

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

January 12, 2017 – 6:00 pm

**To Set the Agenda For The
January 26, 2017 Council Meeting**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 12, 2017 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the January 26, 2017 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Williams, City Manager Miller, Interim City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1026 - PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 403 DONALDSON ROAD FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT – Chief Building Official Custer stated this property is a duplex that was built in 1987 and is surrounded by duplexes. The property was never zoned R-2 but is now being sold and needs the correct zoning. Mr. Custer stated normally we have the public hearing on first reading, but because this was approved by the Planning Commission the week of Christmas, it did not make the newspaper for notice. There was no opposition at the Planning Commission meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 1026 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED 403 DONALDSON ROAD FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT, TAX MAP #156E K 007.01 (2nd and final reading) – This item was discussed earlier.

New Business Discussion:

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO ____ – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT** – Assistant Chief Allen stated this grant would be to replace the current body cameras. He stated he had to send back 44 cameras for repairs or replacement. Vice Mayor Sewell asked if the current cameras could be put on GovDeals. City Manager Miller stated that they could. The grant is up to \$100,000, with the City providing a 50% match.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. _____ - To Apply for and Accept the National Wildlife Federation Trees for Wildlife FY 2017 Grant** – Community Development Coordinator Miller stated this is for a tree giveaway that could be done on Earth Day.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. _____ - To Apply for and Accept the American Library Association (ALA) Coretta Scott King Library Books Grant** – Ms. Miller stated there would be no match from the City; we would only pay for shipping.
4. **RESOLUTION NO. _____ - To Apply for and Accept the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant** – Ms. Miller stated this grant would allow the City to hire firefighters for a 3 year period, after which they would have to be incorporated into our budget. Chief Williams is asking for six firefighters, but the number is not guaranteed.

Request from East Ridge Elementary School to Hold the 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony on May 23, 2017 at Camp Jordan Arena – Director Martin stated East Ridge Elementary has done this in the past. They are asking for the City to waive the fees.

Discussion of Adopting a Resolution to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County to Request the County Pay the Cost of Reappraisals – City Manager Miller stated that Marty Haynes, the Hamilton County Assessor of Property, met with all the cities regarding charging the cities half the cost of the property reappraisals. Mr. Miller stated our cost would be \$62,402.20, which is not budgeted. He stated the Assessor does not have the authority to waive this fee, but the Hamilton County Commission does. This will be added to the January 26th meeting in resolution form.

Discussion of Request from Exit One II, LLC to Convey a Portion of Abandoned Right of Way to Exit One, II, LLC – Matt Wood with Exit One, II, LLC discussed this item. He stated his company has just closed on the American's Best Value Inn property. Once the interchange is completed, Camp Jordan Parkway in the curve will no longer exist. There will be a new tenant on the front part of that property who would like to use that area for parking spaces. It is approximately one third of an acre that we would have to maintain if we keep it.

Other Discussion:

Mayor Lambert recognized Coach James, the football coach at East Ridge High School. The Coach invited the Mayor and Council to the football banquet on January 30th, 6:30 pm at Crosspath Church.

Councilmember Cagle discussed the Ridgeside contract. He stated we have a six-month window and we must give them a price by June 1st or the contract will automatically renew. He would also like a report on the number of calls, both Fire and Police, for Ridgeside.

Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Helton and Councilmember Williams had nothing at this time.

Mayor Lambert stated he would like to see a breakdown of students that attend schools in East Ridge by the number who live in East Ridge and the number who do not.

Mayor Lambert announced that State Representative Gravitt and State Senator Gardenhire are holding a community forum Thursday, January 19th at 7pm at the Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE**

**January 12, 2017
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 12, 2017, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Denny Manning gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Williams, City Manager Miller, Interim City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes December 8, 2016 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes December 8, 2016 Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes December 12, 2016 Organizational Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes December 29, 2016 Called Meeting
- E. Approval of November 2016 Financial Statement

Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Sewell – yes on A, B, C, E – no on D; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Helton - yes; Councilmember Williams - yes; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Lambert stated we are up quite a bit in sales tax; we are already at what was budgeted for this fiscal year.

Communication from Citizens:

Denny Manning, Sunnydell Circle, stated that a nightlight on the pole in front of his house was taken down but not replaced. He would like for the City Manager or Finance Director to call EPB to have it put back up.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle stated that Alex McVeagh with Chambliss, Bahner and Stophel recommended that the City obtain an opinion from the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding Grant, Konvalinka and Harrison representing the City and the possible conflict of interest. City Manager Miller stated he was not sure of the protocol here, but in other cities, a majority of the Council had to request an opinion from the State. There was no objection from other Councilmembers, so the City Manager stated he would get the opinion.

Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Helton, and Councilmember Williams had nothing at this time.

Mayor Lambert stated his wife is a business owner in East Ridge. Her garbage can was stolen, and he asked what the process is for getting another can. Director Qualls stated she must first file a police report and then will be issued another can.

Communication from City Manager: Mr. Miller had nothing at this time.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1024 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4333 LAZARD STREET FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT, TAX MAP #169I-J-023 (2nd and final reading) – Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 1024 on second and final reading. Mayor Lambert stated this was approved by the Planning Commission with no objections. There were neighbors that spoke in favor of the rezoning. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1025 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1013 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT . . .” BY CHANGING THE REVENUES OF THE GENERAL FUND, GRANT FUND AND DRUG FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND, GRANT FUND, FEDERAL FORFEITURES FUND AND DRUG FUND (2nd and final reading) - Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Ordinance No. 1025 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

Discuss/Take Action on Installing LED Lighting on Camp Jordan Parkway – Director Martin stated the lighting was budgeted in the FY 2016-2017 budget for \$24,000. Mr. Martin introduced Brandon Culpepper with the Electric Power Board (EPB). Mr. Culpepper stated he has been working on this since 2014 and could start as early as tomorrow if Council approves. He stated originally there were three phases, but Phase 3 has been scrapped. Phase 1 is installation of 21 lights from the creek to Camp Jordan Road. Phase 2 is the parking lot at the Arena and around the pond. All cabling will be underground. The estimated cost is \$188,000, with no upfront charge. EPB will own everything and add the cost of approximately \$2,127 to our monthly bill. There was a discussion of adding more lighting to the back parking lot, the walking trail and the amphitheater area. Vice Mayor Sewell is concerned the lights would have to be moved if we have major construction in the park.

Mr. Miller stated the lights would not have to be moved, even if there was major construction. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to install 30 LED lights and poles. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1026 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED 403 DONALDSON ROAD FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT, TAX MAP #156E K 007.01 (1st reading) – Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 1026 on first reading. Mayor Lambert stated this was approved by the Planning Commission. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2619 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE A FORD UTILITY VEHICLE THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b) - Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle stated the amount was added incorrectly and should be \$30,078 rather than \$32,000. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2619, with the corrected amount. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2620 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GILA, LLC D/B/A MUNICIPAL SERVICE BUREAU FOR PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION SERVICES - Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated we received only one proposal back from our request for proposals. Court Clerk Cassidy stated there would be no cost to the City; the company adds 25% to cover their cost and profit. Ms. Cassidy also stated the City will get back a 10% incentive fee for the first year, which will come out of the 25%. Interim City Attorney Litchford stated this is a favorable contract but had the following changes:

1. Page 1 – Add the full name of the company – GILA, LLC, a Texas limited liability company d/b/a Municipal Service Bureau.
2. Page 3 – Add Section 3.B.III for 10% incentive rebate.
3. Page 8 – Add to Section H – Governing Law & Venue – The parties hereto expressly agree that any and all legal action arising out of this Agreement shall be submitted to a court of competent jurisdiction in Hamilton County, Tennessee, which shall be the sole and exclusive venue for all actions.

Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2620 as amended. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2621 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, SUPPORTING HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE’S APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT - Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2621. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated that Hamilton County will apply for the grant on our behalf and they will be a pass-through for the grant funds. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Setting a Public Meeting in March 2017 in Reference to the Expansion of CARTA Services in East Ridge – City Manager Miller stated that he and Mayor Lambert met with CARTA representatives to discuss expansion of the service. The CMAQ grant the City received for this service runs out in about 18 months, and there is no guarantee Chattanooga will pay the local share. Ridership is approximately 2,400, which is lower than expected. A public meeting was scheduled for March 30, 2017 to get citizen input on this matter.

Discuss/Take Action on Donation from American Legion – Chief Reed stated this is a donation that came up at last minute in the amount of \$200 for the Police Department. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve the donation. Chief Reed stated this amount would be added to the Walmart grant for the purchase of trauma kits. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mayor Lambert announced that State Representative Gravitt and State Senator Gardenhire will sponsor a community meeting at the community center on January 19th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

January 26, 2017 – 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda For The February 9, 2017 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 26, 2017 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the February 9, 2017 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Williams, City Manager Miller, Interim City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1027 – PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Lambert stated the public hearing for this rezoning will be held and then potentially second reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1027 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO ABANDON A PORTION OF RIGHT OF WAY AT THE 600 BLOCK OF CAMP JORDAN PARKWAY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE (2nd and final reading)

New Business Discussion:

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR SLUM AND BLIGHT REMOVAL**
2. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, FIREHOUSE SUBS FY 2017 GRANT**

Mayor Lambert stated we have done these grants in the past.

Discussion of Architectural Design Standards – Chief Building Official Custer stated that a Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30 to go over the information on design standards. It will then go back to the Council for a vote. Council was given this information in their packet for this meeting. Mr. Custer stated that buildings have been built with no regulations, such as butler buildings. There should be more natural stone and rock in the newer buildings.

Discussion of Sign Standards – Mr. Custer stated that information has been provided to Council in their packets for this meeting. He stated that everything highlighted in yellow is the additions and everything highlighted in green is the most recent additions. Mr. Custer stated the information covers LED messaging, off premise signs including billboards and pole signs. This will also be included in the Planning Commission on February 6th.

Discussion of Soliciting Request for Proposals for Streetscape of Ringgold Road from Tombras Avenue west to Belvoir Avenue and Tombras Avenue east to Moore Road –

There was a correction on this item. It should have stated “from John Ross west to the tunnel and Moore Road east to the Georgia state line.” Mr. Miller stated this is covered by a grant and most areas are in the Border Region. He also stated that the City has until 2022 to get projects completed and bonded out, and then reimbursed. Mr. Miller would also like to work with EPB to put power lines higher in the air in order for them to look less visible. Mayor Lambert stated he has seen wires bundled in other areas making them look less cluttered. Councilmember Williams asked what the possibility is of getting underground utilities. Mr. Miller stated it would be cost prohibitive. Mayor Lambert stated the City was certified for the Border Region in June 2012. The legislation was amended to allow a 12 year investment period from 2010 to 2022, with 2012 being the City’s base year. The Mayor stated there is a 12 year investment period and a 30 year payback period for the Border Region.

Board Appointments – Beer Board and Personnel Board –

Mayor Lambert stated that in a previous meeting, Mr. Cagle had discussed doing away with the Personnel Board. The Mayor also stated he would have no problem doing so. City Manager Miller would like to hold off on that, because the Board would provide an appeals process in a grievance procedure. He would like to go through this process with the Council. The Mayor stated his appointee to the Beer Board has resigned, plus a member of the Planning Commission has resigned. Councilmember Williams would like to get a list of all the Boards and their members. The Mayor would like to get all the board appointees together with Council to familiarize themselves with all the members.

Vice Mayor Sewell asked the City Manager if he still needed names from Council for appointments to the Needy Child Fund. Mr. Miller stated he has the names from everyone.

Mayor Lambert stated that in the next agenda session, he will be providing material on a redevelopment authority. He stated it is a tool that helps with blight and good housing, and with redevelopment.

The meeting was adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE**

**January 26, 2017
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 26, 2017, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Denny Manning gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Williams, City Manager Miller, Interim City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes January 12, 2017 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes January 12, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of December 2016 Financial Statement

Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

As a follow up from the last meeting, Mayor Lambert stated the City is 20% ahead in sales tax. After December, we are 26% ahead of this same time last year. Finance Director Qualls stated that in January, the local option tax is 1.4 million.

Communication from Citizens:

Gregg Shipley, 6116 Nottingham Drive, asked if the abandonment of a portion of Camp Jordan parkway would be a problem for the Fire Department in getting to areas on the other side of the park. City Manager Miller stated that it would not. He also stated that plans may include extending Lenora Street behind the hotel.

Wanda Martin, 3424 Shadowlawn Drive, stated there is a problem with speeders on her road. She stated the speeders are running over animals. She would like for the City to put the speed trailer on that road to try to slow drivers down.

Denny Manning, Sunnyside Circle, appreciates the street light that was installed on his street. He also stated there was a rumor going around that the City was going to get rid of Mr. Martin. He stated the park has made money since Mr. Martin has been the Director.

Matthew DeGlopper, 706 Pyron Lane, stated a housing authority is a good idea. He also discussed the 25-year notes the City will be doing and also discussed getting insurance against the border region reimbursements, just in case of natural disasters.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Vice Mayor Sewell reminded everyone about the football banquet on January 31st at 6:30 pm.

Councilmembers Cagle, Helton and Williams had nothing at this time.

Mayor Lambert thanked East Ridge Middle School for allowing him to be the pronouncer at their recent spelling bee. He stated Ms. Helton was one of the judges.

Communication from City Manager: None

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1026 - PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 403 DONALDSON ROAD FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT – Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The Mayor stated this has gone through the Planning Commission and has been properly advertised. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. The Mayor stated this was built as a duplex and is surrounded by other duplexes. Mayor Lambert closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1026 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED 403 DONALDSON ROAD FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT, TAX MAP #156E K 007.01 (2nd and final reading) - Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1026 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

Mayor Lambert moved Item 9-D Resolution No. 2627 to this portion of the agenda.

Mayor Lambert introduced Crystal Bishop with the Hamilton County Water Quality Program. She stated that East Ridge is part of this program established by an interlocal agreement between Hamilton County and the eight municipalities in the County. The program operates the City's permitting for water quality to comply with state and federal regulations. The permit renews every five years, but the City has been operating on an extension for the past year. Any time they apply for a new permit, the program is to request the City legislative body to allow them the opportunity to look at the application and pass a resolution allowing the Mayor to sign the permit.

RESOLUTION NO. 2627 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE PHASE II STORMWATER PERMIT NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY WATER QUALITY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF EAST RIDGE TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS PERMIT - Interim City

Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2627. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

At this time, Mayor Lambert moved Item 9 A - **ORDINANCE NO. 1027** and 9 E - **Request from Exit One, LLC to construct a wood fence along Camp Jordan Parkway** to this portion of the agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 1027 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO ABANDON A PORTION OF RIGHT OF WAY AT THE 600 BLOCK OF CAMP JORDAN PARKWAY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE (1st reading) - Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated that Camp Jordan Parkway at the curve is to be abandoned when the new portion of the Parkway is completed. He stated that when a city abandons right of way, half goes to property owners on each side of the property. Mr. Miller stated that Exit One is working with a national restaurant for the property where the hotel is located and they need extra area for parking; it will not be used for traffic and will help with new business. Councilmember Cagle questioned the legality of abandoning the property, stating that on the final plat it reads it will be “public use forever.” City Attorney Litchford stated he has looked into this and found there is no exclusive use for a public right of way in the deed; there is no requirement placed on the city that it will be used as a right of way.

John Healy, with Exit One, stated Exit One purchased the property from the previous owner of the hotel. The previous owners donated one third acre to the City to build a roadway. The property used to belong to the parcel that Exit One purchased. He stated once the new portion of the parkway is finished, the City will no longer use this portion of the road. It can be put back on the tax rolls. Mr. Healy stated it will help the new business to be closer to the road, plus it will generate sales tax.

Ethan Wood, Exit One, stated since this property is just one third of an acre, if they did not build on it that nobody else ever could; it would never be used and never be on the tax rolls. He stated if the City abandons property it has to go back to the property owners; it can never be sold. Mr. Wood also stated they have a signed deal with the national restaurant that is contingent upon this property being abandoned and returned to Exit One.

Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance 1027 on first reading. Vice Mayor Sewell asked if Council is supposed to make a motion and second and then have discussion. Mayor Lambert stated yes, but since we had visitors, he let them go ahead and speak. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Sewell - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Helton - yes; Councilmember Williams - yes; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

Request from Exit One, LLC to construct a wood fence along Camp Jordan Parkway – City Manager Miller stated that MAP Engineers has done a landscape plan with sidewalks on both sides, trees, and street lighting along Camp Jordan Parkway. Exit One is requesting that the City put up a four-foot split rail fence. John Healy with Exit One, stated as part of the landscape plan, they erected a fence along I-75, with approval from TDOT, and want to attach to the existing fence along I-75 all the way to the new intersection. He stated it would have

visual appeal and be relatively inexpensive. Mayor Lambert is concerned about the maintenance of a wooden fence and suggested a more permanent solution would be a hedge row.

City Manager Miller stated his preference would be to have the fencing along the retention pond and wetlands, and possibly behind the Bass Pro Shop, with a hedge row in between. Mayor Lambert suggested the City do the fencing as an option when we go out for bids. Councilmember Cagle stated he thinks MPL should pay for the fencing and then be reimbursed. Ethan Wood with Exit One and MPL stated it is not their property; it belongs to the state.

Mike Price, MAP Engineers, suggested showing the fencing as a bid alternate. It would come back before the Council for a vote. Mr. Miller would like to get a cost for fencing all the way down the Parkway and another cost for fencing behind Bass Pro and in front of the retention pond and wetlands. Mr. Healy stated he would like to give the City the retention pond.

Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to have alternates to the bid as follows: 1) To have a split rail fence the entire length of the Parkway to the bridge and 2) to have a split rail fence at the hazard areas, such as the retention pond and wetlands, *with a hedgerow on the balance (amended 2/9/17)*. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO 2622 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2623 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION TREES FOR WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2624 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOKS GRANT PROGRAM**
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2625 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM**

Interim City Attorney Litchford read captions on all the resolutions. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve the Grant Consent Agenda. Assistant Chief Allen stated the Bureau of Justice Grant is a 50/50 matching grant. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated the City would only pay the shipping on the library books and the SAFER grant is to hire more firefighters. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO 2626 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, REQUESTING THAT THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING REAPPRAISAL COSTS CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HAMILTON COUNTY ASSESSOR AND THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR MANY YEARS, CONSISTENT WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 67-5-1601 (C)(2) - Interim City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve Resolution No. 2626. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Request from East Ridge Elementary School to Hold the 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony on May 23, 2017 at Camp Jordan Arena and to waive the fee – Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve the request. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Convene to Executive Session – At this time, the Council convened to an executive session.

When Council returned from the Executive Session, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.