The City Council of the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, met in regular session at its regular meeting place in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022, with Mayor Shane McFarland present and presiding and with the following Council Members present and in attendance, to wit:

Madelyn Scales Harris
Ronnie Martin
Bill Shacklett
Kirt Wade
Shawn Wright

Council Member Rick LaLance, City Attorney Adam Tucker, and City Recorder/Finance Director Jennifer Brown were all absent and excused from this session.

The following representatives of the City were also present:

Craig Tindall, City Manager
David Ives, Deputy City Attorney
Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager
Angela Jackson, Executive Director/Community Services
Chris Griffith, Executive Director/Public Infrastructure
Sam Huddleston, Executive Director/Development Services
Mark Foulks, Chief of Fire and Rescue
Michael Bowen, Chief of Police
Trey Duke, City Schools Director
Erin Tucker, Budget Director
Nate Williams, Parks and Recreation Director
Randolph Wilkerson, Employee Services Director
Matthew Blomeley, Assistant Planning Director
Bill Terry, Public Safety IT Manager
Joshua Miller, Administrative Assistant

Council Member Ronnie Martin commenced the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor expressed his sympathy for the Providence Christian Academy student who lost his life and his brother who was injured in a wreck earlier this week in the City.

Mayor McFarland stated that two members of the Communications Department, Mr. John Padgett and Mr. Michael Nevills each won Telly Awards for their work in producing content with the City. The Mayor and Council congratulated the two for the excellent work they did in the Communications Department.

The Consent Agenda was presented to the Council for approval:

1. FY22 City Manager Approved Budget Amendments (Finance)
2. Report of New Debt Obligation (Finance)
3. Change Order No. 1 for Construction Contract with ClearSpan Fabric Structures International (Parks)
4. Change Order No. 4 to Construction Contract with Warner’s Athletic (Parks)
5. Conveyance of Retired Police K9 (Police)
6. Purchase of 3D Scene Mapping Equipment (Police)
7. Generator Preventative Maintenance Contract (Street)
Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Shacklett seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

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

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to approval of Minutes of City Council Meetings.)

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as written and presented for the Council retreat meeting held on April 27, 2022; the public comment meeting held on May 5, 2022; and the regular Meeting held on May 5, 2022. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

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

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Ordinance 22-O-11.)

Mayor McFarland announced that the next item on the agenda is to conduct a public hearing, pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. 6-56-201 and the City Charter, to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City of Murfreesboro Budget. Notice of said public hearing published in the May 17, 2022 issue of a local newspaper is as follows:

(Insert notice here.)

Mayor McFarland then declared the public hearing open and invited those present who wished to speak for or against the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City of Murfreesboro Budget come forward to the podium.

There was no one present who wished to speak for or against the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget and, after ample time had been given, Mayor McFarland declared the public hearing closed.

Council engaged in discussion regarding adding Good Friday as a paid holiday for employees, a property tax rate increase, an additional 1.5% COLA for employees, and a COLA for pensioners versus a one-time payment “bonus”.

An ordinance, entitled “ORDINANCE 22-O-11 adopting a budget and appropriations ordinance providing for appropriations out of the general and special funds of the City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, of certain sums to defray the current, necessary and special expenses of said City for the Fiscal Year 2023, and for other purposes,” was read to the Council and offered for amendment to include items detailed by the Budget Director totaling $135,000 for transitioning the administrative staff at the Police Department from 37.5 hours to a 40 hour work week, three promotions for Parks and Recreation staff, and a 1.5% COLA
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Aye: Bill Shacklett  
Kirt Wade  
Shawn Wright  
Shane McFarland  

Nay: Madelyn Scales Harris  
Ronnie Martin

The following letter from the Assistant Planning Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to scheduling public hearings for June 23, 2022 and July 21, 2022 for a zoning application [2022-403] for approximately 13.7 acres located along Medical Center Parkway, Robert Rose Drive, and Maplegrove Drive to be rezoned from MU and GDO-1 to PUD, CH, and GDO-1 (Vintage Apartments and TDK Office PUD); an Annexation petition and plan of services [2022-501] for approximately 68 acres located along Highway 99 south of Clearidge Drive; and a zoning application [2022-401] for approximately 68 acres located along Highway 99 south of Clearidge Drive to be zoned PRD simultaneous with annexation.)

The following RESOLUTION 22-R-PH-17 was read to the Council and offered for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Martin. 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

(Insert RESOLUTION 22-R-PH-17 here fixing the time for a Public Hearing with
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respect to the proposed amendment of the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map of the City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, constituting a part of said Ordinance, as heretofore amended and as now in force and effect, so as to consider a proposed amendment to rezone approximately 13.7 acres along Medical Center Parkway, Robert Rose Drive, and Maplegrove Drive from Mixed Use (MU) District and Gateway Design Overlay One (GDO-1) District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) District, Commercial Highway (CH) District and Gateway Design Overlay One (GDO-1) District (Vintage Apartments and TDK Office PUD); TDK Construction, applicant, [2022-403].)

The following RESOLUTION 22-R-PH-18 was read to the Council and offered for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Martin. 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

(Insert RESOLUTION 22-R-PH-18 here fixing the time for Public Hearings to consider (1) adoption of a Plan of Services for and annexation of approximately 68 acres located along Highway 99 south of Clearidge Drive and (2) zoning of approximately 68 acres located along Highway 99 south of Clearidge Drive to Planned Residential Development (PRD) District; which have been proposed to be annexed to the City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Ferrari Partners, LP and Patterson Company, applicants [2022-501 & 2022-401].)

Council Member Kirt Wade left the meeting at this time.

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

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to American Rescue Plan Act Financial Consultant Agreement.)

Mrs. Erin Tucker, Budget Director, presented the request to approve the Consulting Agreement with UHY Advisors, pending Legal Department approval, in the estimated amount of $80,000 annually, funded from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, for grant administrative services.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the Consulting Agreement with UHY Advisors, pending Legal Department approval, in the estimated amount of $80,000 annually, funded from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, for grant administrative services. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the Executive Director of Public Infrastructure was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to Professional Services Contract – St. Andres Drive Widening.)

Mr. Chris Griffith, Executive Director of Public Infrastructure, presented the request to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Wiser Consultants LLC, in the amount
Mr. Shacklett made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Wiser Consultants LLC, in the amount of $391,324, funded from the CIP, for engineering services related to the widening of St. Andrews Drive. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the Public Safety IT Manager was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to purchase of Public Safety Network Equipment.)

Mr. Bill Terry, Public Safety IT Manager, presented the request to approve the Contract with Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC., in the amount of $161,734, funded from the Public Safety IT Budget, for purchase of Public Safety Network Equipment. Mr. Shacklett made a motion to approve the Contract with Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC., in the amount of $161,734, funded from the Public Safety IT Budget, for purchase of Public Safety Network Equipment. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the Public Safety IT Manager was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to Amendment to Radio System Maintenance Agreement.)

Mr. Bill Terry, Public Safety IT Manager, presented the request to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Motorola Services, Inc., in the amount of $71,400, funded from the Department’s Operating Budget, for a Field Service Technician for administration and support of the digital radio system. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Motorola Services, Inc., in the amount of $71,400, funded from the Department’s Operating Budget, for a Field Service Technician for administration and support of the digital radio system. Vice-Mayor Scales Harris seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

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

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to purchase of MWRD Administration Building.)

Mr. Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager, presented the request to approve the purchase of the building and property at 316 Robert Rose Drive, subject to due diligence, in the amount of $5,400,000 with an additional $850,000 earmarked for furniture, fixtures, and equipment, funded by MWRD Working Capital Reserves.
Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the purchase of the building and property at 316 Robert Rose Drive, subject to due diligence, in the amount of $5,400,000 with an additional $850,000 earmarked for furniture, fixtures, and equipment, funded by MWRD Working Capital Reserves. Vice-Mayor Scales Harris seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

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

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to a Beer Permit Application for Toluca Mexican Restaurant at 1935 South Church Street.)

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the Beer Permit for Toluca Mexican Restaurant, 1935 South Church Street (Ownership & Name Change). Mr. Martin seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

Under other business the following letter from the Assistant City Manager was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated May 26, 2022 here with regards to O&M Vehicle Replacement.)

Mr. Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager, presented the request to approve the Purchase Agreement with Wilson County Motors, through the State Purchasing Contract, in the amount of $83,193, funded by the Lift Stations Capital Budget, for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado with utility bed and crane.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement with Wilson County Motors, through the State Purchasing Contract, in the amount of $83,193, funded by the Lift Stations Capital Budget, for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado with utility bed and crane. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

Mr. Craig Tindall, City Manager, stated that the next City Council meeting would likely be a workshop session on June 8, 2022.

There being no further business, Mayor McFarland adjourned this meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST: SHANE MCFARLAND – MAYOR

JENNIFER BROWN - CITY RECORDER