

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEMPHIS

October 07, 2025

4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

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

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

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Bishop Edward Houston Stephens, Jr., from Golden Gate Cathedral.

Chairman Canale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman White thanked Bishop Edward Houston Stephens, Jr., from Golden Gate Cathedral.

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.

5. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS 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 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, SPECIFICALLY DETENTION CENTERS, JAILS, AND PRISONS, UP FOR F I R S T READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5958 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN EASTER-THOMAS. (HELD FROM 9/23)**

A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR THIS ITEM TO BE HELD UNTIL DECEMBER 16, 2025.

Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting on September 23, 2025, with the following motion:

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington

SECOND: Spinosa

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

APPROVED, as amended

22. **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; 8/5; 9/23)**

Held until First meeting January 2026

2. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL.**

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

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3. **RESOLUTION HONORING ROBLIN J. WEBB FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN FORD, SR.**

MOTION: Ford

SECOND: Spinosa

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

APPROVED

1. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PRINCIPALS IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL.**

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington

SECOND: Easter-Thomas

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

APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA – Items #6 - #8 were acted upon by one motion.

6. **JOINT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY BUILDING CODE SO AS TO AMEND STORM SHELTER REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS AND ADD A NEW APPENDIX RELATING TO OPTIONAL MIDDLE-SCALE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5955 IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

7. **JOINT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY BUILDING CODE SO AS TO AMEND STORM SHELTER REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS AND OPTIONAL MIDDLE-SCALE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5956 IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

8. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE INCLUDING CERTAIN APPENDICES IN THAT CODE, AND OTHER LOCAL AMENDMENTS, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 9-36 OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS CODE OF ORDINANCES, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5957 IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilwoman White made a statement of recusal due to her employment on Items #6 and #7.

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington

SECOND: Carlisle

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

RECUSED: White

Cooper-Sutton, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa, and Warren did not cast a vote.

APPROVED

FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA – Items #9 - #11 may be acted upon by one motion:

9. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (THSO) THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY FOR THE FY2026 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY POLICE SERVICES. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

10. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000.00) FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (THSO) THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY FOR THE FY2026 COMMUNITY-BASED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION GRANT. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY POLICE SERVICES. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

11. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRIBUTION FROM THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY GIVEN TO THE CITY OF MEMPHIS DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO INCREASE QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH THE EFFICIENT HOMES FOR ALL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00). ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

ROLL CALL FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION: Swearengen-Washington

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

MLGW FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS #12 - #21 may be acted upon by one motion:

12. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT NO. 12562, IN-SERVICE WOOD POLE TRUSS RESTORATION SYSTEM TO OS MOSE, INC. UTILITY SERVICES IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$7,006,398.86.

APPROVED

13. RESOLUTION AWARDED PURCHASE ORDER FOR FIBER OPTIC MATERIAL TO ATG SUPPLY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$352,945.00.

APPROVED

14. RESOLUTION AWARDED SIXTY-MONTH PURCHASE ORDER FOR BATTERIES, RACKS, AND CHARGERS TO SAFT AMERICA, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,500,000.00.

APPROVED

15. RESOLUTION AWARDED SIXTY-MONTH PURCHASE ORDERS FOR POWER TRANSFORMERS TO PROLEC-GE WAUKESHA, INC. AND HITACHI ENERGY AS PRIMARY PARTNERS, AND TO PENNSYLVANIA TRANSFORMER TECHNOLOGY AS AN EMERGENCY PARTNER IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$112,000,000.00.

APPROVED

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING RATIFICATION AND RENEWAL (CHANGE NO. 3) TO CONTRACT NO. 12568 (FORMERLY CONTRACT NO. C2569), AERIAL PATROL SURVEY GAS TRANSMISSION RIGHT OF WAY WITH TENNESSEE HELICOPTER SERVICES TO RATIFY AND RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$140,400.00.

APPROVED

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE (CHANGE NO. 4) TO CONTRACT NO. 12288, GAS MATRIX UTILITY LANDSCAPING WITH ENLIGHTENMENT, INC. DBA APS FACILITY MAINTENANCE, TO INCREASE THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$267,411.85.

APPROVED

18. RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL (CHANGE NO. 4) TO CONTRACT NO. 12286, MLGW UTILITY PAYMENT CENTERS WITH FIRSTTECH, INCORPORATED TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$250,338.00.

APPROVED

19. RESOLUTION AWARDED PURCHASE ORDER FOR ONE-TON SERVICE TRUCKS TO AUTONATION FORD MEMPHIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$364,766.56.

APPROVED

20. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL SALARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,279.80 FOR A NEW HIRE TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION OF SUPERVISOR INTERNAL AUDIT, INTERNAL AUDIT COMPLIANCE AND DATA ANALYTICS.

APPROVED

21. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE NO. 5 TO CONTRACT NO. 12103, WORKERS' COMPENSATION STOP LOSS BROKERING WITH WILLIS TOWERS WATSON OF TENNESSEE, INC. TO RATIFY AND EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00.

APPROVED

ROLL CALL MLGW FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS:

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

23. **INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT-TO-EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$150,000,000.00) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC OBLIGATIONS ACT OF 1986, BEING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 21 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE CITY. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

24. **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT-TO-EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$150,000,000.00) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND/OR PAYING AT MATURITY THE PRINCIPAL OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY ISSUED AS GENERAL OBLIGATION COMMERCIAL PAPER; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE RAISING ANNUALLY BY THE CITY OF A SUM SUFFICIENT TO PAY, AS THE SAME SHALL BECOME DUE, THE PRINCIPAL OF AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND CERTAIN DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND DELEGATING TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE CITY THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL DETAILS; APPOINTING THE PAYING AND REGISTRATION AGENT FOR SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE PUBLIC SALE OF SUCH BONDS APPROVING THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO SUCH BONDS AND APPROVING THE FORM THEREOF; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SAID BONDS. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

25. **RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000.00 IN CIP FUNDS FOR OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS, PROJECT IT01003. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Green

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

26. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$200,000.00 IN FY26 ALLOCATIONS FROM CIP PROJECT NUMBER IT01006, IT IMPROVEMENT COVERLINE TO CIP PROJECT NUMBER IT01007, OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FIX. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Green

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

27. **RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$2,000,000.00 IN CIP FUNDS FOR THE SMART CITY PROJECT, CIP PROJECT NUMBER IT01009. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Green

SECOND: Warren

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

APPROVED

28. **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS CONVENE A MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS THE PLANNED REBUILD OF REGIONAL ONE HOSPITAL. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN WARREN. (HELD FROM 9/23)**

Councilwomen Green and White made statements of recusal due to their employment.

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

APPROVED

Councilman Carlisle motioned to reconsider Item #28, without objection.

28. **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS CONVENE A MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS THE PLANNED REBUILD OF REGIONAL ONE HOSPITAL. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN WARREN. (HELD FROM 9/23)**

Councilwomen Green and White made statements of recusal due to their employment.

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

APPROVED, as amended

4. **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 1507 AIRWAYS BOULEVARD. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. (HELD FROM 9/23)**

CASE NO. SUP 25-18

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

APPROVED, as amended

(Special Item #1 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #4, #9, #10, and #11 from tonight’s meeting.)

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Green

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

APPROVED

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

Martha Synk, 1288 Harbert Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38104

Emmaline Rogers, 670 West Dr., Memphis, Tennessee 38112

Dennis Clark, 558 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38105

Rigo Abell, 974 Homer St., Memphis, Tennessee 38122

Wynnee Hardaway, 4624 Honeysuckle Ln., Memphis, Tennessee 38109

Glenda Hicks, 608 Gilleas Rd., Memphis, Tennessee 38109

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:46 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