February 16, 2022

The City Council of the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, met in regular session in the Business Center at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, with Mayor Shane McFarland present and presiding and with the following Council Members present and in attendance, to wit:

Madelyn Scales Harris
Rick LaLance
Ronnie Martin
Bill Shacklett
Kirt Wade
Shawn Wright

Vice-Mayor Scales Harris and Council Member Ronnie Martin arrived late to the meeting.

The following representatives of the City were also present:

Craig Tindall, City Manager
Adam Tucker, City Attorney
Jennifer Brown, City Recorder/Finance Director
Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager
Gary Whitaker, Assistant City Manager
Angela Jackson, Executive Director/Community Services
Chris Griffith, Executive Director/Public Infrastructure
Sam Huddleston, Executive Director/Development Services
Raymond Hillis, Executive Director/Public Works
Michael Bowen, Police Chief
Trey Duke, City Schools Director
Erin Tucker, Budget Director
Randolph Wilkerson, Employee Services Director
Roger Toombs, Assistant Fire Chief
Karen Lampert, Grant Coordinator
Joshua Miller, Administrative Assistant

Mayor McFarland commenced the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following letter from the City Manager was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to Resolution to amend the City Charter for creation of the Community Investment Trust.)

Mr. Adam Tucker, City Attorney, presented details from the resolution concerning allocation of funds, creation of the Community Board, creation of the Trust and the Council appointed Board of Trustees, conditions for terminating the Trust, the referendum process and answered questions from Council.

The following RESOLUTION 22-R-05 was read to the Council and offered for adoption upon motion made by Mr. LaLance, seconded by Mr. Wright. Upon roll call said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Madelyn Scales Harris
Rick LaLance
Ronnie Martin
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Bill Shacklett  
Kirt Wade  
Shawn Wright  
Shane McFarland

Nay: None

(Insert RESOLUTION 22-R-05 here requesting the Tennessee General Assembly pass a Private Act amending the Murfreesboro City Charter by creating a Community Investment Trust to be funded initially from the proceeds of the City’s sale of the Murfreesboro Electric Department.)

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to issuance of General Obligation Debt.)

The following RESOLUTION 22-R-06 was read to the Council and offered for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Shacklett. Upon roll call said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Madelyn Scales Harris  
Ronnie Martin  
Bill Shacklett  
Kirt Wade  
Shawn Wright  
Shane McFarland

Nay: None

Abstain: Rick LaLance

(Insert RESOLUTION 22-R-06 here authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by the City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, of not to exceed fifty-seven million dollars ($57,000,000) to provide funding for certain public works projects, and to fund the incidental and necessary expenses related thereto.)

The following RESOLUTION 22-R-07 was read to the Council and offered for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Shacklett. Upon roll call said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Madelyn Scales Harris  
Ronnie Martin  
Bill Shacklett  
Kirt Wade  
Shawn Wright  
Shane McFarland

Nay: None

Abstain: Rick LaLance

(Insert RESOLUTION 22-R-07 here authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed fifty-seven million dollars ($57,000,000), in one or more series; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds.)

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to
Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment Ordinance 22-O-01.

An ordinance, entitled “ORDINANCE 22-O-01 amending the 2021-2022 Budget (4th Amendment),” was read to the Council and offered for passage on first reading upon motion made by Mr. LaLance, seconded by Mr. Wade. Upon roll call said ordinance was passed on first reading by the following vote:

Aye: Madelyn Scales Harris
     Ronnie Martin
     Bill Shacklett
     Kirt Wade
     Shawn Wright
     Shane McFarland

Nay: None

The following letter from the Grant Coordinator was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Spending.)

Mrs. Karen Lampert, Grant Coordinator, presented the request to approve the proposed outline of projects for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds which included Public Health and Economic Impact in the amount of $2 Million, Premium Pay in the amount of $2 Million, Revenue Loss in the amount of $10 Million, and Stormwater Improvements in the amount of $9 Million.

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the request and accepts staff’s recommendation regarding the proposed outline of projects for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Mr. Shacklett seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget.)

Mrs. Erin Tucker, Budget Director, presented Council with an overview of the Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget, highlighting revenues, expenditures, debt service, and inflation increases, answering questions from Council throughout the presentation.

The following letter from the City Manager was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to Salary Market Survey.)

Mr. Craig Tin dall, City Manager, presented Council with an overview of the Salary Market Survey, addressed the adjustments that were recommended based on the study, and gave a brief history of the City’s current pay plan.

Council discussed with staff the current Step System Pay Plan, stagnation at the midpoint of the pay plan, the need to review current part-time pay, and comparisons of the City’s pay plan to other comparable cities, specifically as it related to public safety positions. Mayor McFarland ended the discussion stating that a lot of effort had been made in
recruiting and retaining new employees, but he also wanted to make sure the City focused on retaining the employees who had been with the City for years.

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to December 2021 Dashboard packet.)

The December 2021 Dashboard update, which included Financial, Building & Codes, Risk Management, Construction Data, City Schools Cash Flow Statements, and Revenue & Expenditure Budget Comparison Reports, was presented to Council with no discussion taking place.

The following letter from the City Recorder/Finance Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated February 16, 2022 here with regards to Beer Permit Applications for Gandy Seafood Cajun Market, 2445 Memorial Blvd., Ste. D and Aldi #23, 3439 S Church St. and Special Event Permits for Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce on 3/8/22, 4/12/22, 9/13/22, 10/12/22, and 12/6/22 at 1023 Bridge Ave., S Walnut St., 540 New Salem Hwy., 2019 Memorial Blvd., and 2404 Medical Center Pkwy.; MBRC Foundation on 5/6/22 and 5/7/22 at 900 N Maney Ave.; and Center for the Arts Inc. on 5/21/22 at 2404 Medical Center Pkwy.)

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the Beer Permits for Gandy Seafood Cajun Market, 2445 Memorial Boulevard, Suite D (New Location) and Aldi #23, 3439 South Church Street (New Location), pending Building and Codes approval and Special Event Beer Permits for the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce on 3/8/22, 4/12/22, 9/13/22, 10/12/22, and 12/6/22 at 1023 Bridge Avenue, South Walnut Street, 540 New Salem Highway, 2019 Memorial Boulevard, and 2404 Medical Center Parkway; the MBRC Foundation on 5/6/22 and 5/7/22 at 900 North Maney Avenue; and the Center for the Arts Inc. on 5/21/22 at 2404 Medical Center Parkway. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

There being no further business, Mayor McFarland adjourned this meeting at 1:19 p.m.

SHANE McFARLAND – MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BROWN - CITY RECORDER