



REGULAR SESSION APRIL 2, 2020

MINUTES

IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE THE RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19), THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA GOOGLE MEETS AND LIVE STREAMED ON CITYOFCLARKSVILLE.COM.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was conducted via Google Meets from City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by Councillady Wanda Smith.

ATTENDANCE

Members responded verbally to roll call and participation was recorded as follows:

PARTICIPATING: Richard Garrett (Ward 1), 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), Gary Norris (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (Ward 12)

Mayor Pitts thanked the staff of Information Technology for their assistance in facilitating the electronic meetings.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC MEETING

“In order to comply with the technical aspects of the Governor’s Executive Order regarding holding open meetings in a forum other than in the open and in public, this governing body determines that meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens due to the COVID-19 outbreak.”

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the electronic meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. A voice vote was taken; the motion unanimously passed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE 64-2019-20 (First Reading; Postponed March 5) Amending the City Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to Historic Overlay District and the appeals process contained therein

The public hearing for this amendment was held March 5, 2020. Councilman Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. Councilwoman Smith said some applicants may not be able to afford an appeal if they are required to file in Chancery Court. In response to Councilman Henley's question, Mayor Pitts said applicants would appeal in Chancery Court and not to the City Council. Answering Councilman Allen's question, Mayor Pitts said state funding was issued to the Regional Planning Commission. There was no objection to recess to hear information from Regional Planning Commission Director Jeff Tyndall who said \$75,000 designated for historic downtown had been received since 2012. There was no objection to reverting to regular session. Councilman Norris noted these cases do not occur often and said he supports the designation of Certified Local Government which makes the City eligible for state benefits.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Streetman

NAY: Allen, Smith

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

ORDINANCE 69-2019-20 (First Reading; Postponed March 5) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Claudelle B. Wootton Living Trust/William N. Wootton, Robert Mallory-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Warfield Boulevard and Rossview Road from O-1 Office District to C-2 General Commercial District

The public hearing for this request was held March 5, 2020. Councilman Garrett made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. Councilman Burkhart made a motion to refer this request back to the Regional Planning Commission for consideration of R-2 Single Family Residential District instead of C-2 General Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chandler. Councilman Chandler supported reverting this request for consideration of the R-4 zone showing the City Council's willingness to address the concerns of all parties involved. Councilman Richmond noted the public would have an opportunity to attend the meetings at the Regional Planning Commission. In response to Councilman

Allen's question, Councilman Burkhart said the applicant did support sending this request to the RPC for consideration of R-2 and noted that none of the parties involved wanted a street that would connect to Virginia Hills Subdivision.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

The motion to refer this request back to the Regional Planning Commission unanimously 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 62-2019-20** (Second Reading) Authorizing extension of utility services to 255 Harper Road; request of Karen McKay
2. **ORDINANCE 63-2019-20** (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code pertaining to a prohibition on electric motorized bicycles, scooters, and skateboards
3. **ORDINANCE 65-2019-20** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Providence Builders, LLC, Jacquyn Elliott-Agent, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Whitfield Road and Prewitt Lane from AG Agricultural District to R-2 Single Family Residential District
4. **ORDINANCE 68-2019-20** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Richard Tucker, Et Ux, for zone change on property located at the intersection of Parkway Place and Stonecrossing Drive from C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District to R-4 Multiple Family Residential District
5. **ORDINANCE 70-2019-20** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Rex Hawkins for zone change on property located south of Arrowood Drive, west of Quin Lane, north of Cunningham Lane, and east of Panorama Drive from C-5 Highway & Arterial Commercial District to C-2 General Commercial District
6. **RESOLUTION 46-2019-20** Approving appointments to Beer Board, Gas & Plumbing Board, and Regional Planning Commission
 - *Beer Board: Terri Clore, John Hancock - April 2020 through March 2022*
 - *Gas & Plumbing Board: Mark Deering, Chris Steffens - April 2020 through March 2023*
 - *Regional Planning Commission: Maria Jiminez - April 2, 2020 through January 10, 2022*

7. **RESOLUTION 50-2019-20** Approving a Certificate of Compliance for retail liquor sales for The Wine Cellar (4 Leland Drive)
8. Adoption of Minutes March 5, March 18, and March 23

Councillady Guzman made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. Councilman Chandler and Councilman Henley voted “nay” on **ORDINANCE 63-2019-20**. Councilman Chandler voted “nay” on **ORDINANCE 65-2019-20**. Councilman Burkhart abstained from voting on **ORDINANCE 70-2019-20**. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with members’ notations unanimously passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Chairman Jeff Burkhart*

ORDINANCE 71-2019-20 (First Reading) Amending the FY20 Parks & Recreation Operating and Capital Projects budget for repairs to Burt Cobb and Crow Recreation Centers

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was for approval. Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. Councillady Streetman said both centers were in dire need of repairs. Councilman Allen asked if second reading could be considered during a special session to expedite the repairs while the centers were closed. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Chandler, ERB, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading unanimously passed.

GAS & WATER COMMITTEE *Chairlady Valerie Guzman*

Councillady Guzman said the Gas & Water Department was currently closed to the public due to the COVID-19 outbreak. She said operators of the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant were working 24 hours per day and administrative staff was continuing to perform essential services.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE *Chairman David Allen*

Councilman Allen noted a draft of the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan was made available on March 27 for the 30-day public comment period. Councillady Guzman expressed appreciation for the department’s support of the United Way during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE *Chairlady Valerie Guzman*

Councillady Guzman noted special events that had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak included the Clarksville Film Festival, adult kickball and softball, youth baseball and softball, Father-Daughter Dance, and the delayed opening for Downtown Market.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE *Chairman Jeff Henley*

Councilman Henley said department statistics were not available. He reminded all citizens to adhere to the Governor's and the Mayor's Executive Orders during the pandemic and directed public inquiries to the Police Department hotline (931.472.3600).

STREETS & GARAGE COMMITTEE *Chairman Tim Chandler*

Councilman Chandler shared the following department statistics: 290 work orders and 450 debris pickups. He said paving had begun in the Bel Aire Subdivision and sidewalk installation continued in the New Providence area. He noted mosquito control began April 1st.

Councilman Chandler said the City Garage worked 711 manhours and noted department expenses were \$33,000 less than the previous year.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE *Chairlady Wanda Smith*

Councillady Smith shared the following monthly statistics: 48,469 passengers during March including 5,982 senior citizens, and 2,600 demand responses. CTS reported all buses were cleaned and disinfected several times daily.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Pitts thanked the City Council for their support and cooperation by taking necessary actions during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ADOPTED: May 7, 2020