

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
APRIL 12, 2021**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee assembled at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, for a meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Jenna Amacher, Daniel Berry, Rupa Blackwell, Jimmy Blanks, Robin Dunn and Sernobia McGee. All Board Members were present.

Jennifer Moody, City Administrator; Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney and Rosemary Golden, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

The invocation was said by Rev. Tom Murdock and he led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis introduced the Honorary Alderman, Ms. Haley Rich. She is a senior at Tullahoma High School (THS). Ms. Rich is involved with the following organizations at the school and community: THS Band and Color guard Captain; Mayor's Youth Group; and the student council Historian. She plans on attending LEADS University in England to study electrical engineering.

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Ms. Jennifer Moody the City Administrator. Ms. Moody gave the background information regarding the employee of the month program. Ms. Moody then recognized, Ms. Nena Abbott from the Planning and Codes Department. She was nominated by a co-worker from another department. Ms. Moody and Robert Taylor then presented Nena with her Employee of the Month Certificate.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis by the virtue of the authority vested in him, did hereby proclaim that we support and recognize our Military and Veteran Caregivers and encourage all citizens to support our military families and veteran caregivers in our community. He then presented a proclamation to Mr. Jack Hagopian.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Ms. Fran Gray, 121 Autumn Lane, stated that there will be a fund-raising event (Purple Olympics, to benefit Alzheimer's) on May 8 at the Tullahoma High School Gym at 10:00am. Congressman Jim Cooper will be there to speak.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks said thank you to Ms. Sernobia McGee for her efforts in the very successful Easter Egg hunt. He gave a "shout out" to the people who live in St. Vincent as they are experiencing ongoing volcanic eruptions. Dr. Blanks said, "Shop Tullahoma".

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said the Easter Egg hunt wash successful, they had over 500 people attend with over 8,000 eggs to hunt and lots of prizes. She thanked Alderman Blackwell and Alderman Amacher as well as numerous people and companies for their help and donations. She said she attended the Henry Cho comedian Show at the South Jackson Civic Center. Ms. McGee said she was unable to attend the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting last week. She gave a "shout out" to Corbin at Lowes.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he had become an uncle again. He said he attended a Veterans program. There will be a brain storming meeting for the "Get Fit" Tullahoma program on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the DW Wilson Community Center @ 6:00PM. He thanked the Public Works Department for their quick response to the clean-up at the Viaduct where someone had run over several signs. Mr. Berry said he took the opportunity to walk in the rain this past weekend and see some of the storm water issues for himself. He said the Police Station will have a ribbon cutting ceremony and will be open to the public on this Friday, April 16, 2021 at 11:00.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher gave her small business "shout out" to the Sellers Surplus store owned by Caleb Sellers and located at 209 NW Atlantic Street. She thanked Alderman Sernobia McGee for organizing the Easter Egg hunt the turnout was amazing, there were 312 prizes given away. Ms. Amacher said she attended the Henry Cho comedian show. She said she had received several calls concerning water run off issues. She asked Winston Brooks to give an update on the South-Central Tourism Council. Winston stated the council will be unveiling a new website this Friday. In addition, intern, Mr. Jordan Wilkins, said he is working on getting a "marker/plaque" for Dustin Lynch's information to be displayed in Tullahoma.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said stated Tennessee has 30% more trash thrown out than any other state. At last week's Farmers Market there were fifty composters given away. She stated that at an upcoming Farmers Market there will be twenty rain barrels given away. The Tullahoma Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at 8:00AM. Volunteers should meet at the Public Works building on Maplewood drive to get their supplies.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she had to miss the Tullahoma Board of Education meeting last week. She did get to attend the Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Blackwell said she will be attending a seminar on "the Body Project" in hopes to educate high school students on this issue. She assisted with another class at the West Middle School for 7th and 8th grade students on "What healthy relationships look like". Ms. Blackwell said the Community Council for Diversity and Inclusion's steering committee elected their officers. She thanked Alderman Sernobia McGee for her work with the Easter Egg Hunt which was amazing. She attended the special called Planning Commission meeting today. Ms. McGee said she will be hosting her Coffee and Conversation at the Celtic Cup this Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30am.

HONORARY ALDERMAN RICH - Ms. Rich said last weekend was senior Prom at the Tullahoma High School and who ever organized it did a great job.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated the school administration has embraced the idea of having a new (AOPA sponsored) curriculum added to their fall schedule. He attended a Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Knowis explained the "round-up" program that the Tullahoma Utility Authority has put into practice recently.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City, including the delinquent property tax sale. He said he attended the recent Planning and Coordinating meeting. He looks forward to the improvements at the Ovoca Road and Riley Creek Road intersection.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Ms. Jennifer Moody reported our Charter change (regarding the elimination of elections every year) is still in the Tennessee General Assembly. If passed by the State, then it will be returned to this Board for a final vote. Ms. Moody said the Recreation Department (Lyle Russell) will be preparing a summer tutoring program for the local students. Ms. Moody said the Finance Department is currently working on a budget proposal for the upcoming year and all our insurance policies/rates are looking good. She said the Tullahoma Airport had a great write-up in the Town and City Magazine. Ms. Moody said Kurt Glick, Recreation Director, will be retiring the first week in May and she hopes to bring a replacement recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Alderman by the second meeting in May. Ms. Moody said she attended a very informative Tennessee City Managers Association seminar in Murfreesboro last week.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 21-43- MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

ITEM NO. 21-44 – ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$3,200 FROM THE TENNESSEE TITANS’ FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE TULLAHOMA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT’S NFL FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM

ITEM NO. 21-45 – SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 26, 2021 ON A REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT THE 1600 BLOCK OF CEDAR LANE FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-3) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-2)

ITEM NO. 21-46 – APPROVE A SCOPE OF WORK WITH ROGERS GROUP AND A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$125,000 FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE INTERSECTION OF OVOCA ROAD AT RILEY CREEK ROAD

Mayor Knowis read the captions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the items listed above on the consent agenda.

Alderman Amacher asked that Agenda Item No. 21-46 be pulled from the consent agenda so that they could discuss it under the New Business section of the agenda.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1548 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AS SET FORTH IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 1.58 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 200 FLOWERTOWN ROAD (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 108E, GROUP A, PARCEL 019.01) FROM R-4, MOBILE HOME PARK/HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, and adopt on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1548.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1548 on the second and final of two readings.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 1549 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AS SET FORTH IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, TO RE-ZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 0.28 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 300 S. ATLANTIC STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124N, GROUP J, PARCEL 004.00) FROM C-1, CENTRAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO C-3, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, and adopt on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1549.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to adopt Ordinance No. 1549 on the second and final of two readings.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 1550 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AS SET FORTH IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, TO RE-ZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 5.39 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 200 BLOCK OF FLOWERTOWN ROAD (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 108, PARCEL 022.02) FROM R-1, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, and adopt on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1550.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Berry to adopt on the second and final of two readings.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 1551 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, NONCONFORMING PROVISIONS AND ARTICLE IV SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, AND REPLACING SECTION 804, NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD WITH A NEW SECTION 804, NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD AND ADDING LANGUAGE TO TABLE TZ-1, and adopt on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1551.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1551 on the second and final of two readings.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1553 - AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARIES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, EFFECTIVE UPON THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICIALS, IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNTS OF \$15,000 FOR MAYOR AND \$7,500 FOR ALDERMAN.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1553 and he gave the background information.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Amacher to approve Ordinance No. 1553 on the first of two readings.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Amacher to amend the ordinance to state that this will take place effective after the election of 2024.

On roll call all members present voted on the amendment as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Blanks, Berry, Knowis, McGee

Nay: Blackwell, Dunn

The result being five (5) Ayes and two (2) Nays; the amendment passed and was so ordered.

The original motion as amended was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted on the motion as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Blanks, Berry, Knowis, McGee

Nay: Blackwell, Dunn

The result being five (5) Ayes and two (2) Nays; the motion passed and was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 1857 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL NONPROFIT APPROPRIATIONS GRANTED BY THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1857 and said the background information could be found on page 69 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Amacher to approve Resolution No. 1857.

A long discussion ensued.

The motion was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted on the motion as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Blanks, Dunn, Knowis, McGee

Nay: Berry, Blackwell

The result being five (5) Ayes and two (2) Nays; the motion passed and was so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21-47 - APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000, WITH THE WALKER COLLABORATIVE TO DEVELOP A 20-YEAR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (A "COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN") FOR THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-47 and said the background information could be found starting on page 70 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman McGee to approve Agenda Item No. 21-47.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave more background information.

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary Samaniego, Senior Planner, answered some questions from the alderman.

Alderman Amacher made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to postpone this agenda item until the first meeting in May 2021.

On roll call all members present voted on the motion as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Berry

Nay: Blanks, Blackwell, Dunn, Knowis, McGee

The result being two (2) Ayes and five (5) Nays; the motion failed.

The original motion was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted on the motion as follows:

Ayes: Blanks, Blackwell, Dunn, Knowis, McGee

Nay: Amacher, Berry

The result being five (5) Ayes and two (2) Nays; the motion passed and was so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21-48 - APPROVE A 5-YEAR MASTER SERVICES AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH AXON FOR BODY-WORN CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND LICENSING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,823 FOR YEAR 1 (AND A TOTAL OF \$59,399 FOR THE TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS) FOR THE TULLAHOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-48 and said the background information could be found starting on page 108 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Agenda Item No. 21-48/ purchase agreement with AXON.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

The following agenda item was moved from the CONSENT AGENDA to discuss separately.

ITEM NO. 21-46 – APPROVE A SCOPE OF WORK WITH ROGERS GROUP AND A PROJECT BUDGET OF \$125,000 FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE INTERSECTION OF OVOCA ROAD AT RILEY CREEK ROAD

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-46 and said the background information could be found starting on page 19 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Agenda Item No. 21-46.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR

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