April 28, 2026

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEMPHIS

April 28, 2026

4:00 P.M. SCHEDULED SESSION

4:00 P.M. MEETING COMMENCED

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

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

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Dr. LaSimba M. Gray Jr. of New Sardis Baptist Church.

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Swearengen-Washington thanked Dr. LaSimba M. Gray Jr. of New Sardis 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.

Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2026 and April 21, 2026, with the following motion:

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

APPROVED

18. **PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF THE MEMPHIS LEGAL COMMUNITY. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. REQUESTED BY CANALE AND WHITE.**

15. **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)**

HELD UNTIL MAY 12, 2026

Councilwoman Easter-Thomas moved to table Item #14, without objection.

14. **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; 3/3)**

TABLED

1. **RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING CATO JOHNSON FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO METHODIST LEBONHEUR HEALTHCARE AND THE ENTIRE MEMPHIS COMMUNITY. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY CHAIRWOMAN SWEARENGEN-WASHINGTON.**

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

APPROVED

2. **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; 3/3)**

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

APPROVED

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 3568 LAMAR AVENUE. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. SUP 26-02

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

APPROVED

4. **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 T H I R D AND F I N A L READING. THIS ORDINANCE IS SPONSORED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.**

CASE NO. Z 26-01
ORDINANCE NO. 5970

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

APPROVED, on Third and Final Reading

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FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA – Item #5 may be acted upon by one motion:

5. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS ($9,150.00) FROM THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR MEMPHIS LANDMARKS COMMISSIONER, STAFF, AND NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. (REQUEST FOR SAME NIGHT MINUTES)**

APPROVED

ROLL CALL FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

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

APPROVED

MLGW FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS #6 - #13 may be acted upon by one motion:

6. **RESOLUTION AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR CLASS 8, 55-FOOT BUCKET TRUCKS TO ALTEC INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF $550,854.00.**

APPROVED

7. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE EXPANSION, RENEWAL AND INCREASE (CHANGE NO. 4) TO CONTRACT NO. 12409, TRASH REMOVAL SERVICES TO BFI WASTE SERVICES, LLC DBA REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MEMPHIS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE, RENEW AND INCREASE THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF $461,421.31.**

APPROVED

8. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE CHANGE AND INCREASE (CHANGE NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 12491, NORTH SERVICE CENTER AND EXPANSION SITES: ENVIRONMENTAL SITE INVESTIGATION WITH ENSAFE, INC. TO EXPAND THE SCOPE AND INCREASE THE CURRENT CONTRACT VALUE IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF $996,250.00.**

APPROVED

9. **RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL AND INCREASE (CHANGE NO. 5) TO CONTRACT NO. 12238, ELECTRIC SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH RMS ENERGY COMPANY, LLC TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT VALUE IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF $12,000,000.00.**

APPROVED

10. **RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 12666, ALLEN PUMPING STATION CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING & INSPECTION SERVICES TO HDR ENGINEERING, INC. IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF $6,035,491.00.**

APPROVED

11. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATIFICATION, INCREASE AND EXTENSION (CHANGE NO. 3) TO CONTRACT NO. 12029, PHYSICAL ARCHIVE STORAGE WITH VITAL RECORDS CONTROL, INC. TO RATIFY, INCREASE AND EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE FUNDED AMOUNT OF $9,503.30.**

APPROVED

12. **RESOLUTION AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR HALF-TON FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP TRUCKS TO WILSON COUNTY MOTORS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,263,999.80.**

APPROVED

13. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER 7079631 WITH SEVEN STATES POWER CORPORATION FOR SEVEN (7) ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $885,647.71.**

APPROVED

ROLL CALL MLGW FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS:

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

APPROVED

(Special Item #1 – Table Item #16 from tonight's meeting.)

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

Dr Stewart Burgess, Memphis, Tennessee 38104
Carissa Hussong, Memphis, Tennessee 38106

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

FAILED

16. **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; 1/27; 2/24; 3/24)**

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

FAILED

17. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMPENSATION TASK FORCE. ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN WHITE.**

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

APPROVED

(Special Item #2 – Approval of Same Night Minutes for Item #5 from tonight's meeting.)

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

APPROVED

Councilman Ford acknowledged the passing of State Representative G.A. Hardaway, Sr., and observed a moment of silence in his honor.

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

Liana Venezia, Memphis, Tennessee 38107
Dexter M. Elsberry, Memphis, Tennessee 38002
Scooter Moore, Memphis, Tennessee

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:37 P.M.

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

Liana Swearengen Washington
CHAIRWOMAN

Valerie C. Snipes
Deputy Comptroller/Council Records