

October 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the City of Hopkinsville City Council was held Tuesday, October 18, 2022 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 Lynch and Mayor for a Day, Bradley Boyd.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Martin introduced Chris Lewis, Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church, who opened the meeting with an invocation. Mayor for a Day, Bradley Boyd, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lynch introduced Mayor for a Day, Bradley Boyd. Mr. Boyd made comments and thanked Mayor Lynch for the opportunity.

ROLL CALL:

Presiding Officer: Wendell A. Lynch, Mayor

Council present: Honorable Natasha Sophia Francis
Honorable Kimberly McCarley
Honorable Alethea West
Honorable Chuck Crabtree
Honorable Amy Craig
Honorable Travis Martin
Honorable Terry Parker
Honorable Tom Johnson
Honorable Patricia Bell (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
Honorable Steve Keel
Honorable Jason Bell
Honorable Phillip Brooks

Staff present: Crissy Fletcher, City Clerk
Troy Body, City Administrative Officer
H. Douglas Willen, City Attorney
Robert Martin, Chief Financial Officer
Melissa Clayton, Comptroller
Kenny Grabara, Human Resources Manager
Darryl Anderson, Chief Technology Officer
Clayton Sumner, Police Chief
Steve Futrell, Fire Chief
Mike Perry, Public Works Director
Dave Herndon, Street Superintendent
Tom Britton, CDS Director
Holly Boggess, Assistant CDS Director

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor's Youth Council – Nikki Durham, Administrative Coordinator, gave an overview of the program and introduced members Jada Ashbery, Ella Brown, Rachel Cavanah, Dominique Davie, Faith Folz, Addi Fourquarean, Anna Fourquarean, Chaney Guffey, McKenzie Hyams, Rilee Joiner, Hailey Killebrew, Cloud Latham, Noah Rager, Sherissa Russell-Robinson, Kaitlin White, and Na'Shiaya Wilson.

Keeping Hopkinsville Beautiful – Mr. Perry recognized and presented awards to The Apron Wife, J. Schrecker Jewelry, and Stella's Soap Co.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Schickler, BrightNight Power, spoke regarding the solar energy systems zoning text amendment and expressed concern with the proposed setbacks.

Justin Poland, Land and Liberty Coalition Field Director, spoke regarding the solar energy systems zoning text amendment and the rights of owners to determine the appropriate use of their land.

Daniel Brechwald, 222 Wellington Way, spoke in support of solar panels and expressed concern with the setback requirements.

Brandon Garnett, 4520 Old Edwards Mill Road, encouraged City Council to support maintaining land for agricultural use and not allowing solar panels to take over.

Marby Schlegel, 2120 Pembroke Road, indicated BrightNight Power isn't asking for incentives and only wants to bring renewable energy to Hopkinsville. She also expressed concern with the setback requirements and requested support for solar energy.

Phillip Garnett, 3501 Bradshaw Road, indicated he was not opposed to solar energy, but requested the City be selective when choosing solar panel locations.

Heather Cook, 7455 Goode Road, spoke in support of the solar energy systems zoning text amendment and discouraged use of solar panels around homes.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Lynch announced upcoming events and made comments.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

Solar Energy Systems Zoning Text Amendment – Mr. Britton reviewed a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding a solar energy systems zoning text amendment and answered questions. Councilmember Keel moved to direct an ordinance be prepared accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

Annual Board of Ethics – Mayor Lynch indicated the report was included in the packet. There were no questions or comments.

Monthly Financial Statement – Mr. Martin reviewed the September 2022 financial report and answered questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember West moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022 regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

ORDINANCE 21-2022 FY 22-23 OPERATIONAL BUDGET AMENDMENT (SECOND READING – SUMMARY):

Ms. Fletcher read a summary of Ordinance 21-2022 amending the fiscal year 22-23 operational budget. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Brooks; seconded by Councilmember Johnson. There being no discussion, Ordinance 21-2022 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members voting aye.

ORDINANCE 22-2022 JOHN RIVERS ROAD CONSENT ANNEXATION (SECOND READING):

Ms. Fletcher read Ordinance 22-2022 annexing Hopkinsville Industrial Foundation property on John Rivers Road. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Johnson; seconded by Councilmember Keel. There being no discussion, Ordinance 22-2022 passed on second reading by roll call vote with all members voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 49-2022 RABBIT’S NEST INCENTIVE EXTENSION:

Ms. Fletcher read Municipal Order 49-2022 authorizing the deadline in Municipal Order 47-2021 be extended to December 7, 2024. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Keel; seconded by Councilmember Brooks. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 49-2022 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 50-2022 ELEVATE WINDOWS AND DOORS, LLC INCENTIVES:

Ms. Fletcher read Municipal Order 50-2022 establishing incentives for Elevate Windows and Doors, LLC. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Brooks; seconded by Councilmember West. There being no discussion, Municipal Order 50-2022 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

RESOLUTION 04-2022 JOHN RIVERS ROAD ZONING:

Ms. Fletcher read Resolution 04-2022 initiating the original zoning of property annexed by Ordinance 22-2022. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Brooks; seconded by Councilmember Jason Bell. There being no discussion, Resolution 04-2022 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 26-2022 HOPKINSVILLE-CHRISTIAN COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER CORPORATION BOARD:

Ms. Fletcher read Executive Order 26-2022 appointing Craig Richardson and Whitney Stewart. Moved for adoption by Councilmember Craig; seconded by Councilmember Martin. There being no discussion, Executive Order 26-2022 passed by voice vote with all members voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 27-2022 HOPKINSVILLE-CHRISTIAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Ms. Fletcher read Executive Order 27-2022 reappointing Troy Body and Carter Hendricks. No action was required.

OTHER:

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Lynch announced Council needed to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g), to discuss an economic development proposal. Councilmember Johnson moved to go into closed session at 7:46 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion all members voted aye.

Mayor Lynch declared a recess at 7:47 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:53 p.m. in closed session.

Councilmember Johnson moved to return to open session at 8:24 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Craig. There being no discussion, all members voted aye. Mayor Lynch indicated no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Parker. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

Minutes approved at the City Council meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2022.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

Wendell A. Lynch
Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Christine M. Fletcher, MMC
City Clerk