman, Powers, Wallace

ABSTAIN: Garrett, Grubbs

The motion to delete \$125,000 for Miscellaneous Agency funding passed.

EMPLOYEE GENERAL WAGE INCREASE (*Amendment 6*)

Councilman Lewis made a motion to raise the employee general wage increase from 1% to 3%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grubbs. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Grubbs, Lewis, McMillan

NAY: Alexander, Burkhardt, Garrett, Guzman, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion to raise the employee general wage increase to 3% failed.

ADOPTION OF FY16 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

Councilman Lewis called for the question on the original motion. The question was seconded by Councilman Grubbs. A voice vote was taken; the motion passed. The following vote on the motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 77-2014-15** on first reading was recorded:

AYE: Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

NAY: Alexander, Burkhardt, Garrett, Redd, Smith

The motion to adopt the FY16 General Government Budget on first reading passed.

BUDGET RECONSIDERED

In response to Councilwoman Guzman's question, Ms. Matta confirmed the first reading property tax rate was \$1.31. Councilwoman Guzman made a motion to reconsider the vote. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Burkhardt, Garrett, Guzman, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: Grubbs, Lewis

The motion to reconsider passed.

PROPERTY TAX RATE (*Amendment 7*)

Councilman Garrett made a motion to reduce the property tax rate from \$1.31 to \$1.285. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Garrett, Guzman, Powers

NAY: Burkhardt, Grubbs, Lewis, McMillan, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion to reduce the property tax rate to \$1,285 failed.

ADOPTION OF FY16 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

Councilman Alexander called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilman Redd. A voice vote was taken; the motion to cease discussion passed.

The following vote on the original motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 77-2014-15** on first reading was recorded:

AYE: Grubbs, Lewis, McMillan, Powers

NAY: Alexander, Burkhart, Garrett, Guzman, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion to adopt the FY16 General Government Budget on first reading failed.

FY16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

ORDINANCE 69-2014-15 (Second Reading) Amending the FY15 Budget and approving the FY15-20 Consolidated Plan and the FY16 Annual Action Plan and Budget and authorizing application for Community Development Block grant and HOME Investment Partnership Funds

Councilman Lewis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Guzman. Councilman Alexander made a motion to postpone action on this ordinance until the employee general wage increase is determined. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Guzman. Ms. Matta said this ordinance does not specify a pay increase and stated the employees of this department would receive the same increase that is approved for the general government. The motion and second to postpone were withdrawn. The following vote on the original motion was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Burkhart, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McMillan, Powers, Redd, Smith

NAY: Garrett

The motion to adopt the FY16 Community Development Budget on second reading passed.

FY16 CLARKSVILLE TRANSIT SYSTEM BUDGET

ORDINANCE 71-2014-15 (Second Reading) Amending the FY15 Operating and Capital Budgets and adopting the FY16 Operating and Capital Budgets for Clarksville Transit System

Councilman Lewis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grubbs. Councilman Alexander made a motion to postpone second reading indefinitely until the general wage increase is determined. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded.

AYE: Alexander, Burkhart, Garrett, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McMillan

The motion to postpone second reading on this ordinance indefinitely passed.

FY16 GAS & WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

ORDINANCE 73-2014-15 (Second Reading) Amending the FY15 Operating and Capital Budgets and adopting the FY16 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Clarksville Gas & Water Department

Councilman Lewis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grubbs. Councilman Alexander made a motion to postpone second reading indefinitely until the general wage increase is determined. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The following vote was recorded.

AYE: Alexander, Burkhart, Garrett, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McMillan

The motion to postpone second reading on this ordinance indefinitely passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m