

July 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Hopkinsville City Council was held Tuesday, July 15, 2025 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 Smith 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 Travis Martin  
Honorable Clayton Sumner  
Honorable Seth Meek  
Honorable Brittanie Bogard  
Honorable Michael Velez  
Honorable Jason Bell  
Honorable Elizabeth Draude

Absent: Honorable Amy Craig

Staff present: Deputy City Clerk II Anna Mohon  
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 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  
Parks and Recreation Superintendent Toby Hudson  
Street Department Superintendent Josh Durham  
CDS Executive Director Tom Britton  
CDS Assistant Executive Director Holly Boggess  
CDS Procedure Services Coordinator Peter Wood

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

Mayor Knight recognized Community and Development Services Office Manager Clarise Green on her retirement and presented her with a key to the city.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rich Liebe spoke regarding flooding, federal mandates, and the Surface and Stormwater Utility and stated he felt the stormwater utility was one of the best things in this community to combat aggressive flooding issues.

Dan Kemp spoke in favor of maintaining the Surface and Stormwater Utility and not combining the utility with the Public Works Department. He urged council to study the matter extensively before taking any action.

Rita Brown discussed drainage issues in the Singletree subdivision. She also spoke regarding making resources available for flood victims.

## **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Knight made comments and announced upcoming events.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Surface and Stormwater Utility – Mr. Perry spoke regarding bringing the Surface and Stormwater Utility under public works. Mr. Bourne and board member Bill Nichol spoke and answered questions regarding recent flooding events and efforts being made by the utility to combat the problem. Mayor Knight noted a stormwater utility report needed to be given to council quarterly.

Monthly Financial Statement – Ms. Clayton presented the June 2025 financial report. Councilmember Sumner moved to accept the report; seconded by Councilmember Martin. All members present voted aye.

Annual TIF Report – Ms. Clayton presented the annual TIF report.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025 regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Stallons. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

## **ORDINANCE 19-2025 EDMUNDS & STITES/MLK SOUTH PROPERTY (FIRST READING):**

Ms. Mohon read Ordinance 19-2025 amending the zoning maps of the City of Hopkinsville to zone 30-acres of property located on the south side of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way as B-4 (Arterial Commercial District). Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Marsh. There being no discussion, Ordinance 19-2025 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

**ORDINANCE 20-2025 EDMUNDS & STITES/MLK NORTH PROPERTY (FIRST READING):**

Ms. Mohon read Ordinance 20-2025 amending the zoning maps of the City of Hopkinsville to zone a 23.48-acre tract as B-4 (Arterial Commercial District) and a 190.53-acre tract as AT-1 (Agricultural Transitional District) both located on the north side of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Way. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. Following discussion, Ordinance 20-2025 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 31-2025 SURPLUS PROPERTY:**

Ms. Mohon read Municipal Order 31-2025 declaring items as surplus property. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 31-2025 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

**OTHER:**

None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Marsh made comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

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Minutes approved at the city council meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor James R. Knight Jr.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Brittany Byrum, CMC