CITY OF
LAKELAND
TENNESSEE

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 5:30 PM
City Hall, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

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I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Roman 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

II. INVOCATION:
The invocation was offered by Mayor Roman.

III. PLEDGE:
The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Roman.

IV. ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:

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| Commissioner Jim Atkinson | Present |
| Vice-Mayor Michele Dial | Present |
| Commissioner Connie McCarter | Present |
| Mayor Josh Roman | Present |
| Commissioner Wesley Wright | Present |

Staff personnel in attendance were City Manager Michael Walker, City Attorney Will Patterson, and City Recorder Cheyenne Carter.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

   *For the record*: no public comments were heard.

2. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - amending the fiscal year 2024 annual budget passed by Ordinance O-10-2023, as amended by Ordinance O-3-2024.

   *For the record*: no public comments were heard.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:
No treasurer's report was presented at this meeting.

VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:

Sheriff's Report

a. May Lakeland Crime Report

This report was offered by Lieutenant Less.

City Manager's Report

a. June 2024 City Manager's Report

This report was offered by City Manager Michael Walker.

Commissioners' Report

a. Industrial Development Board - *Mayor Roman*

This report was offered by IDB President Michael Walker.

b. Board of Education - *Vice Mayor Wright*

This report was offered by Vice Mayor Wright.

c. Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission - *Commissioner Atkinson*

No report was offered at this time due to lack of quorum at previous meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:
None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA:
None.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - May 16, 2024

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the minutes passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

**Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

2. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

   Vice-Mayor Wright moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

   City Manager Michael Walker presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   ***When the question was called the ordinance passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor 1 against 0 abstain (4-1-0).***

   **Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

   **Nay:** Commissioner McCarter

   **Abstain:** None

3. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - amending the fiscal year 2024 annual budget passed by Ordinance O-10-2023, as amended by Ordinance O-3-2024.

   Vice-Mayor Wright moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

   City Manager Michael Walker presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   ***When the question was called the ordinance passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

   **Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

   **Nay:** None

   **Abstain:** None

4. **Resolution** - authorizing the purchase of a motor and impeller for Pump Stations #22 and #23 from Van Brocklin and Associates.

Vice-Mayor Wright moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

Staff Engineer Paul Posey presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

5. **Resolution** - authorizing the purchase of a booster pump for the sludge press at the Scotts Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant from Tencarva Machinery Company.

   Vice-Mayor Wright moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial

   Staff Engineer Paul Posey presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   ***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

6. **Resolution** - authorizing the issuance and payment of interfund bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed $20,000,000.

   Vice-Mayor Wright moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

   City Manager Michael Walker presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   ***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

   **Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

   **Nay:** None

   **Abstain:** None

7. **Resolution** - authorizing the City Manager and/or City Attorney to obtain the necessary easements for the construction of the Oliver Creek Interceptor by negotiation and authorizing City Attorney to file and pursue condemnation proceedings concerning the necessary easement on Tract 2 owned by Lakeland Apartments TN Associates, LLC.

Vice-Mayor Wright moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

City Attorney Will Patterson presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

**Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

8. **Resolution** - authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tennessee Soccer Academy for a youth recreation soccer program.

   Commissioner Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

   Recreation Manager John Proctor presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   ***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

   **Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

   **Nay:** None

   **Abstain:** None

9. **Resolution** - authorizing the submission of an application for the BlueCross Healthy Place grant through the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Foundation. *Sponsored by Commissioner Dial*

   Commissioner Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

   Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   ***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor 0 against 1 abstain (4-0-1).***

**Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Connie McCarter

10. **Resolution** - authorizing the Mayor to sign a proclamation designating July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. *Sponsored by Commissioner Dial*
Commissioner Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

12. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding the City Attorney's May 2, 2024 report to the Board of Commissioners.

*For the record:* Mayor Roman motioned to move this item on the agenda to be presented before agenda item number 11, no objections were heard.

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

Discussion ensued.

*For the record:* Commissioner Atkinson motioned to re-vote for the title of Vice Mayor and to repeal the current title of Vice Mayor from Vice Mayor Wright, seconded by Mayor Roman.

***When the question was called the motion to re-vote for the title of Vice Mayor and to repeal the title of Vice Mayor from Vice Mayor Wright passed, roll call vote, 2 in favor 0 against 2 abstain (2-0-2).***

**Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Dial

**Nay:**

**Abstain:** Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman

*For the record:* Mayor Roman nominated Commissioner Dial to serve as Vice Mayor, no objections were heard. Mayor Roman closed nominations; no objections were heard.

***When the question was called the nomination for Commissioner***

***Dial to serve as Vice Mayor passed, roll call vote, 3 in favor 0 against 2 abstain (3-0-2).***

**Yea:** Commissioner Atkinson, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Wright

**Nay:**

**Abstain:** Commissioner McCarter, Commissioner Dial

*For the record:* The remainder of the minutes will address the following title changes: Commissioner Wright and Vice Mayor Dial.

11. **Resolution** - requesting and authorizing a thorough investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Shelby County Attorney General of the contract between the Lakeland Arts Council and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra that was signed by Vice Mayor Wesley Wright/the Lakeland Arts Council and Peter Abell, President and CEO of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra on March 5, 2024 prior to the authorization and approval by the Lakeland Board of Commissioners. *Sponsored by Commissioner McCarter*

Commissioner McCarter moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Commissioner McCarter presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the resolution failed, roll call vote, 1 in favor 4 against (1-4).***

**Yea:** Commissioner McCarter

**Nay:** Mayor Roman, ~~Vice-Mayor~~ Commissioner Wright, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner Atkinson

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Vice Mayor Dial announced the attendance of Senator Brent Taylor at the next regularly scheduled Community Advisory Board meeting on August the 13th.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:55 p.m. on Tuesday, June ~~16~~ 18, 2024.

These minutes were approved on July 18, 2024.

Josh Roman

*Mayor*

ATTEST:

Cheyenne Carter

Cheyenne Carter
*City Recorder*