July 07, 2026

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEMPHIS

July 07, 2026

4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

4:10 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED

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

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

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Theodis Cochran from Trinity All Nations Church.

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Easter-Thomas thanked Pastor Theodis Cochran from Trinity All Nations 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.

Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting on June 23, 2026, with the following motion:

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

APPROVED

9. **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; 4/14)**

WITHDRAWN

10. **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; 4/14)**

WITHDRAWN

1. **RESOLUTION HONORING GRAMMY-NOMINATED CHILDREN'S MUSIC ARTIST, SNOOKNUK. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN GREEN.**

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

APPROVED

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2. **RESOLUTION HONORING GRAMMY-NOMINATED CHILDREN'S MUSIC ARTIST, SNOOKNUK. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN GREEN.**

HELD UNTIL JULY 21, 2026

3. **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 2465 MILLBROOK AVE. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. SUP 26-08

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

APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA – Items #4- #7 were acted upon by one motion.

4. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, PENSION AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5974 IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

5. **ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY OF MEMPHIS, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 33, ARTICLE III AND CORRESPONDING CHAPTER 13-28, TO INCREASE THE SEWER FEES, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5975 IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

6. **REFERENDUM ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, SAME BEING CHAPTER 11 OF THE ACTS OF 1879, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI, §9 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE (HOME RULE AMENDMENT), SO AS TO ESTABLISH LOBBYIST REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM ORDINANCE TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS AT THE NEXT STATE GENERAL ELECTION, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5977 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN CARLISLE.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

7. **REFERENDUM ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, SAME BEING CHAPTER 11 OF THE ACTS OF 1879, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI, SECTION 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE (HOME RULE AMENDMENT) TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION BY ORDINANCE OF UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS THAT MAY AFFECT THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES, UP FOR S E C O N D READING. ORDINANCE NO. 5978 IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN CARLISLE.**

APPROVED, on Second Reading

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington motioned to remove Item #8, to be voted on separately, without objection.

ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

APPROVED, as amended

8. **RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 FOR MEMPHIS BROOKS MUSEUM OF ART [CR#5447] FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENTS & MUSEUM PERIMETER STREETSCRAPE AND ACCEPTING BOND AS SECURITY.** (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)

(CONTRACT NO. CR-5447)

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

APPROVED, as amended

11. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($591,000.00) FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.** **(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

12. **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY27. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY CHAIRWOMAN SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON.** **(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

13. **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY27. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBERS LOGAN AND COOPER-SUTTON.** **(REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

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

APPROVED

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(Special Item #1 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Items #8, #11, #12, and #13 from tonight's meeting.)

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

APPROVED

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

(7 SPEAKER CARDS ARE ARCHIVED IN COUNCIL RECORDS.)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05 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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