

July 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the City of Hopkinsville City Council was held Tuesday, July 16, 2024 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 and Mayor for a Day, Mackenzie Meacham.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Craig opened the meeting with an invocation. Mayor Knight and Ms. Meacham then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Presiding Officer: Mayor James R. Knight Jr.

Council present: Honorable Natasha Sophia Francis
Honorable Donald Marsh
Honorable Chuck Crabtree
Honorable Amy Craig
Honorable Travis Martin
Honorable Doug Wilcox
Honorable Robert Terry Meek
Honorable Jamie Lienberger
Honorable Steve Keel
Honorable Jason Bell
Honorable Matthew Handy

Absent: Honorable Bruce Smiley

Staff present: City Clerk Brittany Byrum
City Administrator Troy Body
Attorney Duncan Cavanah
Public Information Officer Amanda Brunt
Chief Financial Officer Melissa Clayton
Chief Technology Officer Darryl Anderson
IT Systems Controller Zach Boehm
Police Chief Jason Newby
Fire Chief Steve Futrell
Public Works Director Mike Perry
Assistant Public Works Director Dave Herndon
Street Department Superintendent Josh Durham
CDS Executive Director Tom Britton
CDS Executive Director Holly Boggess

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor for a Day – Mayor Knight introduced Mayor for a Day Mackenzie Meacham.

Hopkinsville Police Department – Chief Newby introduced Officers Tim Humble, Justin Rios, Jackie Rowlands, and Ryan Seitz and Communication Technician II Bobbi Jo Wilkinson. Mayor Knight administered an oath to the officers and family members pinned their insignia.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Knight announced upcoming events and made comments.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

Hopkinsville Industrial Foundation – Hopkinsville Industrial Foundation Chair John Crenshaw spoke regarding the purpose of the corporation, how it started, and what they do.

Major Lane and Old Major Lane Zoning Request – Mr. Britton reviewed the planning commission's recommendation to zone properties located on Major Lane and Old Major Lane to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District). Councilmember Keel moved to direct the city clerk to draft an ordinance amending the zoning map; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

Young Street Rezoning Request – Mr. Britton reviewed a request from Christian County to rezone a 1.59-acre property on Young Street from R-4 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-2 (General Business District). Councilmember Martin moved to direct the city clerk to draft an ordinance amending the zoning map; seconded by Councilmember Lienberger. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

Monthly Financial Statement – Ms. Clayton presented the June 2024 financial report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Craig moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024 regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Lienberger. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE 19-2024 AT-1 AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (SECOND READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 19-2024 creating a new section in Chapter 158 to create the AT-1 Agricultural Transitional District. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, Ordinance 19-2024 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 20-2024 AT-2 AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (SECOND READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 20-2024 creating a new section in Chapter 158 to create the AT-2 Agricultural Transitional District (Enhanced). Moved for adoption by Councilmember Meek; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion, Ordinance 20-2024 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 21-2024 AMENDED BOND SALE (SECOND READING - SUMMARY):

Ms. Byrum read a summary of Ordinance 21-2024 amending Ordinance 15-2024 to increase the aggregate principal amount of the general obligation bond. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Keel; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, Ordinance 21-2024 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 21-2024 SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Ms. Byrum read Municipal Order 20-2024 declaring weapons as surplus property. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 20-2024 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 19-2024 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

Ms. Byrum read Executive Order 19-2024 appointing Verdell Smith and appointing Michaela Zeigler as youth member. No action was required.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-2024 HOPKINSVILLE SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE BOARD:

Ms. Byrum read Executive Order 20-2024 appointing Crissy Fletcher. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Craig; seconded by Councilmember Lienberger. There being no discussion, Executive Order 20-2024 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

OTHER

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Lienberger made comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Craig moved to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

Minutes approved at the city council meeting held on the ___ day of _____ 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____
Mayor James R. Knight Jr.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Brittany Byrum, CMC