



LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

JULY 21, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Clarksville Legislative Liaison Committee was called to order by Chairman Jeff Burkhart on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Jeff Burkhart, Ron Erb, Stacey Streetman

Mayor Joe Pitts was also present.

CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Councillady Streetman said she received a request from a current Fire Rescue employee asking the committee to consider offering paid insurance to post-2006 retirees. City Insurance Coordinator Denise Johnson shared information regarding premiums for current and retired employees. Mayor Pitts said this would be an issue for the City Council to consider.

Councillady Streetman also shared the following list of requests submitted by Councilman Richard Garrett:

- Discontinue disenfranchising convicted felons by no longer taking away their right to vote or hold public office.
- Make convicted felons a protected class as it relates to housing and employment discrimination.
- Make it mandatory for all law enforcement officers to wear body cameras when on duty.
- Require law enforcement officers to undergo a more thorough background check that includes social media; any ties to racist and/or terrorist groups would be a disqualification for employment.

- Confederate flags and statutes may no longer be displayed on government owned properties.

Mayor Pitts said CFO Laurie Matta asked the committee to renew the request to increase the Department of Motor Vehicle administrative fee (driver license) from \$4 to \$10.

Councilman Erb mentioned the following issues that could be considered:

- Issuance of photographs of stolen vehicles.
- Ask legislators to renew the “Tin Can” bill (adding five cents to the cost of a plastic beverage container).
- Encourage legislators to support trash incineration to generate power.

Councilman Burkhart noted possible issues to be considered:

- Improve I-24 to four lanes eastbound and westbound.
- Remove dirt mounds from Old Farmers Road.
- Review and evaluate current state road projects

Councillady Streetman also requested widening of Rossvie Road from I-24 to Warfield Boulevard and include curb and gutters. Councilman Burkhart felt wider lanes with sidewalks would also improve traffic flow.

Councilman Burkhart suggested the committee meet within the next two weeks to prepare for the City-County meeting on August 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

No votes were taken and no final decisions were made during this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

ADOPTED: August 4, 2020