

June 3, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Hopkinsville City Council was held Tuesday, June 3, 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 Velez 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 Travis Martin
Honorable Clayton Sumner
Honorable Seth Meek
Honorable Brittanie Bogard
Honorable Michael Velez
Honorable Jason Bell
Honorable Elizabeth Draude

Absent: Honorable Chuck Crabtree
Honorable Amy Craig

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
Public Information Officer Amanda Brunt
IT Systems Controller Officer 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
Street Superintendent Josh Durham
CDS Executive Director Tom Britton
CDS Assistant Executive Director Holly Boggess

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carmaca Jackson, 1103 E. 7th Street, spoke regarding issues on the east side with police authority and profiling. She felt police were there to profile and not protect citizens.

James Campbell, 104 N. Fowler Avenue and Westside Neighborhood Association member, spoke in support of the Legacy Program and requested the city keep the program to help those in need.

Olivia Thomas, Eastside Neighborhood Association member, spoke in support of the Legacy Program and requested information on why the city is changing the program.

Natasha Francis, 1811 E. 7th Street, spoke in support of the Legacy Program. She noted the city's budget has grown and wanted to know why funding was removed. She requested council consider funding the program in this year's budget.

Barbara Stephens, 114 S. Kentucky Avenue and Westside Neighborhood Association member, spoke regarding the benefits of the Legacy Program and requested council reconsider funding the program in this year's budget.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Knight made comments and announced upcoming events.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

Monthly Financial Statement – Ms. Clayton presented the April 2025 financial report.

Mayor Knight spoke regarding the Legacy Program and stated he was forming a committee to review the budget for inner city funding. He appointed Councilmembers Bell, Bogard, Craig, Draude, Marsh, Smith, and Stallons to serve on the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE 10-2025 WARD MAP (SECOND READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 10-2025 amending Chapter 11.01 of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances pertaining to wards of the city. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Sumner; seconded by Councilmember Bogard. There being no discussion, Ordinance 10-2025 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 11-2025 HOPKINSVILLE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION (SECOND READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 11-2025 amending Chapter 33 of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances, reducing the number of commission members from thirteen to seven voting members. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Sumner; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, Ordinance 11-2025 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 12-2025 LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS (SECOND READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 12-2025 amending Chapter 160.99 of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances to allow the Code of Ordinance Enforcement Board to enforce fines. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, Ordinance 12-2025 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 13-2025 ORDINANCE FINE SCHEDULE (SECOND READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 13-2025 amending Chapter 133.192 of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances to include landmarks and historic districts to the fine schedule. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, Ordinance 13-2025 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 14-2025 CODE OF ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENT (FIRST READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 14-2025 adopting the 2025 S-17 supplement. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Sumner; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, Ordinance 14-2025 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 15-2025 FY 24-25 OPERATIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENT (FIRST READING - SUMMARY):

Ms. Byrum read a summary of Ordinance 15-2025 amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 operational budget. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Sumner; seconded by Councilmember Meek. There being no discussion, Ordinance 15-2025 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 16-2025 FY 24-25 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT (FIRST READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 16-2025 amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 capital budget. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Velez; seconded by Councilmember Bogard. There being no discussion, Ordinance 16-2025 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

ORDINANCE 17-2025 FY 25-26 OPERATIONAL BUDGET (FIRST READING - SUMMARY):

Ms. Byrum read a summary of Ordinance 17-2025 adopting the fiscal year 2025-2026 operational budget. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. Following discussion, Ordinance 17-2025 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye, except Councilmembers Bell and Smith who voted nay.

ORDINANCE 18-2025 FY 25-26 CAPITAL BUDGET (FIRST READING):

Ms. Byrum read Ordinance 18-2025 adopting the fiscal year 2025-2026 capital budget. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, Ordinance 18-2025 passed on first reading by roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 22-2025 SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Ms. Byrum read Municipal Order 22-2025 declaring items as surplus property. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 22-2025 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 23-2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT MOU:

Ms. Byrum read Municipal Order 23-2025 authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Christian County to apply for JAG funds for the Hopkinsville Police Department. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 23-2025 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 24-2025 WEST 7TH STREET REDEVELOPMENT:

Ms. Byrum read Municipal Order 24-2025 authorizing a contract with Bell Engineering in the amount of \$50,000 for the creation of the West 7th Street Redevelopment Plan. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Stallons. Following discussion, Municipal Order 24-2025 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 25-2025 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Ms. Byrum read Municipal Order 25-2025 authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Hopkinsville, Christian County, and the City of Pembroke for emergency management services. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Marsh; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 25-2025 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

RESOLUTION 01-2025 CITY OF ETHICS:

Ms. Byrum read Resolution 01-2025 approving a proposal to become a Certified City of Ethics in accordance with the Kentucky League of Cities Certified City of Ethics Program. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Stallons. There being no discussion, Resolution 01-2025 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 28-2025 HOPKINSVILLE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION:

Ms. Byrum read Executive Order 28-2025 appointing Carlos Duran, Russ Guffey, Andy Naghtin, Danielle Renshaw, DeeAnna Sova, Landon Stallons, and Tyler Young (Chair). Moved for adoption by Councilmember Martin; seconded by Councilmember Sumner. There being no discussion, Executive Order 28-2025 passed by voice vote with all members present voting aye.

OTHER:

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmembers Bogard and Smith made comments.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Knight announced council needed to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation and pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g) to discuss an economic development proposal. Councilmember Marsh moved to go into closed session at 7:09 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

Councilmember Martin moved to return to open session at 7:27 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Marsh. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye. Mayor Knight indicated action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Bogard. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

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