

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEMPHIS

April 14, 2026

4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

4:14 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED

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

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

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Bishop Linwood Elijah Dillard, Jr., from Citadel of Deliverance COGIC.

Chairwoman Swearingen-Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Swearingen-Washington thanked Bishop Linwood Elijah Dillard, Jr., from Citadel of Deliverance COGIC.

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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10. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE REGARDING THE SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, UP FOR T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5959 IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (HELD FROM 12/2; 12/16; 1/13; 2/3; 2/24; 3/24)**

HELD UNTIL APRIL 28, 2026

11. **RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FUNDED BY G.O. BONDS CHARGEABLE TO THE FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIBERTY PARK PHASE TWO, CD01106, AWARD 11426. DISTRICT 4, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (HELD FROM 3/24)**

HELD UNTIL APRIL 28, 2026

12. **RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) FUNDED BY G.O. BONDS CHARGEABLE TO THE FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR THE FAIRGROUNDS REDEVELOPMENT, CD01107, AWARD 11426. DISTRICT 4, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (HELD FROM 3/24)**

HELD UNTIL APRIL 28, 2026

(Special Item #1 – Remove Item #16, from previous minutes.)

MOTION: Canale

SECOND: Cooper-Sutton

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Cooper-Sutton, Ford, and White.

NAYS: Green, Smiley, Spinosa, Walker, and Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington.

Logan did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

FAILED

Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting on March 24, 2026, with the following motion:

MOTION: Ford

SECOND: Smiley

AYES: Carlisle, Ford, Green, Smiley, Spinosa, Walker, and Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington.

NAYS: Canale and Cooper-Sutton, and White

Logan did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

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APPROVED

1. **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN HONORARY STREET NAME CHANGE ON DECATUR STREET BETWEEN VOLLINTINE AVENUE AND JACKSON AVENUE FOR GLADYS ANN HUNTER SAWYER. DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALKER.**

MOTION: Walker

SECOND: Ford

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

Logan did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

2. **APPEAL OF QUINCE LIQUOR 2, LLC, MEMPHIS ALCOHOL COMMISSION MATTER T36413, FILED PURSUANT TO §§ 4-3 AND 4-12 OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS CODE OF ORDINANCES. REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE. (HELD FROM 3/24)**

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

Casio Montez, Memphis, Tennessee 38111

MOTION: Spinosa

SECOND: Green

AYES: Cooper-Sutton, Ford, Walker, and Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington.

NAYS: Carlisle, Green, Logan, Spinosa, and White

ABSTAIN: Canale

Smiley did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

FAILED

18. **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS AND THE MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Ford

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Canale, Cooper-Sutton, Ford, Green, Spinosa, Walker, and Chairwoman Swearengen- Washington.

Carlisle, Logan, Smiley, and White did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

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APPROVED

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 0 IKEA WAY. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. PD 26-01

MOTION: Spinosa

SECOND: Green

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

APPROVED

4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST TO CLOSE AND VACATE THE PUBLIC-RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A NORTH-SOUTH PUBLIC ALLEY KNOWN AS LITTY PLACE THAT HAS AN EAST-WEST STUB AT ITS MIDPOINT HEADING EASTWARD. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. SAC 25-06

MOTION: Spinosa

SECOND: Carlisle

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

APPROVED

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 3575 EMERALD STREET. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. SUP 26-01

MOTION: Spinosa

SECOND: Carlisle

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

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APPROVED

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 4180 ELLISTON ROAD. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. SUP 26-05

MOTION: Spinosa

SECOND: Carlisle

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

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

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

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

7. **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 ON TULLY STREET AND WOODLAWN STREET BY TAKING THE LAND OUT OF THE RESIDENTIAL URBAN – 1 (RU-1) USE DISTRICT AND INCLUDING IT IN THE MIXED USE (MU) DISTRICT, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. THIS ORDINANCE IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. Z 26-01

ORDINANCE NO. 5970

APPROVED, on Second Reading

ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

MOTION: Carlisle

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Ford, Green, Spinosa, Smiley, and Chairwoman
Swearengen-Washington.

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

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

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FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA – Items #8 and #20 may be acted upon by one motion:

8. **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALKER. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

APPROVED

20. **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN COOPER-SUTTON. (REQUEST TO ADD-ON TO FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

APPROVED

ROLL CALL FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION: Canale

SECOND: Logan

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

APPROVED

9. **MEMPHIS CONVENTION CENTER COMMISSION**

APPOINTMENTS

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MOTION: White

SECOND: Green

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

APPROVED

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13. **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 FROM 3/3; 3/24)**

Councilwoman White moved to hold this Item, without objection

HELD UNTIL JULY 7, 2026

14. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH ENGINE**

APPOINTMENT

ED STEPHENS, III

(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

MOTION: White

SECOND: Carlisle

AYES: Canale, Carlisle, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Walker, White and Chairwoman Swarengen-Washington.

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

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

15. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$375,980.00) FROM CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION TO ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING IN FIRE S & L BLDG – SEISMIC REPAIR, PROJECT NUMBER PW17302, FOR REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DESIGN MODIFICATIONS. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Canale

AYES: Canale, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Walker, White and Chairwoman Swarengen-Washington.

Carlisle, Cooper-Sutton, and Spinosa did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

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16. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FROM DRAINAGE – ST COVERLINE, PROJECT NUMBER ST03205, TO TONTO AND THIRD DRAINAGE, PROJECT NUMBER ST03234, FOR CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR UPGRADING THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT TONTO AND THIRD. DISTRICT 6, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Smiley

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Canale, Ford, Green, Logan, Spinosa, Walker, White and Chairwoman
Swearengen-Washington.

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

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

17. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000.00) FROM THE HARBOR DOCKS PROJECT (PW04123) TO THE MONROE PLAZA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (PK-TBD). DISTRICT 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Canale

SECOND: Spinosa

AYES: Canale, Ford, Green, Logan, Smiley, Spinosa, Walker, White and Chairwoman
Swearengen-Washington.

Carlisle and Cooper-Sutton did not cast a vote.

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

19. **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

MOTION: Canale

SECOND: Spinosa

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

Easter-Thomas and Warren were absent.

APPROVED

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(Special Item #2 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #8, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, and #19 from tonight’s meeting.)

MOTION: Canale

SECOND: Spinosa

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

APPROVED

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

(20 SPEAKER CARDS ARE ARCHIVED IN COUNCIL RECORDS.)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:54 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.

CHAIRWOMAN

Deputy Comptroller/Council Records