



# **CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 3, 2019**

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by Bishop Calvin Lockett, Christ the Healer Church; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emmanuel Bracey.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Vondell Richmond (Ward 2), Ron Erb (Ward 3), Tim Chandler (Ward 4), Valerie Guzman (Ward 5), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Travis Holleman (Ward 7), David Allen, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 8), Jeff Henley (Ward 9), Stacey Streetman (Ward 10), Bill Powers (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (12)

**ABSENT:** Richard Garrett (Ward 1)

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Pitts recognized members of the Mayor's Youth Council who were in the audience and thanked them for their work.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Councilman Allen made a motion to conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding a request for zone change. There was no objection.

**ORDINANCE 38-2018-19** (First Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Phillip O'Neill Walker, Houston Smith-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Ringgold Road and Brentwood Circle from AG Agricultural District, R-1 Single Family Residential District and C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District

Todd Morris, developer and builder of the proposed project, offered to answer questions. Mike McLaughlin, adjacent property owner, expressed concern about increased traffic that would be created by an apartment complex and noted there were existing R-4 lots already available in the area, no sidewalks or mass transit nearby, and property values would decrease. Kenny Holland said gang activity was present in the neighborhood and drainage would become a problem.

In rebuttal, Mr. Morris said he had presented a drainage plan for the development and noted a traffic signal had already improved traffic. He said he would consider installing a fence adjacent to the single-family homes. Michael Evans said he relocated to this area to escape gang activity and traffic congestion.

Councilman Allen made a motion to revert to regular session. There was no objection.

#### ADOPTION OF ZONING

**ORDINANCE 29-2018-19** (First Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Estate of Harold W. Weakley, Kathy Biter, Executrix, for zone change on property located north of Crossland Avenue, East of Martin Street, South of Washington Street, and west of Greenwood Avenue from R-4 Multiple Family Residential District to IC Institutional/Civic District

The recommendations of the Regional Planning Staff and Commission were for approval. The public hearing for this ordinance was held December 6, 2018 and first reading was postponed on that date. Councilman Allen made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart.

Councilman Powers, Councilman Burkhart, Councilwoman Streetman, Councilman Chandler, and Councilwoman Smith expressed support for the work of Loaves & Fishes. Councilman Allen said the organization was making efforts to compromise.

Following discussion, Councilman Powers called for the question; the question was seconded by Councilwoman Guzman. There was no objection to ceasing discussion. The following vote on the main motion was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Pitts, Powers, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

The recommendation of the Regional Planning Staff and Commission were for approval of **ORDINANCE 38-2018-19**. Councilman Allen made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. Councilman Chandler said the area schools and road were already overloaded. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Henley, Holleman, Pitts, Powers, Streetman

NAY: Chandler, Erb, Guzman, Richmond, Smith

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

## CONSENT AGENDA

*All items in this portion of the agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and may be approved by one motion; however, a member of the Council may request that an item be removed for separate consideration under the appropriate committee report:*

1. **ORDINANCE 23-2018-19** (Second Reading) Authorizing extension of utilities to property located on Lisa Court; request of Vernon Weakley
2. **ORDINANCE 30-2018-19** (Second Reading) Authorizing negotiations and purchase of easements and/or rights of way or use of eminent domain for acquisition of property for the Northeast Connector Project
3. **ORDINANCE 31-2018-19** (Second Reading) Authorizing negotiations and purchase of easements and/or rights of way or use of eminent domain for acquisition of property for intersection improvement at Trenton Road and Meriwether Road
4. **ORDINANCE 32-2018-19** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Luke Baggett, Syd Hedrick/Byers & Harvey-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Charlotte Street and Current Street from R-3 Three Family Residential District to R-6 Single Family District
5. **ORDINANCE 33-2018-19** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Crocker Rental Partnership for zone change on property located east of Ft. Campbell Boulevard, south of Park Lane, north of Maple Street, and west of Rebecca Lane from C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District
6. **ORDINANCE 34-2018-19** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Bettie G. Henley, David Henley-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Providence Boulevard, Beech Street, and Plum Street from R-4 Multiple Family Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District

7. **ORDINANCE 35-2018-19** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Richard Collins for zone change on property located at the west terminus of Batts Lane from RM-1 Single Family Mobile Home Residential District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District

8. **ORDINANCE 36-2018-19** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of BJ Properties for zone change on property located at the intersection of Heritage Point Drive and Tiny Town Road from C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District

9. **ORDINANCE 37-2018-19** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of CBP Properties, Houston Smith-Agent, for zone change on property at the intersection of High Street and Perkins Avenue from R-3 Three Family Residential District to R-6 Single Family District

10. Adoption of Minutes: December 6

Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Councilman Burkhart disclosed that he was joint owner of property affected by **ORDINANCE 31-2018-19**. Councilman Chandler voted “nay” on **ORDINANCE 33-2018-19**. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Pitts, Powres, Smith, Streetman

ABSTAIN: Richmond

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as noted passed.

#### COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*David Allen, Chair*

Councilman Allen announced two houses were scheduled for demolition in Ward 6 on Stafford Street and Ford Street. November Continuum of Care Services included 391 households, 1,990 individuals, 114 transitional housing cases, 34 permanent housing cases, and 2,568 food boxes.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jeff Burkhart, Chair*

No report; the Finance Committee did not meet in December.

#### GAS & WATER COMMITTEE

*Bill Powers, Chair*

No report; the Gas & Water Committee did not meet in December.

## PARKS & RECREATION

*Valerie Guzman, Chair*

Those present applauded Council lady Guzman's announcement of the births of her two grandchildren on January 1st.

Council lady Guzman shared information on upcoming events including Pickle Ball, Chocolate Affair, and the Crow Center Valentine's Day Party.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

*Jeff Henley, Chair*

Councilman Henley shared the following monthly department statistics: Building & Codes - 1,388 inspections, 128 enforcement cases, 29 single-family permits, and 122 abatement work orders; Fire Rescue - 1,151 service calls (14,119 in 2018); Police - 161,493 calls in 2018.

## STREETS & GARAGE COMMITTEE

*Tim Chandler, Chair*

Councilman Chandler shared the following monthly department statistics: Garage - 709 work orders (November and December), \$1.41/gallon unleaded fuel and \$1.75/gallon diesel fuel; Street Department - 216 work orders, debris pickup was available through January 15.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*Wanda Smith, Chair*

Council lady Smith shared the following monthly department statistics: CTS - 52,496 passengers including 5,946 senior citizens, 327 wheelchair passengers, 280 Warm Souls passengers, and 22 Operation Safe Ride passengers.

## NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION 40-2018-19** Designating a portion of SR 79/Guthrie Highway as "LG Highway"

Mayor Pitts made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. Mayor Pitts said this would be an official name change of the roadway which included one property owner and said the directional signs on Interstate 24 would be changed by the State of Tennessee. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Pitts, Powers, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this resolution passed. Mayor Pitts presented a framed copy of the adopted resolution to Jen Chang of LG Electronics.

## MAYOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Pitts expressed appreciation to City Clerk Sylvia Skinner, Parks & Recreation Department, and Clarksville Transit System for organizing the January 2nd Oath of Office Ceremony for elected officials.

Mayor Pitts introduced Clarksville's First Lady, Cynthia Pitts, and Chief of Staff James Halford, Air Force Veteran and Retired Fort Campbell Garrison's Director of Logistics and Strategic Planning. He expressed appreciation to LaVon Bracey, Mayor's Office Executive Assistant, and Receptionist Amanda Constantine.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.