



Board of Commissioners

August 14, 2025

6:30 PM

City Hall - Massie Chambers

Minutes:

Present: Jimmy D. Anderson, Jennifer Duncan, Cisco Gilmore, Rusty Tinnin, and Jesse Walker.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Tim Ellis, Allison Baker, Addam McCormick, Sean Pfalzer, Audra Cherry-Crawford, Jack Presley, Kimberly Lynn, Julie High, and Russell Freeman.

Mayor Rusty Tinnin called the meeting to order. Pastor Mike Peasall offered prayer and Mayor Tinnin led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Allison Baker called the roll: Mayor Tinnin present, Vice Mayor Duncan present, Commissioner Anderson present, Commissioner Gilmore present, Commissioner Walker present.

Consider the minutes of the July 10, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for approval or correction. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve the minutes as written.

Comments from citizens.

John Fey of 407 Moss Trail addressed the board regarding traffic calming on Moss Trail as it is up for discussion.

Doug Mabry of 411 Moss Trail addressed the board regarding speeding on Moss Trail and neighbors with tall grass and parked cars.

Jama Gaines of 420 Highland Heights addressed the board regarding neighbors feeding deer and the increase of wildlife on her property. The animals are causing damage to her property and drawing predators to her property.

Valerie Fowler of 821 Rachel Drive addressed the board regarding fireworks and is in support of Ordinance 25-1122.

Clayburn Garrett of 416 Moss Trail addressed the board regarding traffic calming.

Linda Lowry of Music City Fireworks addressed the board regarding fireworks and is in opposition of Ordinance 25-1122.

Comments of the City Manager and staff.

City Manager Tim Ellis announced a ribbon cutting on August 28th at 5pm for the disc golf course at Brooks Park. He also announced the ribbon cutting for Rachel's Garden Playground on Sunday, September 7th at 2pm.

Reports and comments from committees, members of the Board of Commissioners and other officers.

Commissioner Walker announced Restaurant Week coming in February of 2026. This is an effort of the Young Professionals group to pack our local restaurants.

Consider Consent agenda items.

Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider the consent agenda. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda.

Approved Resolution 25-1278, a resolution authorizing the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, to participate in the Property Conservation Grant program through Public Entity Partners.

Approved Resolution 25-1279, a resolution approving an application for a State of Tennessee Department of Tourism-Tourism Enhancement Grant: Round 8.

Approved Resolution 25-1281, a resolution authorizing an application for a Project Support Grant from the State of Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial.

Approved Resolution 25-1282, a resolution acknowledging an application for a tourism marketing grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Tourism.

Approved Resolution 25-1283, a resolution authorizing the application for the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation Grant as it relates to the construction of new courts.

Approved Resolution 25-1284, a resolution authorizing an application for a Community Support Grant from the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial.

Consider Unfinished Business.

Consider Ordinance 25-1117, an ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee amending its Municipal Court cost by increasing the amount by one dollar in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 16-8-304(a), second reading and public

hearing. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Ordinance 25-1117. Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened. With no one speaking in favor or against the proposed amendment, the public hearing was closed. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 25-1117.

Consider Ordinance 25-1118, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 21-1011 being an ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Code Series and amend Title 12, Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code, being the Standard Building and Property Maintenance Code for the City of Goodlettsville, second reading and public hearing. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Ordinance 25-1118. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened. With no one speaking in favor or against the proposed amendment, the public hearing was closed. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 25-1118.

Consider New Business.

Consider Ordinance 25-1119, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit additional commercial uses in the INT, Interchange Overlay, first reading. Commissioner Gilmore made a motion to consider Ordinance 25-1119. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 25-1119.

Consider Ordinance 25-1120, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate state law sections for Zoning Ordinance amendment public notice and vested rights for development plan approvals, first reading. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Ordinance 25-1120. Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 25-1120.

Consider Ordinance 25-1121, an ordinance adopting tax rates for the City of Goodlettsville for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2026, first reading. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Ordinance 25-1121. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 25-1121.

Consider Ordinance 25-1122, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code, Title 7, Chapter 4, by creating a new Section 7 as it relates to dates and time fireworks may be discharged, first reading. Commissioner Walker made a motion to consider Ordinance 25-1122. Ordinance 25-1122 died due to a lack of a second motion.

Consider Ordinance 25-1123, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 3, Section 2, Subsection 3 by deleting Subsection 3 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Subsection 3 as it relates to exterior coatings of buildings and residences, first reading. Commissioner Gilmore made a motion to consider Ordinance 25-1123. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Commissioner Gilmore asked if a building is numerous colors, do all of the boards have to match each other or match the color of the building? City Manager Ellis stated the intent is to have it match the exterior of the building. There was additional discussion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 25-1123.

Consider Resolution 25-1277, a resolution to ratify and approve the issuance of an emergency purchase order for the repair of fiber optic network connecting all traffic signals along Long Hollow Pike and Conference Drive. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider

Resolution 25-1277. Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 25-1277.

Consider Resolution 25-1280, a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Goodlettsville and Civil and Environmental Consultants, Incorporated for the purpose of completing an Asset Management Plan. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Resolution 25-1280. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 25-1280.

Discuss and possibly make recommendations to the adopted Traffic Calming Policy. City Manager Ellis stated that not all are in favor of speed cushions. Speed cushions are proposed as a physical traffic calming measure per the adopted policy. He only wants to move forward if it is supported by the board. Vice Mayor Duncan clarified that we currently have no speed cushions in the city. City Manager Ellis confirmed. Vice Mayor Duncan asked about the speed tables and if we take out speed cushions, we would also take out speed tables as they are similar. Commissioner Walker asked when the policy was adopted. City Manager Ellis stated the original policy was approved in 2022 and amended in 2024. Commissioner Walker stated this body decided this policy and it is not outdated and questioned why are we doing this to begin with if we are not going to follow it. There was discussion on the speed cushions on Moss Trail. Commissioner Walker asked about phasing the cushions in to evaluate if they are calming traffic. Assistant Director of Public Services Jack Presley stated just doing one would not solve the problem. He said they would hit the one and then speed up. He said they had a speed bump at the park and it did not really slow traffic down. There was additional discussion. Commissioner Walker asked about the concerns of the speed cushions. Mayor Tinnin stated the concerns he has heard about the traffic being doubled due to the Main Street Project. Another concern is it will be hard to run a snow plow down a road with a speed cushion and also causing damage to the cushion. He also stated it slows down emergency services. Commissioner Walker stated he doesn't want to take anything out of the policy and wants to do something about it. City Manager Ellis stated he wants to go back to our traffic engineer to see what other possibilities exist. There was additional discussion. Speed cushions are designed where a fire truck could straddle them but other emergency services vehicles cannot. City Manager Ellis stated he needed clarification on which direction to go. City Manager Ellis stated we will go back to our traffic engineer to see what our options are for traffic calming. Vice Mayor Duncan asked if the traffic engineer could be at our next meeting. Mayor Tinnin asked if we could have a special called meeting to discuss and to get him in here sooner if needed. City Manager Ellis stated there are non-physical measures we can do in the meantime. There was discussion. Vice Mayor Duncan stated she thinks we need to reach out to the neighborhoods to see if these are the solutions they want. City Manager Ellis stated we need to finalize our policy before we implement.

Commissioner Walker stated we were elected by the City of Goodlettsville to represent their voices, and he feels that is what he is doing when he brings up something. He stated he notices a pattern when he brings up something, but it does not get a second. He said, at a minimum, we should discuss it. If it is voted down, then it is a no but wants to have a discussion.

With no further business, Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm with a 5-0 vote.