

OFFICIAL CANVASS OF CITY OFFICERS ELECTION

City Secretary Woodard stated the canvass would be done first since at this time, there was not enough for a quorum to open the regular meeting.

Mayor Davis read the results for the May 3, 2025, General Election and declared the following duly elected: Alderman Ward 1 Mark Sweatt and Alderman Ward 2 Zack Altman. Alderwoman Ward 3 Leslie Ivy and Alderwoman Ward 4 Melisa McIntosh were unopposed. Elected officials were presented with a certificate of election. A copy of the election results follow these minutes.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

City Secretary Woodard administered the statement of elected officers and oath of office to the elected officials present along with City Administrator Jack Owens.

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

On this, the 12th day of May 2025, beginning at 6:05 p.m., the City Council convened in regular session in the City Council Room. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 51 of the Government Code with the following being present and in attendance to wit:

Mayor Joe Davis, Council Members Zack Altman, Leslie Ivy, Melisa McIntosh, Woody Richardson, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt. Council Members David Gilbert and Ray Dickson were absent. Employees present were City Secretary Cindy Woodard, Public Works Director Jr Casas, Administrative Assistant Amalia Gaxiola, City Administrator Jack Owens, Police Chief Rex Plant, Pool Manager Shannon Rodriguez, and Librarian Jackie Owens. Others present were Kim Cloyd, Cason Cartwright with Parkhill, Melissa Hibbitts, Mercedes Altman, Stella Altman, Rocky Wilks, Chloe Wilks, Paige Barringer, Judy Lewis, Scott Lewis, and Ed Bailey.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Richardson to voice the invocation and Alderman Roberts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: the regular meeting minutes on April 14, 2025, accept collections & pay expenditures for April 2025, and quarterly investment report ending March 31, 2025. Alderman Roberts moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTINUATION OF MINUTES MAY 12, 2025

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Public Works Director Placido Casas reported that the swimming pool is being filled. More mix was ordered for the streets by City Administrator Jack Owens. Alderman Altman asked about tires and Casas stated with all the rain they have not been able to. Alderwoman Ivy asked about Randy Lamberts position. Casas and council discussed promoting from within.

Police Chief Rex Plant read his written report. He reminded everyone of the upcoming TXDot road closure. Mayor asked if all equipment is working and Plant informed there is one vehicle in the shop at Omega.

Librarian Jackie Owens reported she and Kay got rid of torn and old unused books by giving them to Silverton library. Jackie is still working on the summer reading program and the Silverton librarian mentioned they do Marvelous Mondays which involves kids checking out books and prizes being given. Jackie plans to do something like this on Tuesdays.

City Secretary Cindy Woodard reminded everyone about Randy Lamberts Come and Go retirement reception. Her and City Administrator Jack Owens have been diving in, and she will let him take over with reporting.

City Administrator Jack Owens reported that he and Cindy have been going over numbers and looking at budgets with department heads. They will start holding weekly department head meetings but for now he will meet with each department separately so reports can be compiled for the council. Application was completed for switching over to .gov website. Secretary Woodard mentioned it will also include individual emails for all employees and for elected officials. Owens read the Municipal Court Judge David Aleman's written report. Police Chief Plant added that Sergio Romeros' last day will be Wednesday and there will be a luncheon for him going to DPS. He said the Sheriff's Department will be down to two so PD will be helping since they helped PD in their time of need.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO REMOVE THE TABLED ITEM FROM THE TABLE

Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to remove tabled item from the table, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER DANGEROUS DOG CODE AMENDMENT

Chief Plant recapped information as to why he is requesting this amendment. Owner will own and control the device, per Chief Plant, but will provide location if the dangerous dog is loose. Alderwoman Ivy made a motion to add section 10 to animal code 3.06.007, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor. Secretary Woodard added that an ordinance will need to be passed and published being that this ordinance carries penalties.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AND APPROVE PARKHILL FEE AMENDMENT FOR CITY OF MEMPHIS SH256 UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT

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Cason Cartwright stated that this amendment is adding to two tasks which are utility coordination and resident project representative. Cartwright mentioned this was originally to be a six-month construction duration and while finishing up the design they realized it would be closer to a year so that's the reason for this fee amendment. Alderman Altman made the motion to approve Parkhill fee amendment, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor. Before moving to the next agenda item, Mayor Davis presented Ed Bailey with a certificate of appreciation for his overall 26 years of service to the council. Secretary Woodard advised Mayor Davis that Bhakta for the next agenda item is not present and if they'd like to, address the Country Club agenda item next. Mayor Davis agreed.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAXES FOR THE MEMPHIS COUNTRY CLUB MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Rocky Wilks presented a two-part proposal. Wilks mentioned the golf carts are a big expense in this tournament which are also used to go to and from hotels and Airbnb's during the tournament. Wilks presented a billboard idea as part of this two-part proposal and after further discussion there will need to be more information gathered for the billboard idea. Secretary Woodard mentioned that discussion was had during the last EDC meeting on consideration of purchasing a billboard to promote businesses and events. Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to approve six thousand dollars to the Country Club, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER CHANGE TO MEMPHIS BILLBOARDS – RAJU BHAKTA

Secretary Woodard informed the council on new ownership from Travelodge to Rodeway Inn by Choice. Raju let Woodard know that Travelodge will need to be taken off the billboards. She informed that she and Owens visited on adding Airbnb, Vrbo, and Rodeway Inn and removing Travelodge. New artwork would need to be done. Woodard let the council know that at the time of the initial billboards, the City did not have a website and now we do so consider changing it to the City website. Alderwoman Ivy asked if everything is complete with the Travelodge transaction and Woodard informed that Raju said June 1st. Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to table this item, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO GOLF CART ORDINANCE

Chief Plant stated there is nothing in the ordinance that will allow golf carts to be driven from home to the golf course without being permitted. It was a courtesy which has gotten out of hand. There is an influx of underage children riding golf carts as well. Plant would like to propose that all golf carts be registered and insured. Another thing he would like to propose is to allow golf carts with non-working lights and non-working signals to be registered as daytime use only. Administrator Owens informed the council of some Texas Laws pertaining to golf carts. No action was taken.

ELECT MAYOR PRO TEM

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Alderman Sweatt nominated Alderman Roberts for Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER HIRING PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS

Secretary Woodard informed that there is a list on the table of lifeguards and Shannon Rodriguez is present for recommendations. Shannon let the council know that the lifeguards from last season are back and already certified. Adding two additional ones as one of them might be leaving to the military and one has FFA. Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to hire the recommended part-time lifeguards, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADDRESS STORAGE FEES FOR IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

Alderwoman McIntosh addressed that this issue was brought to her by a city employee. As a result of a death, a locals vehicle was impounded. The family was charged nearly five hundred dollars with an employee paying part of this. McIntosh believes that no local residents family should be charged vehicle storage fees as a result of death. Chief Plant informed the council that they were charged for the tow, an administrative fee, and one day of storage. Had the tow company taken the vehicle, the family would have been charged twenty-eight hundred to three thousand dollars versus nearly four hundred dollars. Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion that the council get provided an itemized statement of charges and reimburse the employee for the storage fees only, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderwoman McIntosh welcomed Mark and Zack and looks forward to working with them. She also let Jack know he will be a true asset to the City and happy he took the job and looks forward to working with him. McIntosh also thanks the council members because things aren't as easy as it looks. Alderman Sweatt would like to bring up an item to put on next month's agenda concerning the gun club and leasing.

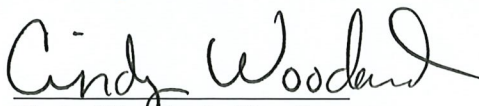
ADJOURN

Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved:


Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest:


Cindy Woodard, City Secretary