



# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE

## AUGUST 29, 2019

### AGENDA

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Conference Room

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ATTENDANCE
- 3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES: July 23
- 4) **RESOLUTION 19-2019-20** Approving the City of Clarksville's Legislative Agenda for consideration by the Tennessee General Assembly
- 5) ADJOURNMENT



## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE JULY 23, 2019

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Clarksville's Legislative Committee was called to order by Chairman Jeff Burkhart on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

#### ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Jeff Burkhart, Ron Erb, Stacey Streetman

Mayor Joe Pitts and City Attorney Lance Baker were also present.

#### MINUTES

Councilman Erb made a motion to adopt the June 18 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Streetman. A voice vote was taken; the motion passed without objection.

#### CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mayor Pitts shared recommendations from City Departments:

- Finance Department: Increase the driver's license fee from \$4 to \$10. There was no objection.
- Parks & Recreation: Expand non-smoking areas in public venues. Councilman Burkhart said this restriction should be considered at the local level. Mr. Baker said this could be accomplished by ordinance or included in parks regulations.
- Parks & Recreation: Therapy dogs. Mr. Baker said regulating therapy dogs on public property is not enforceable.
- Parks & Recreation: Encourage full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. There was no objection.

- Police: Establish a penalty for owners of vehicles that flee from law enforcement. There was no objection.
- CDE: Expand broadband outside the city limits. Mayor Pitts said the City should support CDE's effort to provide internet service to rural areas.
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION: Encourage tax credits for preservation of historic buildings. There was no objection.
- MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION: Encourage creation of a State Military Affairs Commission. There was no objection.
- JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER: There was no objection.
- VARIOUS STATE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: I-24/Kentucky State Line to I-24/Exit 11, I-24/Exit 11 to I-24/Exit 40, I-24/Exit 1 left turn signal, SR48/Trenton Road, SR374, SR13 Wilma Rudolph Boulevard, and SR112/Madison Street. There was no objection.

Mayor Pitts highlighted the following requests from Montgomery County: Allowing dogs in the Election Commission, various road improvement projects, youth detention center, mandatory retirement for EMS employees, and funding for improvements to Port Royal and Dunbar Cave parks.

Councillady Streetman mentioned insurance coverage for additional types of cancer for firefighters and offered to obtain more information.

Mr. Baker offered to get information regarding recovery of in-house attorney fees to protect city officials and employees.

Mayor Pitts said the joint request should be finalized by September 24.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION 19-2019-20

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 111TH TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*WHEREAS*, the City of Clarksville's Legislative Committee, recently appointed by the City Mayor, was charged with developing an agenda of items to be recommended for consideration by the 111th Tennessee General Assembly; and

*WHEREAS*, the City's 2020 Legislative Agenda includes proposed legislation relative to Department of Safety fees, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a state Military Affairs Commission, penalties for certain traffic violations, tax credits for historic building preservation, and major road improvement projects; and

*WHEREAS*, the City's approved requests will be forwarded to the Montgomery County Mayor for inclusion in the Montgomery County Legislative Liaison Committee's agenda which will be forwarded to the local delegation of the Tennessee General Assembly.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE:*

That the Clarksville City Council hereby adopts the 2020 Legislative Agenda, attached hereto as Exhibit A, proposed by the City's Legislative Committee, which will be forwarded to the Montgomery County Legislative Liaison Committee and subsequently considered by the 111th Tennessee General Assembly.

*ADOPTED:*

# EXHIBIT A



## City of Clarksville 2020 Legislative Agenda

*Presented to the*

### **111th Tennessee General Assembly**

Clarksville/Montgomery County Delegation

Senator Bill Powers, SD-22  
Deputy Speaker & Representative Curtis Johnson, HD-68  
Representative Jason Hodges HD-67  
Representative Jay Reedy, HD-74

### **Legislative Agenda Ad-hoc Committee Members**

Councilman Jeff Burkhart, Chairman  
Councilman Ron Erb  
Council-Lady Stacey Streetman  
& Clarksville City Council  
Mayor Joe Pitts

## 1. Administrative Processing Fee increase proposal to the Tennessee Department of Safety

### Item:

Increase the administrative processing fee, from \$4 to \$10 per transaction, provided to local partners for providing DMV services. The citizen pays the fee in addition to the drivers license renewal fee for the convenience of utilizing the City Hall location. The City retains the fee as per state law. The TCA needing to be amended is below:

55-50-331. Examination for, and issuance, renewal and contents of, licenses --  
Conditional licenses.

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**(a)** Notwithstanding this chapter to the contrary, the department has oversight of the issuance, examination and renewal of all driver licenses provided for in this chapter. The department is authorized to contract for the provision of any service related to the issuance, examination and renewal of driver licenses subject to applicable contracting statutes and regulations. The commissioner has the discretion to solicit outside consulting services in order to accomplish on a competitive basis the design and application of the system and implementation of this system. Any entity so contracting with the department is authorized to charge an additional fee of four dollars (\$4.00), which shall be retained by the entity for administrative costs.

For more information please contact Councilman Jeff Burkhart, Ward 12 City Councilman at [jeff.burkhar@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:jeff.burkhar@cityofclarksville.com), 931/206-6949

**2. Support full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.**

**Item:**

Counties and cities across the state have used the LWCF grant program to create parks and recreation opportunities. We encourage our delegation to support full funding for LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund). <https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/advocacy/advocacy-engage/> The city of Clarksville has been successful in receiving grant funds for many years and we are needing this funding to continue as our community grows and facilities are needed to meet the demand.

For more information please contact Council-Lady Stacey Streetman, Ward 9 City Council-Lady at [stacey.streetman@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:stacey.streetman@cityofclarksville.com) or 931/206-0950

### **3. Create a Military Affairs Commission for the state of Tennessee.**

**Item:**

The impact of Fort Campbell and other military related investments in our state necessitate the need to create a Military Affairs Commission by the state of Tennessee. In 2008-09 the state of Tennessee eliminated the Military Affairs Commission due to inactivity. The multi-billion dollar impact of Fort Campbell alone, and other military related entities in our state deserve a cabinet level, stand alone commission that will measure and track the importance of military affairs in our state.

For more information please contact Mayor Joe Pitts, [joe.pitts@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:joe.pitts@cityofclarksville.com)  
931/645-7444

**4. Establish a penalty for the registered vehicle owner failing to act responsibly when vehicle flees from law enforcement.**

Item:

It is a class E felony to flee from a lawful traffic stop. We have one of the most restrictive pursuit policies in the State and we have people flee traffic stops constantly. When you examine the costs of vehicle pursuits not only across the Nation, and the State but here in Clarksville over the years it has been enormous. There have been instances here in Clarksville where innocent citizens have been injured, and killed due to the result of a vehicle pursuit. The problem we have as well as any other Law Enforcement agency has is if we can't identify the driver there is very little we can do. The city of Clarksville's Police Department has requested some sort of penalty for the registered owner failing to act responsible. For instance Police officer goes to stop a Sport Bike on the bypass and he/she flees at 100 plus mph. there is no way to identify the operator so there is very little officers can do except question the registered owner. Recommendation for law enforcement to take some form of action supported by T.C.A., such as issuing the registered owner a citation for failure to act as a responsible motor vehicle owner which would also mean points on that individual's license.

2018: 130 incidents of non pursuits

2017: 135 incidents of non pursuits

For more information please contact Councilman Ron Erb, Ward 3 City Councilman, [ron.erb@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:ron.erb@cityofclarksville.com) or 931/801-5811

**5. Support legislation to create a tax credit program to protect and preserve historic buildings in the state.**

**Item:**

State Historic Tax Credits: owners of qualifying historic structures may apply for credits against certain state tax liability for rehabilitation and preservation of the structure. Legislation has been filed in the Tennessee General Assembly in the past that addresses the threat to historic buildings falling into disrepair. A most recent bill was filed in 2017 entitled the “Historic Rehabilitation Investment Incentive Act.”

For more information please contact Council-Lady Stacey Streetman, Ward 9 City Council-Lady at [stacey.streetman@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:stacey.streetman@cityofclarksville.com) or 931/206-0950

6. **ROAD PROJECTS:** Encourage the Tennessee Department of Transportation to obligate funding for the following projects:

**Item:**

Encourage the Tennessee Department of Transportation to obligate funding for the following projects:

**PURPOSE:** Support the Region and State economic vitality by enabling competitiveness, productivity and efficiency. Increase the safety and security of the transportation system. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve air quality and overall quality of life.

- Widening of Interstate 24 from Exit 11 to Nashville
- Continuation of SR374 from Dunbar Cave Rd to SR112/Madison St

The road projects listed below are currently part of the Improve Act. We join Montgomery County government to ask for **your continued support** of these projects **and to ensure funding** is available for timely completion.

- SR48/Trenton Rd. (from SR374/101st Pkwy. to near I-24) encourage TDOT to complete the PE-NEPA phase in a timely manner. Funding was obligated in the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Complete the PE-Design phase in a timely manner. Partial funding is obligated in the FY2020-2023 TIP.
- SR374 extension (from Dotsonville Rd. to SR149) Encourage TDOT to complete the PE NEPA document. Corridor public meetings were conducted in Nov, 1997, Funding was obligated in the FY2005-2008 TIP. Then complete the PE-Design phase according to schedule so Right-of-Way phase can begin as per the FY2020-2023 TIP.
- SR374 extension (from Dotsonville Rd. to US79/SR76/Dover Rd.) **encourage TDOT to** complete PE-NEPA document. Corridor public meetings were conducted in Nov, 1997. Funding was obligated in the FY2005-2008 TIP. Then complete the PE-Design phase according to schedule so Right-of-Way phase can begin as per the FY2020-2023 TIP.
- **1-24 widening (from KY State line to SR76/exit 11) to encourage TDOT to obligate funding to complete the PE-NEPA phase and move to Design in a timely manner.**

### Projects that need to be constructed:

- SR13/Wilma Rudolph Blvd. (from Holiday Dr. to Alfred Thun Rd.) encourage TDOT to issue Construction bid letting as scheduled for Dec. 2019. Safety **improvements** include double-lane the eastbound off ramp, install a traffic signal and provide more storage under the current interchange for the I-24 west bound on ramp. Funding was obligated in the FY2014-2017 TIP.
- SR112/Madison St. sidewalks, **service roads and SR76 intersection (as 1 project)** encourage TDOT to issue Construction bid letting as scheduled for Aug. 2020. Funding was obligated in the FY2017-2020 TIP and FY2020-2023 TIP.

For more detailed information please contact Joe Pitts, City of Clarksville Mayor at [joe.pitts@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:joe.pitts@cityofclarksville.com), 931/645-7444 or Jim Durrett, Montgomery County Mayor at [mayordurrett@mcgtn.net](mailto:mayordurrett@mcgtn.net), 931-648-5787