

February 3, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Hopkinsville City Council was held Tuesday, February 3, 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 Stallons 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 Brandi Stallons
Honorable Donald Marsh
Honorable Chuck Crabtree
Honorable Amy Craig
Honorable Travis Martin
Honorable Clayton Sumner
Honorable Seth Meek
Honorable Brittanie Bogard
Honorable Michael Velez
Honorable Jason Bell
Honorable Elizabeth Draude

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bonnie Lynch, Hopkinsville, spoke on behalf of the Focus 21st Century Minority Leadership Program and invited council to attend the Safe Streets in a Strong Community Forum on February 10th.

Harvey McCraw, Hopkinsville, spoke in opposition to the proposed city council pay increase.

Jamie Lienberger, Hopkinsville, spoke in opposition to the proposed city council pay increase.

Tiffany Pittman, Hopkinsville, spoke in opposition to the proposed city council pay increase.

Joe Turner, Hopkinsville, spoke in opposition to the proposed city council pay increase.

Mark Graham, Hopkinsville, spoke in opposition to the proposed city council pay increase.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Knight made comments and announced upcoming events.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

Hopkinsville and Christian County Landbank Authority – CDS Director Tom Britton and CDS Assistant Director Holly Boggess gave an overview of the Hopkinsville and Christian County Landbank Authority and discussed state statutes, the local process, how individuals are notified, and success stories. Mr. Body also gave an overview of the Landbank and discussed the housing shortage. He urged anyone to call if they have any questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Marsh moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

ORDINANCE 02-2026 BLANE DRIVE AND NOEL AVENUE ALL-WAY STOPS (FIRST READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 02-2026 establishing all-way stop signs at the intersection of Blane Drive and Noel Avenue. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, Ordinance 02-2026 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members voting aye.

ORDINANCE 03-2026 WEST EDMUNDS STREET ONE-WAY (FIRST READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 03-2026 establishing one-way traffic on West Edmunds Street. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Stallons. There being no discussion, Ordinance 03-2026 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members voting aye.

ORDINANCE 04-2026 FY 25-26 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT (FIRST READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 04-2026 amending the fiscal year 2025-2026 capital budget. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Sumner; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, Ordinance 04-2026 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members voting aye.

ORDINANCE 05-2026 CHAPTER 30.02 CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN AMENDMENT (FIRST READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 05-2026 amending section 30.02(A)(1) of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Sumner; seconded by Councilmember Meek. Following discussion, Councilmember Stallons made a motion to defer the item to the first meeting in March for additional consideration; seconded by Councilmember Bogard. There being no discussion, the motion to defer failed with Councilmembers Bell, Crabtree, Craig, Martin, Meek, Smith and Sumner voting nay and Councilmembers Bogard, Draude, Marsh, Stallons, and Velez voting aye. Ordinance 05-2026 passed on first reading by roll call vote with Councilmembers Bell, Bogard, Craig, Martin, Meek, Smith, and Sumner voting aye, and Councilmembers Crabtree, Draude, Marsh, and Velez voting nay, and Councilmember Stallons who abstained.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 04-2026 LEGACY SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION INCENTIVES PROGRAM:

Prior to the reading of Municipal Order 04-2026, Ms. Boggess gave an overview of the proposed changes. Ms. Byrum then read Municipal Order 04-2026 adopting the Legacy Single Family New Construction Incentives Program and rescinding Municipal Order 10-2012. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Craig; seconded by Councilmember Meek. Following discussion, Municipal Order 04-2026 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 05-2026 LEGACY DUPLEX AND MULTI-FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION INCENTIVES PROGRAM:

Prior to the reading of Municipal Order 05-2026, Ms. Boggess gave an overview of the proposed changes. Ms. Byrum then read Municipal Order 05-2026 adopting the Legacy Duplex and Multi-Family New Construction Incentives Program and rescinding Municipal Order 11-2012. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Craig; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. Following discussion, Municipal Order 05-2026 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 06-2026 PRESIDING OFFICER:

Ms. Byrum read Municipal Order 06-2026 appointing Councilmember Jason Bell as presiding officer in the mayor's absence. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Craig; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 06-2026 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 07-2026 KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT:

Ms. Byrum read Municipal Order 07-2026 authorizing a grant application and matching funds. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 07-2026 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10-2026 CODE OF ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT BOARD:

Ms. Byrum read Executive Order 10-2026 appointing Kelvin Grubbs to fill the unexpired term of Tyler Young. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion, Executive Order 10-2026 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

OTHER:

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Marsh made comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Stallons moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, all members 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

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