

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
JULY 25, 2022**

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 Board meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022, 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.

Susan B. Wilson, Acting City Administrator; Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney and Rosemary Golden, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Knowis called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was said by Rev. Rick Wade and he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder, Rosemary Golden, called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Ms. Hope Nunley, Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce, gave the BMA an update and her quarterly report. She spoke of several up-coming chamber events.

Mr. Jordan Wilkins, Assistant to the City Administrator, gave an update on the application process for the Tullahoma Citizens Academy.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Amacher to remove Item No. 22-113 (**CONSIDER APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE AS SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO SELL, 411 E. CARROLL STREET**) from the agenda.

A discussion ensued.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to remove Ordinance No. 1582 (**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE THINK TULLAHOMA 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**) from the agenda.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Robin Dunn removed her 2nd to the motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and was seconded by Alderman McGee to remove Ordinance No. 1582 (**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE THINK TULLAHOMA 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**) from the agenda.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Sernobia McGee removed her 2nd to the motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to move Ordinance No. 1582 (**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE THINK TULLAHOMA 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**) to the first item listed under the New Business Section of tonight's agenda.

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

Mayor Knowis said he requests that at this time, the Beer Board Agenda items be brought forward. Seeing no objections, the Beer Board items were brought forward and voted on. (See attached minutes for the Beer Board meeting).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: - NONE -

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she attended a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting where they had a guest speaker on the topic of effective communication. She stated the Downtown Council committee will be meeting this Thursday at 5:30pm here in this board room.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said the Farmer's Market was happening tonight from 3:30pm to 7:00pm at the South Jackson Civic Center grounds. She stated the "Go Green" Committee will be meeting next Monday at 5:00pm here in this room. Alderman Dunn stated apparently there will be a citizen organized meeting at the Tullahoma High School lecture hall tomorrow evening concerning the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said the Tourism Council has not met since Mr. Steve May retired from Jack Daniels (Director of Marketing Operations). Ms. Amacher gave her "Small Business Shout Out" to the DC Power Sports company located at 500 East Carroll Street. Alderman Amacher said she has received several complaints about Splash Island being closed.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he attended a Planning Commission meeting. He said he attended a question-and-answer session with several commissioners.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she was unable to attend the recent Coffee County Industrial Development Board luncheon and the recent Tullahoma Housing Authority (THA) meeting. However, she was informed the THA has been approved for another round of COVID Rent Relief funding. They also have some openings available. Alderman McGee stated the next Coffee County Industrial Development Board luncheon is scheduled for August 17, 2022, and the next Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had no report, since there were no agency meetings that he was supposed to attend. Dr. Blanks said, "Shop Tullahoma".

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended both the Tullahoma Airport Authority meeting and a Planning Commission meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he had no report.

ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Susan B. Wilson, stated the third and final reading of last year’s amended Budget Ordinance should be on the agenda for the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22- 106– MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22- 107– SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 8, 2022, ON ORDINANCE NO. 1579, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1540 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

ITEM NO. 22- 108– REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TEN TURNOUT GEAR SETS FROM NAFECO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,820.00 FOR THE TULLAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ITEM NO. 22- 109– REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT FROM DESIGN @WELLNESS FOR \$14,296.00 FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

ITEM NO. 22- 110– ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING ON AUGUST 31, 2022.

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1583 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING TITLE 1 (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION), CHAPTER 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), SECTION 1-111 (ELECTIONS; VOTING PRECINCTS) BY DELETED IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 1-111, for passage on the first of two readings

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1583.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Berry to adopt Ordinance No. 1583, to revise the language in the Code of Ordinances to amend the voting precincts, on the first of two readings.

Ms. Susan Wilson, Acting City Administrator, referred to Mr. Jordan Wilkins, the Assistant to the City Administrator. He gave the background information stating this item was postponed from the last BMA meeting in order to clarify the wording and remove the names of the building within the voting precincts.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Earlier in the Evening the BMA voted to move an Agenda Item (Ordinance No. 1582) forward to just under this New Business Section.

ORDINANCE NO. 1582 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE THINK TULLAHOMA 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1582 and he stated there was a public hearing on this item earlier in the evening

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and was seconded by Alderman McGee to adopt Ordinance No. 1582 on the first of two readings.

A long discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Berry to postpone the vote on this Ordinance No. 1582 until after a Study Session has been held on Monday, August 8, 2022, with the Chairman of the Planning Commission present to answer questions and if possible, the members of the Walker Collaborative should attend as well. Then (with the direction of staff) schedule a Town Hall type meeting with questions and answers to be held sometime after the study session.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Blanks to extend tonight's meeting past 8:00.

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

The BMA took a five-minute break or intermission.

Mayor Knowis recognized a gentleman from the audience. Mr. Ray Cyr, 400 Tara Blvd., said he wanted to publicly apologize specifically to Mayor Pro Tem Blanks. He said he was caught up in the moment and did not mean to be disrespectful towards the Board of Mayor and Aldermen or specifically towards Dr. Blanks.

ORDINANCE NO. 1580 - 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 2.30 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 95 OVOCA LAKE ROAD (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 106, PARCEL 039.01) FROM RS-1, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (COFFEE COUNTY) TO R-1, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1580 and he stated there was a public hearing on this issue earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1580 on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1581 - 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 0.50 ACRES PARCELS LOCATED AT 701 E. GRIZZARD STREET AND 406 N. COLLEGE STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124F, GROUP C, PARCEL 018.00 AND 018.03) FROM R-2, MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3, HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1581 and he said there was a public hearing on this issue earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to adopt Ordinance No. 1581 on the first of two readings.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Berry, Blackwell, Blanks, Dunn, Knowis, McGee
Nay(s): Amacher

The vote being six (6) ayes and one (1) nay(s) passed and was so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 1584 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING TITLE 1 (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION), CHAPTER 2 (BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN), SECTION 1-207 (SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER), BY SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 1-207 THAT REFLECTS THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN HAVE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 1895 SPECIAL RULES AND PROCEDURES for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1584.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to adopt Ordinance No. 1584 on the first of two readings.

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

ITEM NO. 22-111 - CONSIDER APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE AS SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO SELL, AN AREA 50' WIDE AND 810' IN LENGTH (40,500 SQUARE FEET) INSIDE OF THE E. DECHERD STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 343 S. ANDERSON STREET, 403 S. ANDERSON STREET, 407 E. DECHERD STREET, 409 E. DECHERD STREET, AND 415 E. DECHERD STREET.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-111 and said there was a public hearing on this issue earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Agenda Item No. 22-111.

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

ITEM NO. 22-112 - CONSIDER APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE AS SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO SELL, 127 W. LINCOLN STREET.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-112 and said there was a public hearing on this issue earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Agenda Item No. 22-112.

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

ITEM NO. 22-113 - CONSIDER APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE AS SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO SELL, 411 E. CARROLL STREET.

This item was removed from the agenda earlier in the evening.

ITEM NO. 22-114 – CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-114.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Agenda Item No. 22-114.

A discussion ensued.

Acting City Administrator, Ms. Susan Wilson, referred to Mr. Dave Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director, for more details.

An amendment was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to include in the plan some ADA improvement ramps and an adult changing table to DW Wilson facility.

A discussion ensued.

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

The original motion as amended was called for a vote.

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 8:20 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR