

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
NOVEMBER 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Mitchell Moore

PLEDGE: Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton, Scott Stalnaker, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward, Eric Gaither

STAFF PRESENT: Jackie Jordan, Police Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Mitchell Moore

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting and October 25, 2021 Executive Session: Antonio Carter made a motion to adopt the minutes. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

Mayor Pro-tem suggested striking the update on the City Manager position since the entire Council was not present along with discussion of the Mayor Pro-tem salary. Antonio Carter made a motion to adopt the formal agenda with the changes. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1- Executive Session {Opioid Litigation Update – Haynes Studstill} – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:**

At 6:05 p.m., Scott Stalnaker made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Walt Steward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:05 P.M. – 6:22 P.M.

At 6:22 p.m., Antonio Carter made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton stated no action taken in Executive Session.

Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution {#R-24-21} and to authorize Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton to execute the documents in connection with the Opioid litigation. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- 2- **Affidavit and Resolution for October 25, 2021 Executive Session – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:** Scott Stalnaker made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution {#R-22-21} for the October 25, 2021 Executive Session. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 3- **Next Regular Council Meeting, November 22, 2021/Thanksgiving Week – Mayor Pro tem John Clayton:** Eric Gaither made a motion to cancel the November 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. *{The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 13, 2021}*
- 4- **American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Resolution – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:** Mr. Moore presented the Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the American Rescue Plan State and Local Recovery Funds and approving the use of the ARPA funds according to Code Sections 602(c)(1) and 603(c)(1). Mr. Moore explained the City received the first payment of \$905,770 in July 2021 and should received the second payment of \$905,770 in July 2022. Eric Gaither made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution {#R-23-21}. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Report:

None.

City Attorney Report:

Mr. Moore mentioned the Special Election to fill the Mayoral vacancy explaining if the Council wishes to hold the election on March 15, 2022, the Board of Elections will need a Resolution by December 10, 2021 but if the Council wishes to hold the election with the General Primary on May 24, 2022, the Board of Elections will need a Resolution by February 4, 2022. He further explained there will be expense to the City with either date but the expense may be less if held with the General Primary. However, the status and impact of the census has not been finalized but will delay redistricting and if so, there is a possibility of the General Primary being postponed. After a brief discussion, Walt Steward made a motion to hold the Special Election for the Mayoral vacancy in conjunction with the General Primary in May, 2022. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore encouraged the Council to consider finalizing the decision regarding the City Manager position before the end of the year since the current Council interviewed the applicants. Mayor Pro-tem John Clayton agreed this Council needs to possibly call a meeting to address this issue. Antonio Carter made a motion for a Special Called meeting on November 29, 2021 at 5:30 to discuss the City Manager position. Walt Steward seconded the motion. Roll call: Antonio Carter, Walt Steward and Scott Stalnaker voted in favor of the motion. Eric Gaither voted against the motion. The motion carried three (3) to one (1).

Department Head's Report:

Chief Edwards reported Rose Bonney, Animal Control Officer, was able to obtain a storage building which was donated to the City for the feline accommodations and storage problem. He said they were able to get the 10'x25' building moved for a nominal fee and the building will require a small amount of work such as wiring, insulation, heat and air conditioning.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Antonio Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Scott Stalaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

November 8, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

Alderman Scott Stalaker

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Walt Steward

Alderman Eric Gaither

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk

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