

August 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Hopkinsville City Council was held Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hopkinsville Municipal Center Council Chamber, 715 South Virginia Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Knight.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Crabtree opened the meeting with an invocation. Mayor Knight then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Presiding Officer: Mayor James R. Knight Jr.

Council present: Honorable Vance Smith
Honorable Donald Marsh
Honorable Chuck Crabtree
Honorable Marie Hughes
Honorable Clayton Sumner
Honorable Robert Terry Meek
Honorable Brittanie Bogard
Honorable Michael Velez
Honorable Jason Bell
Honorable Elizabeth Draude

Absent: Honorable Brandi Stallons
Honorable Travis Martin

Staff present: City Clerk Brittany Byrum
City Administrator/Chief of Staff Troy Body
City Attorney H. Douglas Willen
Chief Financial Officer Melissa Clayton
Human Resources Director Kenny Grabara
Technology & Public Information Director Amanda Brunt
IT Systems Controller Zach Boehm
Deputy Police Chief Erik Pacheco
Fire Chief Steve Futrell
Public Works Director Mike Perry
CDS Assistant Executive Director Holly Boggess

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Knight made comments and announced upcoming events.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

Monthly Financial Statement – Ms. Clayton presented the July 2026 financial report.

(Councilmember Crabtree left at 6:08 p.m. during discussion of this item.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Meek moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026 regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Bogard. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 40-2026 HOPKINSVILLE SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE BOARD:

Ms. Byrum read Executive Order 40-2026 appointing Robert Martin. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, Executive Order 40-2026 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Knight announced closed session was being added for discussion of an economic development proposal pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g). Councilmember Sumner moved to go into closed session at 6:10 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Bogard. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

Councilmember Bogard moved to return to open session at 7:03 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye. Mayor Knight indicated no action was taken in closed session.

OTHER:

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Bogard made a comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Marsh moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Velez. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

Minutes approved at the city council meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2026.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____
Mayor James R. Knight Jr.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Brittany Byrum, CMC