



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
JUNE 23, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

In an effort to facilitate the continued response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), this meeting was conducted in person, via Google Meets, and live streamed on [cityofclarksville.com](http://cityofclarksville.com)

A prayer was offered by Councilman Ron Erb; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Stacey Streetman.

**ATTENDANCE**

IN PERSON: Richard Garrett (Ward 1), Vondell Richmond (Ward 2), Ron Erb (Ward 3), Valerie Guzman (Ward 5), David Allen, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 8), Jeff Henley (Ward 9), Stacey Streetman (Ward 10), Gary Norris (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (Ward 12)

VIA GOOGLE MEETS: Tim Chandler (Ward 4), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Travis Holleman (Ward 7)

**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 authorize the electronic meeting. The motion was seconded by Councillady Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to authorize the electronic meeting unanimously passed.

## FY21 BUDGETS - SECOND READING

### **ORDINANCE 83-2019-20** Amending the FY20 Budget and approving the FY21 Operating Budget for the Central Business Improvement District

Councillady Smith made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garrett. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 CBID Budget on second reading unanimously passed.

### **ORDINANCE 84-2019-20** Amending the Operating and Capital Budget for FY20 and adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for FY21 for CDE Lightband

Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councillady Guzman. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 CDE Lightband Budget on second reading unanimously passed.

### **ORDINANCE 85-2019-20** Amending the Operating and Capital Budget for FY20 and adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for FY21 for Clarksville Transit System

Councillady Smith made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 CTS Budget on second reading unanimously passed.

**ORDINANCE 86-2019-20** Amending the Operating and Capital Budgets for FY20 and adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for FY21 for Clarksville Gas & Water Department

Councilman Norris made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Guzman. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 Gas & Water Budget on second reading unanimously passed.

**ORDINANCE 87-2019-20** Amending the FY20 Budget and Approving the FY21 Annual Action Plan and Budget and authorizing application for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Funds

Councilwoman Streetman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garrett. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 Community Development Budget on second reading unanimously passed.

**ORDINANCE 88-2019-20** Amending the FY20 Operating Budget and adopting the FY21 Operating Budget for the Internal Service Fund

Councilman Henley made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Norris. Councilman Burkhart made a motion to amend this ordinance by increasing the FY20 Dental Fund by \$140,000 and reducing the FY21 Dental Fund by \$140,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen. The following vote was recorded:

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

The amendment to correctly appropriate FY20 and FY21 Dental Funds unanimously passed. The following vote on the motion as amended was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 Internal Service Fund Budget as amended on second reading unanimously passed.

**ORDINANCE 89-2019-20** Amending the FY20 Budget and establishing the Operating Budget for FY21 for the Clarksville Parking Commission

Councilman Henley made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richmond. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 Parking Commission Budget on second reading unanimously passed.

**ORDINANCE 90-2019-20** Amending the City of Clarksville Operating and Capital Budget for FY20 and adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for FY21 for City of Clarksville Governmental Funds and adopting the Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2020

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

Councilman Burkhart made a motion to amend this ordinance by correcting charge-outs for General Fund Departments as follows:

Legal Dept - Salaries and Wages Charge Out  
10412501-4140 Increase \$31,778

Legal Dept - Benefits Charge Out  
10412501-4299 Increase \$10,118

HR - Salaries and Wages Charge Out  
10415501-4299 Increase \$3,396

HR - Benefits Charge Out  
10415503-4802      Increase \$15,963

HR Security - Salaries and Wages Charge Out  
10415511-4140      Decrease \$4,200

HR Security - Salaries and Wages Charge Out Transit  
10415511-4140-TRAN      Increase \$7,892

HR Security - Operating Costs Charge Out  
10415513-4802      Increase \$3,784

The motion was seconded by Council lady Guzman. There was no objection to recess to hear Chief Financial Officer Laurie Matta's explanation regarding charge-outs and there was no objection to reverting to special session. The following vote was recorded:

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

The amendment correcting charge-outs unanimously passed.

Councilman Garrett made a motion to amend this ordinance to add \$25,000 for the Arts & Heritage Development Council to commission an artist to create a civil rights monument/statue in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Arts Committee. The motion was seconded by Council lady Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

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

The amendment to add \$25, 000 for the Arts & Heritage Development Council unanimously passed.

The following vote on the main motion as amended was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt the FY21 General Government Budget on second reading as amended unanimously passed.

## ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Pitts expressed sympathy to the family of Montgomery County Highway Supervisor Mike Frost who recently passed away.

Mayor Pitts announced the Governor's authorization for municipalities to conduct public meetings electronically would expire June 30 and all meetings thereafter would be held in person with precautions.

Councillady Guzman invited the public to the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Billy Dunlop Park on June 24.

Councilman Richmond announced the passing of James Fox, founder of "Recover Our Sons."

Councilman Chandler thanked all city employees who were involved in the budget process. He noted his objection to the Governor allowing cities to conduct meetings electronically.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

*ADOPTED:* July 2, 2020