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## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

#### CITY OF MEMPHIS

March 03, 2026

#### 4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

#### 4:16 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED

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

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

#### INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Dr. Noel Hutchinson, from Kingdom Fellowship Baptist Church.

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Walker thanked Dr. Noel Hutchinson, from Kingdom Fellowship Baptist 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 February 24, 2026, with the following motion:

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Logan

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

**APPROVED**

3. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING GINA SWEAT FOR HER SERVICE TO THE MEMPHIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF MEMPHIS. (HELD FROM 1/27; 2/3)

**A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR THIS ITEM TO BE HELD UNTIL APRIL 28, 2026.**

26. ORDINANCE RENAMING MONROE AVENUE BETWEEN FRONT STREET AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE AS HYDE SQUARE, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5968 IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL. (HELD FROM 2/24)

**HELD UNTIL APRIL 28, 2026.**

28. 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; 8/5; 12/16)

**HELD UNTIL MAY 26, 2026.**

30. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PARCELS KNOWN AS 369 NORTH MAIN STREET AND 371 NORTH MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, TN 38103, PARCEL ID# 001016 00003 AND ID# 001016 00002 RESPECTIVELY. DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

**HELD UNTIL MARCH 24, 2026.**

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31. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPTION TO ENTER INTO A 50-YEAR GROUND LEASE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS ON THE UPPER TWO FLOORS OF HISTORIC MELROSE SCHOOL BUILDING AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL AFFORDABLE TOWNHOME AND APARTMENT UNITS ON AN ADDITIONAL 1.03 ACRES OF THE SITE WITH MELROSE HOUSING PARTNERS, LLC. DISTRICT 4, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

**HELD UNTIL MARCH 24, 2026.**

1. **RESOLUTION HONORING MARION "LATROY" A-WILLIAMS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN COOPER-SUTTON.**

MOTION: Cooper-Sutton

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

2. **PRESENTATION FROM THE MEMPHIS YOUTH CITY COUNCIL**

MOTION: Cooper-Sutton

SECOND: Warren

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

**APPROVED**

27. **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 T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5969 IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL. (HELD FROM 2/24)**

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington recognized the following person(s) who spoke from the audience:

Niquntus Nibley, Memphis, Tennessee 38104

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**(Special Item #1 – Hold Item #27 until March 24, 2026.)**

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

**HELD UNTIL MARCH 24, 2026.**

4. **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 6250 SUMMER AVENUE. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

**CASE NO. PD 25-20**

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

**APPROVED**

5. **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 1333 FAIRFAX STREET. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

**CASE NO. PD 25-30**

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

**APPROVED**

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6. **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; 1/27; 2/3; 2/24)**

**CASE NO. PD 25-02**

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington recognized the following person(s) who spoke from the audience:

Glenda Hicks, Memphis, Tennessee 38104

MOTION: Spinosa

SECOND: Warren

AYES: Canale, Ford, Spinosa, Smiley, Warren, White, and Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington.

NAYS: Carlisle, Cooper-Sutton, and Walker

ABSTAIN: Logan

Easter-Thomas and Green were absent.

**APPROVED, as amended**

**FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA – Items #8-#14 may be acted upon by one motion:**

8. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$8,857.00) FROM TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING FOR HICKORY HILL COMMUNITY CENTER. DISTRICT 3, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS PARKS. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

**APPROVED**

9. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$8,857.00) FROM TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING FOR FRAYSER-RALEIGH SENIOR CENTER. DISTRICT 1, SUPER DISTRICT 9. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS PARKS. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

**APPROVED**

10. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING FOR RUTH TATE SENIOR CENTER. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS PARKS. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

**APPROVED**

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11. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$8,857.00) FROM TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING FOR MCWHERTER SENIOR CENTER. DISTRICT 1, SUPER DISTRICT 9. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS PARKS. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

12. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$8,857.00) FROM TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING FOR ORANGE MOUND SENIOR CENTER. DISTRICT 4, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS PARKS. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

13. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$8,857.00) FROM TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING FOR JOSEPHINE K. LEWIS SENIOR CENTER. DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS PARKS. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

14. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$95,000.00) FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMPHIS ANIMAL SERVICES. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIVISION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

APPROVED

ROLL CALL FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Ford, Logan, Spinosa, Warren, White, and Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington.

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

Easter-Thomas and Green were absent.

APPROVED

MLGW FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS #15 -#25 may be acted upon by one motion:

15. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 12592, ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION/TRANSMISSION CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TO DAVIS H. ELLIOT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$56,833,920.00.

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**APPROVED**

16. RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR A 15-TON DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK TO GLOBAL RENTAL CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$369,740.00.

**APPROVED**

17. RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR CLASS 8 CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCKS TO RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TENNESSEE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,111,332.00.

**APPROVED**

18. RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 12636, FAST CHARGE TN NETWORK (EMERGENCY) WITH JMM FARM AND COMPANY, LLC IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$294,000.00.

**APPROVED**

19. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE EXPANSION, RENEWAL AND INCREASE (CHANGE NO. 4) TO CONTRACT NO. 12339, JANITORIAL SERVICES TO MASON'S PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES, LLC TO EXPAND THE SCOPE, RENEW AND INCREASE THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$1,854,410.09.

**APPROVED**

20. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATIFICATION AND RENEWAL (CHANGE NO. 4) TO CONTRACT NO. 12289, INDEPENDENT CLAIMS ADJUSTER SERVICES WITH HORTON & ASSOCIATES OF MEMPHIS TO RATIFY AND RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00.

**APPROVED**

21. RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL (CHANGE NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 12418, COMBINED MEDICAL AND PHARMACY WITH CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$1,094,512.00 FOR ADMIN FEES.

**APPROVED**

22. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL (CHANGE NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 12427, DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$5,747,756.00.

**APPROVED**

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23. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATIFICATION AND RENEWAL (CHANGE NO. 2) TO CONTRACT NO. 12583 (FORMERLY CONTRACT NO. C2572), COMMERCIAL AUTO INSURANCE FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL WITH PETE MITCHELL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. TO RATIFY AND RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$238,014.00.**

**APPROVED**

24. **RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF ANNUAL SALARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,000.00 FOR THE NEW HIRE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, BILLING AND PAYMENT SERVICES. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

**APPROVED**

25. **RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF ANNUAL SALARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$234,769.60 FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF CORPORATE SAFETY.**

**APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL MLGW FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS:**

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Cooper-Sutton, Ford, Logan, Spinosa, Walker, White, and Chairwoman Swearngen-Washington.

Smiley did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Green were absent.

**APPROVED**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Item #7 was acted upon by one motion.**

7. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEERING PLANS FOR LOTS 102 – 111 HOWARD SOWELL ESTATE SUBDIVISION (ASPR) AND ACCEPTING SECURITY IN-LIEU-OF BOND. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

**CONTRACT NO. CR-5494**

**APPROVED**

**ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:**

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

**APPROVED**

**34. RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CIP BUDGET TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$395,000.00) IN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (USDA/NIFA) COMPOST AND FOOD WASTE REDUCTION AGREEMENT (AWARD NO. 2025-70510-44324) TO THE MEMPHIS ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMPHIS ZOO COMPOST AND FOOD WASTE REDUCTION PROJECT. DISTRICT 5, SUPER DISTRICT 9. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

**APPROVED**

**35. RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET HEARINGS. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN CARLISLE. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

**APPROVED**

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**29. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) IN G.O. BONDS FOR FY26 CONVENTION CENTER, CIP PROJECT NUMBER GS26100. DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FINANCE DIVISION.**

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Carlisle

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Ford, Logan, Spinosa, Smiley, White, and Chairwoman Swearingen-Washington.

Cooper-Sutton and Walker did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas, Green, and Warren were absent.

**APPROVED**

**32. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COST SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE ACTIVITY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE JACKSON PIT CONSENT ORDER AND OVERSIGHT COSTS INCURRED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC). DISTRICT 3, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

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

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Ford, Logan, Spinosa, Smiley, and Chairwoman Swearingen-Washington.

RECUSED: White

Cooper-Sutton and Walker did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas, Green, and Warren were absent.

**APPROVED**

**33. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF CURRENT FY26 SOLID WASTE BUDGET FUNDS TO SUPPORT SECOND-QUARTER CLEANUP EFFORTS. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Canale

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Ford, Logan, Spinosa, Smiley, White, and Chairwoman Swearingen-Washington.

Cooper-Sutton and Walker did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas, Green, and Warren were absent.

**APPROVED**

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**(Special Item #2 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #34, and #35 from tonight’s meeting.)**

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Canale

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

**APPROVED**

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington recognized the following person(s) who spoke from the audience:

Chief Andre Mathews, Memphis, Tennessee 38108

Annika Easley, Memphis, Tennessee 38119

Dr Marilyn Ann- Wright-Andrews, Memphis, Tennessee 38053

Joe B Kent, Memphis, Tennessee 38117

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31 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.

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CHAIRWOMAN

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