

January 27, 2026

**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF MEMPHIS**

**January 27, 2026**

**2:30 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION**

**2:30 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED**

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

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

**INVOCATION**

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Kenneth Lewis, from Briarwood Community Church.

Chairwoman Swarengen-Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Logan thanked Pastor Kenneth Lewis, from Briarwood Community 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 January 13, 2026, with the following motion:

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

**APPROVED**

22. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL. (HELD FROM 12/16; 1/13)**

**A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR THIS ITEM TO BE HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 24, 2026.**

1. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING GINA SWEAT FOR HER SERVICE TO THE MEMPHIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF MEMPHIS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN GREEN.**

**HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 03, 2026.**

2. **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 6450 KIRBY GATE. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. PD 25-15

**HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 03, 2026.**

3. **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 3021 EAST SHELBY DRIVE. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. (HELD FROM 12/16)**

CASE NO. PD 25-02

**HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 03, 2026.**

18. **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 T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5958 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMEN EASTER-THOMAS AND GREEN.**

**HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 03, 2026.**

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19. **REFERENDUM ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 34, SECTION 250 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND POSITIONS, EXEMPTIONS FROM ARTICLE; TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ALLOW CIVIL SERVICE STATUS, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5966 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS SMILEY, CANALE, COOPER-SUTTON, EASTER-THOMAS, FORD, GREEN, SPINOSA, SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON, WALKER, AND WARREN.**

**HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 03, 2026.**

20. **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; 8/5; 9/9; 9/23; 10/21; 11/4; 11/18; 12/2; 12/16; 1/13)**

**HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 03, 2026.**

27. **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE CHAIRPERSON'S DECISION TO CONDUCT THE SWEARENGEN- JANUARY 27, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING REMOTELY. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS WASHINGTON RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN CARLISLE. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

24. **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON AND CANALE.**

MOTION: Canale

SECOND: Warren

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

NAY: Smiley and White

**APPROVED, as amended**

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**25. MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS & WATER (MLGW) BOARD**

**APPOINTMENT**

**KEVIN WOODS**

**REAPPOINTMENT**

**CARL PERSON**

**(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: White

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Items #4 - #7, and #26 were acted upon by one motion.**

4. **ORDINANCE RENAMING MONROE AVENUE BETWEEN FRONT STREET AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE AS HYDE SQUARE, UP FOR F I R S T READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5968 IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL.**

**APPROVED, on First Reading**

5. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS PERTAINING TO CONTRACTS AND SALARIES OF THE MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS AND WATER DIVISION TO SET LIMITS OF CONTRACTS AND SALARIES OR COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5967 IS SPONSORED BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS CANALE, SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON, AND SPINOSA.**

**APPROVED, on Second Reading**

6. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEERING PLANS FOR MAIN STREET PLAZA - PHASE 1 AND ACCEPTING BONDS AS SECURITY. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

**CONTRACT NO. CR-5490**

**APPROVED**

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7. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR HARMONY AT MORNING GROVE – MORNING WOOD P.D. PHASE 4 [CR#5436] AND RELEASING BOND. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

**(CONTRACT NO. CR-5436)**

**APPROVED**

5. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII, § 2-370 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO ARBITRATION OF LABOR DISPUTES, IMPASSE PROCEDURES, AND PRESERVATION OF CHARTER POWERS OF CITY COUNCIL, UP FOR F I R S T READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5969 IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL.**

**APPROVED, on First Reading**

**ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

**MLGW FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS #8 - #17 may be acted upon by one motion:**

8. **RESOLUTION AWARDING SIXTY-MONTH PURCHASE ORDERS FOR HIGH ACCURACY VOLTAGE INSTRUMENT TRANSFORMERS TO RITZ INSTRUMENT TRANSFORMERS, INC. AND TRENCH LIMITED IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,600,000.00.**

**APPROVED**

9. **RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL (CHANGE NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 12668 (FORMERLY ‘ CONTRACT NO. C2467) INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER - NETTERS WITH AT&T CORPORATION TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$84,000.00.**

**APPROVED**

10. **RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE (CHANGE NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 12669 (FORMERLY CONTRACT NO. C2780), MLGW ILI SURVEY ~ 2025 WITH TDW (US), INC. TO INCREASE THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$35,186.00.**

**APPROVED**

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11. RESOLUTION AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR BRACKETS, 1PH TRANSFORMERS TO ATG SUPPLY LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179,308.70.

APPROVED

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER 7042163 WITH ENGINEERED SEALING COMPONENTS LLC FOR CONCRETE STANDARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,626.18.

APPROVED

13. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 12544, ALLEN PUMPING STATION AERATOR RE-ROOF TO B-FOUR PLIED, INC. IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$305,550.30.

APPROVED

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING A TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000.00 FOR PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER 7041731 WITH UNIVERSAL SCAFFOLD AND EQUIPMENT FOR MEDIUM VOLTAGE EPR CABLE.

APPROVED

15. RESOLUTION AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR REGULATORS 23KV 1PH 432KVA TO HOWARD INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$208,794.00.

APPROVED

16. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 12611, COURIER SERVICES TO TEXENN, LLC DBA DILIGENT DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$158,427.01.

APPROVED

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCREASE AND CHANGE (CHANGE NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 12483, SURVEY ADMINISTRATION SOLUTIONS WITH KORN FERRY TO INCREASE AND CHANGE THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$76,608.00.

APPROVED

ROLL CALL MLGW FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS:

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Warren

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Cooper-Sutton, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa, Smiley,

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Walker, Warren, White, and Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington.

**APPROVED**

21. **RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE, APPROPRIATE, AND TRANSFER ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE MEMPHIS PARKS COVERLINE, PROJECT #PK24100, TO PARKS CRITICAL NEEDS CONTINGENCY, PROJECT #PK-TBD, TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO AQUATIC FACILITIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND SENIOR CENTERS, AND OTHER ASSETS TO MITIGATE CRITICAL SERVICE DISRUPTIONS. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

23. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$367,793.80 FROM DRAINAGE – ST COVERLINE, PROJECT NUMBER ST03205, TO MADELINE DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NUMBER ST02031, FOR CONSTRUCTION FUNDS UPGRADE THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM NEAR MADELINE CIRCLE. DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

**(Special Item #1 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #6, #7, #24, #25, #27 from tonight’s meeting.)**

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

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Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington received public comments for agenda items that were not heard during the January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting. No other public comments were received for those agenda items that were heard.

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington moved to recess the meeting. Carlisle motioned, Warren seconded, without objection.

**MEETING RECESSED AT 3:06 P.M.**



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

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CHAIRWOMAN

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