

August 05, 2025

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEMPHIS

August 05, 2025

4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

4:04 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED

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

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

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend Dr. Robert H. Washington, Sr., from Pillow Street CME Church.

Chairman Canale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Swearengen-Washington thanked Reverend Dr. Robert H. Washington, Sr., from Pillow Street CME 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 July 22, 2025, with the following motion:

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

APPROVED, as amended

Chairman Canale requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives and enduring legacies of former Memphis Mayor Bill Morris and former County Commissioner Julian Bolton.

5. **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 4465 POPLAR AVENUE. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. PD 25-06

Held until August 19, 2025

6. **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 436 SOUTH FRONT STREET. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. SUP 25-11

Held until August 19, 2025

26. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE REVITALIZATION AND SAFETY PROGRAM, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5943 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS SPINOSA, GREEN, SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON, SMILEY, WARREN, AND LOGAN. (HELD FROM 6/10; 6/24; 7/22)**

Held until September 09, 2025

27. **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 FROM 7/8)**

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28. **ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE 2021 MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5934 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN SPINOSA. (HELD FROM 3/25; 4/8; 4/22; 5/20)**

Held until September 09, 2025

29. **JOINT ORDINANCE OF SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE CITY OF MEMPHIS TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR CROSS-GOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC MOBILITY THROUGH THE APPOINTMENT OF A FISCAL AGENT TO PROVIDE STRATEGY AND OVERSIGHT OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. THIS ITEM REQUIRES THE SELECTION OF A FISCAL AGENT WHO WILL COORDINATE BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND PROVIDE UPDATES, RECOMMENDATIONS, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND FISCAL ANALYSIS, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5922 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN EASTER-THOMAS. (HELD FROM 12/17; 2/4)**

Held until December 16, 2025

1. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES IN HONOR OF NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN EASTER-THOMAS.**

MOTION: Easter-Thomas

SECOND: Spinosa

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

APPROVED

2. **PRESENTATION FOR THE HONORARY STREET NAME CHANGE ON OVERTON CROSSING BETWEEN FRAYSER BOULEVARD AND ST. ELMO FOR PROMISE LAND CHURCH. DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN EASTER-THOMAS.**

MOTION: Easter-Thomas

SECOND: Swarengen-Washington

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

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3. **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN HONORARY STREET NAME CHANGE OF BERRYHILL ROAD FROM CHIMNEYROCK BOULEVARD TO THE CITY LIMIT FOR MR. ADRIAN MACLIN. DISTRICT 1, SUPER DISTRICT 9. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN LOGAN. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Logan

SECOND: Ford

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

APPROVED

4. **RESOLUTION HONORING THE GREATER MEMPHIS CHAMBER FOR RECEIVING THE 2025 ACCE CHAMBER OF THE YEAR. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN CANALE.**

MOTION: Canale

SECOND: Spinosa

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

APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA – Items #7- #11 were acted upon by one motion. See page 7926 Roll Call Consent Items.

7. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 5830 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FUNDING DEDICATED TO TRANSIT AND MOBILITY, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5952 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN CARLISLE.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

8. **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE CITY, IN AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROPERTY, TO CERTAIN PUBLIC PURPOSES WITHIN THOSE AREAS OF THE CITY AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT, USE AND OPERATION OF SUCH PROPERTY, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5953 IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

9. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF MEMPHIS ON AUGUST 10, 2010, AND BY SHELBY COUNTY ON AUGUST 9, 2010, AS AMENDED, TO REVISE THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS PERTAINING TO SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. THIS ORDINANCE IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN EASTER-THOMAS.**

ORDINANCE NO. 5954

APPROVED, on Second Reading

10. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEERING PLANS FOR 272 NORTH BELLEVUE RESIDENTIAL AND ACCEPTING BOND AS SECURITY. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

CONTRACT NO. CR-5478

APPROVED

11. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR AMHERST PD AREA 4, PHASE 2 (PD 08-306CC) [CR#5457] AND RELEASING BOND. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

(CONTRACT NO. CR-5457)

APPROVED

ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

[Councilwoman White made a statement of recusal due to her employment on Item #9.](#)

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Green

AYES: Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Spinosa, Swearngen-Washington, Walker, and Warren.

RECUSED: White

Cooper-Sutton, Logan, and Chairman Canale did not cast a note.

Carlisle and Smiley were absent.

APPROVED

MLGW FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS #12- #25 may be acted upon by one motion:

12. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 12621 (FORMERLY CONTRACT NO. C2805) BESS STRATEGIC PLACEMENT WITH GDS ASSOCIATES, INC., TO CHANGE THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$192,370.00.**

APPROVED

13. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 12360 (SOLICITED UNDER CONTRACT NO. 12292), PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER ENGINEERING TO HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED IN THE FUNDED NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000.00.**

APPROVED

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14. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 3 TO CONTRACT NO. 12358 (SOLICITED UNDER CONTRACT NO. 12292), PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER ENGINEERING WITH BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC. TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00.**

APPROVED

15. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 12545, VERITAS NETBACKUP RENEWAL (FORMERLY CONTRACT NO. C2668) WITH THOMAS CONSULTANTS, INC. TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$210,064.26.**

APPROVED

16. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 12618 (FORMERLY CONTRACT NO. C2796), ENTERPRISE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISE CLOUD SERVICE WITH MYTHICS, LLC TO RENEW AND EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$238,345.48.**

APPROVED

17. **RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR STANDARD 30-FOOT OCTAGONAL CONCRETE POLES TO ATG SUPPLY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,147.00.**

APPROVED

18. **RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR STANDARD CONCRETE POST TOPS TO ATG SUPPLY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,988.00.**

APPROVED

19. **RESOLUTION APPROVING RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER 7070599 WITH STRIBLING EQUIPMENT, LLC FOR FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE BACKHOES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$441,540.00.**

APPROVED

20. **RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR THREE-QUARTER TON TRUCKS WITH SERVICE BODIES TO LONNIE COBB FORD LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$347,346.00.**

APPROVED

21. **RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR LOW CAB FORWARD STAKE TRUCKS TO RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TENNESSEE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236,034.00.**

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APPROVED

22. **RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR 65-FOOT TELESCOPIC BOOM LIFTS TO THOMPSON MACHINERY COMMERCE CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$297,000.00.**

APPROVED

23. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 12619 (FORMERLY CONTRACT NO. C2585), UPS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WITH ELECTRONIC POWER SYSTEMS, INC. TO CHANGE THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$129,512.00.**

APPROVED

24. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 12415, WATER, GAS, BOOSTER AND VACANT LOTS GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITH ROTOLO CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$434,324.77.**

APPROVED

25. **RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 12594, REVENUE AND METER SERVICES SUPPORT (EMERGENCY) WITH BRIDGEWATER CONSULTING GROUP, INC. IN THE FUNDED NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$589,180.00.**

APPROVED

ROLL CALL MLGW FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS:

MOTION: Spinosa

SECOND: Green

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

APPROVED

32. **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COST SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS (CITY) AND THE MEMPHIS SHELBY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (MSCAA) FOR THE RALEIGH MILLINGTON FORCE MAIN SEWER IMPROVEMENTS. DISTRICT 4, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Warren

SECOND: Spinosa

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

APPROVED

33. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF 924 THOMAS STREET, MEMPHIS, TN 38107 TO YOUNG ACTORS' GUILD (YAG), A NON-PROFIT 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION, FOR A NOMINAL FEE FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PARCEL #02700500051. DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

30. **RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$7,250,000 FUNDED BY G.O. BONDS, CHARGEABLE TO THE FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CIP BUDGET FOR THE SOUTHWEST TWIN REDEVELOPMENT, AWARD 11426 AND PROJECT CD01104. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 9. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

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

APPROVED

31. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$261,500.00 TO FUND REPAIRS OF FAILING DRAINAGE LINE ALONG TONTO NEAR THIRD STREET, LEADING FROM THE INLETS IN THE STREET. TONTO AND THIRD DRAINAGE, PROJECT NUMBER ST03234. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Ford
SECOND: Spinosa

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

APPROVED

(Special Item #1 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #3, #10 #11, #32, and #33 from tonight’s meeting.)

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

APPROVED

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

- Dr. Kimberly Owens-Pearson, 1110 Star Line Dr., Memphis, Tennessee 38109
- Jeannetta Williams, 711 S. Dudley St., Memphis, Tennessee 38104
- Sybil Presley, 1056 Linden Ave., Apt #608, Memphis, Tennessee 38104
- C. Yearigan, 1508 Madison Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38104
- Alexandra Farmer, 1044 Bruce St., Memphis, Tennessee 38104
- Emmaline Rogers, 670 West Dr., Memphis, Tennessee 38112
- T’Arrah Mathis, 6680 Century Arbur PL E., Memphis, Tennessee 38134
- Anthony Lucatelli, 1375 Tutwiler Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38107
- Devin McGrath, 40 S, Morrison St. Apt #1, Memphis, Tennessee 38104
- Markayla Love, 2058 Townsend Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38127
- Paul A. Williams, 711 S. Dudley Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38104
- Alexis Agnew, 4321 Elaine Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38122
- Joe B. Kent, 5111 Flamingo Rd., Memphis, Tennessee 38117
- Robin Joyce, 1886 Lyndale Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38107

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:52 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