



LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

August 3, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Stacey Streetman, Travis Holleman, Karen Reynolds, Joe Shakeenab

APPROVAL OF [AUGUST 3, 2022 MINUTES](#)

Councilperson Holleman made a motion to adopt the August 3, 2022 minutes. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- Raise the limit to hire a state contractor to manage our projects from \$25,000 to \$50,000:
Ms. Matta explained state law allows the city to raise the bid threshold to \$50,000 and then there is contract law that states the city must hire a state certified contractor if the bid is \$25,000 or more. The city is running into problems with inflation. Due to the fluctuation in price, contractors are bidding high which then means we must work with a certified contractor, the prices have increased exponentially.
- [Medical cannabis](#): Councilperson Reynolds asked that the city support Medical Cannabis Bill that would allow the medical prescribing and usage. She said that TNVET supports legalizing medical cannabis for TN veterans. She said this would bring revenue in for the city and would allow the cannabis for medical use to be regulated.
- [Increasing amount for daycare \(TANF\)](#): Councilperson Reynolds asked that the city encourage legislators to work with the community to support the TANF Opportunity Act and increase payments for daycare through the TN Child Care and Development Fun Plan. She said there is a 2-year waiting period for daycare and the current reimbursement rate does not support the centers. By raising the rate by 20%, this will help local small businesses in Clarksville. Councilperson Reynolds will look into breaking down the amount that would

- affect the community and put a dollar figure to it.
- Bottle Bill: Councilperson Reynolds asked that the city support the Tennessee Cleaner Landscapes for the Economy, Agriculture and Nature (CLEAN) Act. She said litter is a huge problem in the city and would like to create a commission to develop and implement policies to reduce litter in Tennessee. Ms. Matta said the city does not have a specialized garbage or recycling and is one of the few cities in the nation who do not. She said the city pays parks and recreation employees to pick up trash on city property and a street sweeper who cleans up the streets and those would not go away with this program. Councilperson Reynolds said this is to start working to create a solution. Ms. Matta said the GNRC started a few years ago, a program to deal with waste and recycling and may have a suggestion to help move this forward.
 - Governing HOA's: Chairperson Streetman received an email from a constituent regarding the laws governing HOA's and said this was an item for consideration. The committee discussed this item and suggested speaking to Building and Codes as well as adding as a Public Safety Committee agenda item vs adding to the Legislative Liaison Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

ADOPTED: August 10, 2022

Stacey Streetman, Chair

ATTESTED:

Lisa Canfield, City Clerk