



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
JULY 7, 2015**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Kim McMillan on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 6:06 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by Councilman Wallace Redd; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Joel Wallace.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Richard Garrett (Ward 1), Deanna McLaughlin (Ward 2), Wallace Redd (Ward 4), Valerie Guzman (Ward 5), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Geno Grubbs (Ward 7), David Allen (Ward 8), Joel Wallace, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 9), Mike Alexander (Ward 10), Bill Powers (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (Ward 12)

ABSENT: James Lewis (Ward 3)

FY16 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ORDINANCE 10-2015-16 (Second 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

There was no objection to Finance Director Laurie Matta responding to questions from councilmembers.

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

CEASE DISCUSSION

Councilman Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Redd, Smith

NAY: Alexander, Allen, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McLaughlin, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to cease discussion on **ORDINANCE 10-2015-16** failed.

FIRE STATION 11 (*Amendment 1*)

Councilwoman McLaughlin made a motion to add the \$1,400,000 Fire Station 11 Capital Project (deleted on July 6th). The motion was seconded by Garrett. In response to Councilman Allen's question, Ms. Matta said approximately \$320,000 had already been spent on the project. Councilman Burkhart encouraged members to reevaluate the location of Fire Station 11. Fire Chief Mike Roberts said the current ten stations cover emergency responses for 9.6 square miles and the coverage would decrease to 8 square miles with Fire Station 11 and Fire Station 12. Councilwoman McLaughlin said the City Council should consider a moratorium on residential development in the Exit 1 area if Fire Station 11 is not funded. Councilman Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilman Alexander. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McLaughlin, McMillan, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

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

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Garrett, Grubbs, McLaughlin, McMillan, Powers, Redd, Wallace

NAY: Burkhart, Guzman, Smith

The motion to add the \$1,400,000 Fire Station 11 capital project back into the Capital Projects budget passed.

CARDINAL LANE (*Amendment 2*)

Councilman Garrett made a motion to remove the Cardinal Lane capital project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. Councilman Allen and Councilman Alexander expressed support for this project. Councilman Redd called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilman Alexander. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: McMillan

The motion to cease discussion passed. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Guzman, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

NAY: Alexander, Grubbs, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to delete the Cardinal Lane capital project passed.

ADVERTISING *(Amendment 3)*

Councilwoman Guzman made a motion to add \$45,000 to the Legislative Budget for media advertising and marketing (deleted July 6th). The motion was seconded by Councilman Grubbs. The following vote was recorded::

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Smith, Wallace

NAY: Alexander, Garrett, McLaughlin, Redd

The motion to add \$45,000 back into the Legislative Budget passed.

PROPERTY TAX RATE *(Amendment 4)*

Councilman Powers made a motion to increase the property tax rate to \$1.24 to avoid a drastic tax increase for FY17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. Ms. Matta suggested a stable rate of \$1.30. Councilman Redd made a motion to table this motion to allow presentation of additional amendments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Guzman, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

NAY: Alexander, Grubbs, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to table passed.

U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS *(Amendment 5)*

Councilman Allen made a motion to delete \$18,680 from the Mayor's Office budget for U.S. Conference of Mayors membership dues. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLaughlin. Mayor McMillan, who was currently serving as the U.S.C.M Board of Trustees, said this membership give national recognition to the City of

Clarksville. Councilman Alexander called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilman Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Gubbs, Guzman, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: Powers

The motion to crease discussion on this amendment passed. The following vote on the amendment was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, McLaughlin, Redd

NAY: Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Smith, Wallace

The motion to delete funding for U.S. Conference of Mayors membership dues failed due to lack of a majority.

CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION (*Amendment 6*)

Councilman Allen made a motion to delete \$87,000, plus benefits, for the position of Chief of Administration (Mayor's Office). The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: Alexander, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers

The motion to delete funding for the position of Chief of Administration failed due to lack of a majority.

MILITARY LIAISON (*Amendment 7*)

Councilman Allen made a motion to delete \$68,223 for the position of Military Liaison (Legislative Budget). The motion was seconded by Councilman Garrett. Councilwoman McLaughlin offered an amendment to delete \$6,800 in expenses associated with this position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen. Councilwoman Guzman was concerned that the City could lose some communication with Fort Campbell. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Garrett, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

NAY: Burkhart, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

Councilwoman McLaughlin's amendment failed due to lack of a majority. The following vote on the original motion was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Garrett, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

NAY: Burkhart, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to delete funding for the position of Military Liaison failed due to lack of a majority.

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES *(Amendment 8)*

Councilwoman McLaughlin made a motion to delete \$13,674 for National League of Cities membership dues and conference expenses (Legislative Budget). The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Grubbs, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to delete funding for National League of Cities dues and conference passed.

CEASE DISCUSSION

Councilwoman McLaughlin called for the question on the main motion. The question was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, McLaughlin, Redd

NAY: Alexander, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Smith, Wallace

The motion to cease discussion on **ORDINANCE 10-2015-16** failed.

PROPERTY TAX RATE *(Amendment 4)*

Councilman Powers made a motion to remove Amendment 4 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. The following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

The motion to remove Amendment 4 from the table failed.

CEASE DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Allen called for the question on the main motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Allen. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

NAY: Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to cease discussion on **ORDINANCE 10-2015-16** passed.

ADOPTION OF FY16 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

The following vote on **ORDINANCE 10-2015-16** as amended was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

NAY: Alexander, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

The motion to adopt the FY16 General Government Budget failed.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to reconsider **ORDINANCE 10-2015-16** on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garrett. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Guzman, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: Grubbs

The motion to reconsider passed.

PROPERTY TAX RATE (*Amendment 9*)

Councilman Garrett made a motion to set the property tax rate at \$1.24. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. Councilman Burkhart was concerned that possible reductions in personnel at Fort Campbell could cause a hardship on some property owners. Councilman Garrett said a reduction in residential insurance premiums resulting from the City's improved Insurance Service Organization fire rating could offset a property tax increase.

Councilman Alexander called for the question on this amendment. The question was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McLaughlin, Wallace

NAY: Allen, McMillan, Powers, Redd, Smith

The motion to cease discussion on this amendment failed due to lack of 2/3 majority. Following further discussion, Councilman Redd called for the question on this amendment. The question was seconded by Councilwoman McLaughlin. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

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

AYE: Alexander, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

NAY: Allen, Burkhart, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

The motion to set the property tax rate at \$1.24 passed.

ADOPTION OF FY16 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, McMillan, Powers, Wallace

NAY: Allen, Burkhart, McLaughlin, Redd, Smith

The motion to adopt the FY16 General Government Budget, as amended, passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.