



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
APRIL 21, 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**

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. This meeting was conducted via Google Meets from City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee

A prayer was offered by Mayor Pro Tem David Allen.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members responded verbally 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 Joe Pitts, City Attorney Lance Baker, and City Clerk Sylvia Skinner, as well as SGT. Chuck Gill and representatives from the City Information Technology Department, were physically present in the Council Chambers. Several Department Heads were also connected to the meet.

**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.”*

Councillady Smith made a motion to approve conducting this meeting by electronic means. The motion was seconded by Councilman Norris. A voice vote was taken; the motion passed without objection.

## E911 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION 54-2019-20** Approving an Interlocal Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) between Clarksville-Montgomery County 911 Emergency Communications District and the City of Clarksville (Clarksville Police Department and Clarksville Fire Rescue) relative to sharing of protected health information

Councilman Norris made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councillady Guzman. Mayor Pitts said this agreement needed further review and evaluation. Councilman Norris made a motion to defer action on this resolution to the next regular session. The motion was seconded by Councillady Guzman. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to defer action on this resolution to the next regular session unanimously passed.

## ALTERNATE PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

**RESOLUTION 55-2019-20** Approving alternative public hearing procedures during the time period of the locally declared State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Councilman Garrett made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councillady Streetman. Mayor Pitts said the Regional Planning Commission and Montgomery County Commission has adopted similar procedures. City Attorney Lance baker highlighted the proposed regulations. Councilman Chandler felt these procedures may not give the public sufficient opportunities to address the governing body. Councillady Streetman said the zoning process should proceed so development is not delayed. Mr. Baker reminded members that these procedures were temporary and only in effect during the State of Emergency. Answering Councilman Norris’ question, Mayor Pitts said responses would not be given to written comments. Councillady Smith said citizens can continue to contact members of the City Council individually. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NAY: Chandler

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

#### EXTENDING MAYOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 003

**RESOLUTION 56-2019-20** Approving extension of Mayoral Executive Order No. 003 pertaining to the Novel Coronavirus in order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 Disease (April 22 through April 28, 2020)

Councillady Smith made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holleman. Mayor Pitts said Governor Bill Lee may begin reopening businesses and restaurants on April 27, but the current state-at-home order would expire April 30. He said he and County Mayor Jim Durrett were devising a plan to reopen the local economy in a safe and orderly fashion. In response to Councillady Smith's question, Mayor Pitts said occupancy of local businesses and church gatherings would depend on the Governor's guidelines. 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 resolution unanimously passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

*ADOPTED:* May 7, 2020