May 12, 2026

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEMPHIS

May 12, 2026

4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

4:02 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED

ROLL CALL: J. Ford Canale, 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 Swearengen-Washington.
Chase Carlisle was absent.

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

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Tenita Freeman from the City of Memphis Office of Community Affairs.

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington thanked Rev. Dr. Tenita Freeman from the City of Memphis Office of Community Affairs

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 April 28, 2026, with the following motion:

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

APPROVED

1. **DESIGNATING MAY 2026 AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL.**

WITHDRAWN

3. **RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING PAYTN GIBSON, CARTER HOLMES, AND TY MILLER AS PRIZE WINNERS IN THE 2026 C-SPAN NATIONAL DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN WHITE.**

HELD UNTIL MAY 26, 2026

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 2342 FRAYSER BOULEVARD. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. SUP 26-03

HELD UNTIL MAY 26, 2026

11. **RESOLUTION FOR CITY TREASURER TO PREPARE 2026 TAX BILLS FOR STATE ASSESSED PROPERTIES. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

HELD UNTIL JUNE 09, 2026

2. **RESOLUTION HONORING TEACHERS IN HONOR OF TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN EASTER-THOMAS.**

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

APPROVED

4. **RESOLUTION HONORING LIEUTENANT STACEY LEE FOR HER DISTINGUISHED PROMOTION AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN THE GREATER MEMPHIS COMMUNITY. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY CHAIRWOMAN SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON.**

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

APPROVED

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; 4/14; 4/28)

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

Pamela Moses, Memphis, Tennessee 38108

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

APPROVED, as amended, on Third and Final Reading

CONSENT AGENDA – Items #6 - #8 and #21 were acted upon by one motion.

6. **ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX LEVY ON THE ASSESSED VALUES ON ALL PROPERTIES OF EVERY SPECIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, INCLUSIVE, TOGETHER WITH ALL COLLECTIONS FROM PRIVILEGE LICENSES FEES, FINES, PERMITS, CHARGES, REVENUE RECEIPTS OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, INCLUSIVE, TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH MONIES MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER AND TO PROVIDE THE STANDARD CODE OR DESIGNATIONS UNDER WHICH THE APPROPRIATIONS ARE TO BE ADMINISTERED AND ACCOUNTING CONTROL MAINTAINED. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. ORDINANCE NO. 5971 IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

APPROVED, on First Reading

7. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR GARDENS OF GRAY'S CREEK, PHASE 3 [CR#5397] AND RELEASING BOND. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

(CONTRACT NO. CR-5397)

APPROVED

8. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR SHADY GROVE MEDIAN ENHANCEMENT [CR#5438] AND RELEASING BOND. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

(CONTRACT NO. CR-5438)

APPROVED

21. **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN HONORARY STREET NAME CHANGE OF BULLINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTH PARKWAY EAST AND TAYLOR STREET FOR JAMES A. BRIDGES, SR. DISTRICT 4, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS CANALE, COOPER SUTTON, EASTER-THOMAS, FORD, LOGAN, SMILEY, SPINOSA, SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON, WALKER, AND WARREN. (REQUEST TO ADD-ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

APPROVED

ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

APPROVED

12. **RESOLUTION REQUESTING INCLUSION OF FUNDING FOR BUDGET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN SPINOSA.**

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

APPROVED

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; 4/14)**

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

Glenda Hicks, Memphis, Tennessee 38109
Pamela Moses, Memphis, Tennessee 38108

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

APPROVED

14. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY, AND PERFORMANCE OF A FINANCING LEASE IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING SIX-HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS ($643,810.00), RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS SOLID WASTE VEHICLES AND TO APPROVE CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

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

APPROVED

FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA – Item #9 may be acted upon by one motion:

9. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN IN-KIND DONATION FROM THE BLUFF CITY CLUSTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF HICKORY HILL COMMUNITY CENTER. DISTRICT 2. SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

APPROVED

ROLL CALL FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

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

APPROVED

15. **RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONGRESSIONAL MAP SPLITTING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS EASTER-THOMAS, FORD, LOGAN, SMILEY, SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON, WALKER, WARREN, AND WHITE. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

Glenda Hicks, Memphis, Tennessee 38109
Denise Williams Greene, Memphis, Tennessee 38672

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

APPROVED

16. **MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN LANDBANK AUTHORITY**

APPOINTMENTS

TRICIA ADRIAN

CURTIS BRADEN

ADRIAN HENNING

BARBARA CONWAY

(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

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

APPROVED

17. **RESOLUTION TO SWAP TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($230,000.00) IN ACCELERATE MEMPHIS FUNDS IN THE SEA ISLE FITNESS PROJECT (PK07134) WITH TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($230,000.00) IN CIP FUNDS IN THE GALLOWAY GOLF COURSE REPAIRS PROJECT (PK06019) TO ENSURE PROPER COMPLETION OF BOTH PROJECTS. DISTRICTS 2 & 5, SUPER DISTRICT 9. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

18. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER, ALLOCATE, AND APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($500,000.00) FROM ST BRIDGE REPAIR COVERLINE, PROJECT NUMBER ST03216 CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION FUNDS TO GAYOSO INSPECTION & DESIGN, PROJECT NUMBER ST02002 TO FUND THE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS STRUCTURES IN THE GAYOSO BAYOU DRAINAGE SYSTEM. DISTRICTS 6 & 7, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

19. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER, ALLOCATE, AND APPROPRIATE EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($800,000.00) FROM BRIDGE REPAIR COVERLINE, PROJECT NUMBER PW24400 TO KNIGHT ARNOLD/JOHNS CK BRIDGE PROJECT NUMBER PW02039 TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KNIGHT ARNOLD BRIDGE. DISTRICT 4, SUPER DISTRICT 8. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

20. **RESOLUTION TO REDUCE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($80,000.00) FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (THSO) THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

(Special Item #1 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #7, #8, #9, #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, #20, & #21 from tonight's meeting.)

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

APPROVED

May 12, 2026

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

Alexa Pouncey, Memphis, Tennessee 38111
LeAndre Key, Memphis, Tennessee 38018
LaSimba Gray, Memphis, Tennessee 38103
James L. Clark, Memphis, Tennessee 38103
Bryanna Byrd, Memphis, Tennessee 38111
Ron Painter, Memphis, Tennessee 38016

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:23 P.M.

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

Jana Swearengen-Washington
CHAIRWOMAN

Valerie C. Snipes
Deputy Comptroller/Council Records