

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEMPHIS

July 08, 2025

4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

4:06 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED

ROLL CALL: Yolanda Cooper-Sutton, Michalyn Easter-Thomas, Edmund Ford, Sr., Jerri Green, Rhonda Logan, JB Smiley, Jr., Philip Spinosa, Jana Swearengen-Washington, Pearl Eva Walker, Janika White, and Chairman J. Ford Canale. Chase Carlisle and Jeff Warren were absent.

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER
BY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Darren Thomas II, from Friendship AME Church.

Chairman Canale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Easter-Thomas thanked Pastor Darren Thomas II, from Friendship AME Church.

These minutes record the agenda items and the action taken by the Council on such items. The full text of the original ordinances, resolutions, and supporting documents, including an audio recording of Council's deliberations, is filed and maintained in the Office of Council Records/Records Management, Room 2B-08. The original ordinances and/or resolutions adopted by the Council shall control in the event of any conflict between the description in these minutes and the original documents, ordinances, and/or resolutions.

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Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting on June 24, 2025, with the following motion:

MOTION: Swarengen-Washington
 SECOND: Spinosa
 AYES: Easter-Thomas, Green, Logan, Spinosa, Swarengen-Washington, Walker,
 and Chairman Canale.
 Cooper-Sutton, Ford, Smiley, and White did not cast a vote.
 Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

14. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MEMPHIS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND, CONSOLIDATE, AND ADOPT ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO BLIGHT REMEDIATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5950 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREEN, SPINOSA, AND WHITE.**

Held until August 05, 2025

15. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY OF MEMPHIS, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 33, ARTICLE II, DIVISION IV, TO CODIFY THE EXISTING 2017 SEWER POLICY THAT PRECLUDES THE EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FLOW TO THE MEMPHIS SEWER SYSTEM FROM RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN UNINCORPORATED SHELBY COUNTY, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5882 IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (HELD FROM 10/24; 2/6; 3/5; 4/9; 8/6; 10/15. 12/17)**

Held until October 21, 2025

Chairman Canale requested a moment of silence in memory of MFD driver Gary White and fellow MFD driver Jason Vosburgh, both of whom recently lost their lives.

Chairman Canale requested a moment of silence to honor all those in Texas—and across the United States—who tragically lost their lives in the recent floods.

Chairman Canale recognized the Tennessee Task Force and asked for prayers as one of their teams heads to Texas to assist with the critical search efforts.

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25. **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN HONORARY STREET NAME CHANGE ON ARKANSAS STREET FROM WEST BURDOCK AVENUE TO SOUTH PARKWAY WEST FOR LIEUTENANT JEFFREY TODD NORMAN. DISTRICT 2, SUPER DISTRICT 9. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY CHAIRMAN CANALE. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Chairman Canale

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa, Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA – Items #3- #5 were acted upon by one motion. See page 7901 Roll Call Consent Items.

3. **ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5367 OF CODE OF ORDINANCE, CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ADOPTED ON AUGUST 10, 2010, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO AUTHORIZE A ZONING USE DISTRICT RECLASSIFICATION FOR LAND LOCATED AT 2572 PARK AVENUE BY TAKING THE LAND OUT OF THE RESIDENTIAL URBAN – 1 (RU-1) AND INCLUDING IT IN THE RESIDENTIAL URBAN - 3 (RU-3) USE DISTRICT, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. THIS ORDINANCE IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. Z 25-04
ORDINANCE NO. 5951

APPROVED, on Second Reading

4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEERING PLANS FOR PHILLIPS FARMS P.D. AREA 2A, PHASE 1, ACCEPTING BOND AS SECURITY. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

CONTRACT NO. CR-5477

APPROVED

5. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR LEGENDS PARK SENIOR BUILDING [CR#5439 & CR#5439AM] AND RELEASING BOND. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

(CONTRACT NO. CR-5439)
(CONTRACT NO. CR-5439AM)

APPROVED

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ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION: Logan
SECOND: Spinosa
AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and White.
Chairman Canale did not cast a vote.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

MLGW FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS #7- #10 may be acted upon by one motion:

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER 7066578 WITH DIRECT CONNECTIONS, INC. FOR 200 KW GENERATORS FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,060.00.

APPROVED

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 12556, 2 - 18" XHP REPLACEMENTS, WEAVER TO GILL INSPECTION WITH MID-SOUTH ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LLC TO EXPAND THE SCOPE AND INCREASE THE CURRENT CONTRACT VALUE IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$553,250.00.

APPROVED

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 12390, PROJECT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE TOOL ACQUISITION WITH WORKOTTER, INC. TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$159,539.40.

APPROVED

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 4 TO CONTRACT NO. 12529 (FORMERLY C2359), MLGW EMPLOYEE APP WITH ENGAGEDLY INC. DBA THEEMPLOYEEAPP, LLC (FORMERLY THEEMPLOYEEAPP) TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$64,673.00.

APPROVED

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ROLL CALL MLGW FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS:

MOTION: Spinosa
SECOND: Swearengen-Washington
AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA - Item #6 may be acted upon by one motion:

6. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FY21 GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,839.66 FROM SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE TENNESSEE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY POLICE SERVICES. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

Councilwoman White made a statement of recusal due to her employment.

ROLL CALL FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington
SECOND: Spinosa
AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.
RECUSED: White
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

21. **MEMPHIS ANIMAL SERVICES DIRECTOR**

APPOINTMENT

SUZANNE HOLLENBACH

(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

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MOTION: Easter-Thomas
SECOND: Spinosa
AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

22. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT DIRECTOR

APPOINTMENT

MELANIE NEAL

(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

MOTION: Easter-Thomas
SECOND: Swearengen-Washington
AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

24. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A ONE-TIME BONUS EQUAL TO \$2,950.00 FOR CITY RETIREES CURRENTLY RECEIVING PENSION PAYMENTS OR ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PENSION. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

MOTION: Easter-Thomas
SECOND: Spinosa
AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED, as amended

23. MEMPHIS PARKS DIRECTOR

APPOINTMENT

JUSTICE BOLDEN

(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

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MOTION: Easter-Thomas
 SECOND: Spinosa
 AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
 Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
 Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

- 26. RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 9.6 OF THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE APPROVING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1609 CORNING AVENUE. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

CASE NO. SUP 25-08

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington
 SECOND: Smiley
 AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley,
 Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.
 Spinosa and White did not cast a vote.
 Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

- 1. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPEAL OF DR. LYNNETTE P. WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF THE ACKLENA LAKEVIEW GARDENS CDC INC. SEEKING TO OVERTURN THE ACTION OF THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY LAND USE CONTROL BOARD APPROVING A RE-SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF LOT 1 OF THE SAVE-A-LOT SUBDIVISION TO CREATE LOT 3, MADE UP OF 0.82 ACRES ON THE NORTH END AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4696 SOUTH THIRD STREET. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. S 25-10

Chairman Canale recognized the following person(s) who spoke from the audience:

Dr. Lynnette P. Williams, 5175 Horn Lake Rd., Memphis, Tennessee 38109

Councilman Ford motioned to hold this Item, without objection.

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2. RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 9.6 OF THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2925 BASKIN STREET. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

CASE NO. SUP 25-07

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington
 SECOND: Cooper-Sutton
 AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa,
 Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.
 White did not cast a vote.
 Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

11. MEMPHIS ALCOHOL COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT

DHARAM RAMPERSAD

MOTION: Easter-Thomas
 SECOND: Cooper-Sutton
 AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa,
 Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.
 Smiley and White did not cast a vote.
 Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

12. MEMPHIS & SHELBY BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD

APPOINTMENT

ANTHONY E. PELLICCIOTTI

MOTION: Easter-Thomas
 SECOND: Swearengen-Washington
 AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa,
 Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.
 Cooper-Sutton, Smiley, and White did not cast a vote.
 Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

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13. **MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

APPOINTMENT

GLENN VAULX

MOTION: Easter-Thomas

SECOND: Swearengen-Washington

AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinoso,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.

White did not cast a vote.

Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

16. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,300.00 OF A CITY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 210 W. TRIGG AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TN 38106, PARCEL ID #2400800021. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Easter-Thomas

AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinoso,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.

Cooper-Sutton, Smiley, and White did not cast a vote.

Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

17. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT, ALLOCATE, AND APPROPRIATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,400.00 RECEIVED FROM THE LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION (LHR) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO DID NOT COMPLY WITH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Logan

SECOND: Spinoso

AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinoso,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.

Cooper-Sutton and White did not cast a vote.

Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

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18. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT, ALLOCATE, AND APPROPRIATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHO DID NOT MEET THE AFFORDABILITY CRITERIA. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Logan

SECOND: Green

AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
Cooper-Sutton and Smiley did not cast a vote.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

19. **RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ALLOCATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$487,504.00 IN THE FY25 ADOPTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET IN THE MSCS UPGRADES PROJECT, GA07010. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: White

SECOND: Easter-Thomas

AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa,
Swearengen-Washington, Walker, White, and Chairman Canale.
Cooper-Sutton and Smiley did not cast a vote.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

20. **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET TO ALLOCATE \$1,500,000.00 TO THE "PRE-K FOR ALL" PROGRAM. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN EASTER-THOMAS.**

Councilwoman White made a statement of recusal due to her employment.

MOTION: White

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa, Swearengen-Washington, Walker,
and Chairman Canale.

RECUSED: White

Cooper-Sutton and Smiley did not cast a vote.
Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

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(Special Item #1 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #2, #4, #5, #6, #21, #22, #23, #24, #25, and #26 from tonight’s meeting.)

Councilwoman White made a statement of recusal due to her employment on Item #6.

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington
 SECOND: Easter-Thomas
 AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa, Swearengen-Washington, Walker, and Chairman Canale.
 RECUSED: White
 Cooper-Sutton and Smiley did not cast a vote.
 Carlisle and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

Chairman Canale recognized the following person(s) who spoke from the audience:

Joe B. Kent, 5111 Flamingo Rd., Memphis, Tennessee 38117
Amber Sherman, 6070 N. Belle Grove Cv., Memphis, Tennessee 38115
Wynney Hardaway, 4624 Honeysuckle Dr., Memphis, Tennessee 38109

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:42 P.M.

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Upon the statement of the Chairman, without objection, the meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

 CHAIRMAN

 Deputy Comptroller/Council Records