

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR**

AUGUST 96, 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, July 26, 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.

Susan B. Wilson, Interim City Administrator; Mike Giffin, Acting City Attorney and Rosemary Golden, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

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

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized several local student athletes for their recent awards in the Track and Field sport: DeAndre Jenkins, Andrew Ewing, Lucas Willette, Andrew Carmack, Logan Prosser, Ms. Israel Hovator, Ms. Lilly Storey and Logan Crouch. Mr. Logan Crouch also just broke a ten-year standing record at the Tullahoma High School for bench pressing 405 pounds.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Interim Fire Chief Kenneth Pearson. Kenneth Pearson then presented a SafetyPup to the Tullahoma Police Department along with official adoption papers. This costume will be used to educate the young school children about safety.

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Ms. Hope Sartain-Nunley from the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sartain-Nunley stated that she will give a report more often to the BMA regarding all the numerous upcoming activities and events the chamber has planned.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: - NONE -

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she attended numerous city meetings and events including the Planning Commission meeting that she is assigned to attend.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she attended various meetings and events and she said the “Go Green” committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:00pm in this Board room.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she attended numerous meetings and events including the City of Tullahoma’s Comprehensive Plan Project kick-off meeting.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he attended numerous city meetings and events including the Coffee County Consolidated Communications Commission meeting that he is assigned to attend. He reported that they have hired a Mr. Scott LeDuc as the new director.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she went to the Tourism Council meeting that she is assigned to attend. She asked Jordan Wilkins (intern) to report on the Tennessee Pathway sign that will be placed at the Tullahoma High School outdoor classroom to honor Dustin Lynch.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended several City meetings and events including the Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting as well as the Arts Council meeting that he has been assigned to attend. He reported that there will be an Arts Festival coming up soon and he will bring us more details later.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended a recent Housing authority meeting and they are doing a great job.

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Mike Giffin said he had no report.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Susan Wilson reported that the City is currently working on applying for three (3) grant opportunities. She also said that the City of Tullahoma is part of the Chamber’s CEO program and she encourages all employees to volunteer their time to this organization.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 21-96- MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2021, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.

ITEM NO. 21-97- SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 9, 2021, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE 200 S. ANDERSON STREET FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-2) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-3).

ITEM NO. 21-98- ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING ON OCTOBER 26, 2024.

ITEM NO. 21-99- REQUEST TO APPROVE EMERGENCY REPORTING SOFTWARE FOR THE TULLAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ITEM NO. 21-100- REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE COMPACT TRACTOR FROM TRIGREEN EQUIPMENT, LLC.

ITEM NO. 21-101- REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BOYD FOUNDATION DOG PARK DASH AND AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT AGREEMENT.

ITEM NO. 21-102- REQUEST TO APPROVE JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR PROPERTY TAXES PAID IN FY21.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: - NONE -

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1560 - 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 0.27 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 206 W. HOGAN STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124J, GROUP G, PARCEL 018.01) FROM R-1, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-3, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1560.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Ordinance No. 1560 for passage on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1561 - 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 1.64 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 704 FORREST DRIVE (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124F, GROUP A, PARCEL 004.04) FROM R-1, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO R-3, HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1561.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to **deny** the approval of Ordinance No. 1561 on the first reading.

A discussion ensued.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1562 - 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 1.06 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 3574 NEW MANCHESTER HIGHWAY (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 110, PARCEL 148.00) FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO R-1, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1562.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve Ordinance No. 1562 for passage on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1563 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE IV SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR SELF-STORAGE WAREHOUSE USE, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1563 and said the backup information could be found on pages 114 and 115 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Ordinance No. 1563 for passage on the first of two readings.

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary Samaniego, Senior Planner, clarified a few things.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1564 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, BY AMENDING ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE III ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAP, ARTICLE IV SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE V GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE VII SIGN REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IX PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OVERLAY, AND ARTICLE X ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT FOR STAFF DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1564 and gave some background information.

Ms. Mary Samaniego, Senior Planner, gave more detailed information.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 1564 for passage on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1565 - 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, 2020, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, for passage on the first of three readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1565.

Interim City Administrator, Susan Wilson spoke and gave some background information. She said the School System will need to give us their amended figures to be included in the second or third reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 1565 for passage on the first of two readings.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1861 – REQUEST TO APPROVE THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1861 and stated the background information can be found on page 169 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve the attached Resolution No. 1861 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Downtown Improvement Grant Application.

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

Alderman Blackwell asked for Resolution No. 1876 to be pulled from the following list of Resolutions and to be voted on separately. There were no objections.

RESOLUTION NO. 1862 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

RESOLUTION NO. 1863 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HANDS-ON SCIENCE CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1864 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1865 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SOUTH JACKSON CIVIC CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1866 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TENNESSEE'S BACKROADS HERITAGE.

RESOLUTION NO. 1867 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA FINE ARTS CENTER, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 1868 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF CIVIL AIR PATROL.

RESOLUTION NO. 1869 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TULLAHOMA HEALTH CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1870 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY LANNOM LIBRARY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1871 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC. – TULLAHOMA CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1872 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1873 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

RESOLUTION NO. 1874 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TENNESSEE REHABILITATION CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1875 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TRINITY CARE CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1876 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA DAY CARE CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1877 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SOUTH-CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1878 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA SPORTS COUNCIL, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 1879 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF CASA WORKS, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 1880 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HORSE PLAY, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 1881 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF COFFEE COUNTY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1882 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA COMMUNITY PRIDE FOUNDATION.

Mayor Knowis read the caption(s) for the remaining twenty (20) Resolutions No.'s 1862 to 1882. Note: One (1) resolution was pulled out and voted on individually.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman McGee to combine the above (20) Resolutions (that pertain to appropriations for financial aid to local agencies) into one motion and approve them as presented.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1876 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA DAY CARE CENTER.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1876.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve the attached Resolution No. 1876

Alderman Blackwell said she was going to abstain from voting since she is on the Board of Directors for this agency.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye: Amacher, Blanks, Berry, Dunn, Knowis, McGee
Abstain: Blackwell

There were six (6) ayes, the motion passed and was so ordered. (One (1) alderman abstained).

ITEM NO. 21-103- REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MR. ISHWARLAL PATEL AT TULLAHOMA LIQUORS INC., DBA NORTH JACKSON WINE & SPIRITS

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-103.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve and sign the attached Certificate of Compliance form for Mr. Ishwarlal Patel/ Tullahoma Liquors Inc. D/B/A North Jackson Wine and Spirits.

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 7:50p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR