

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

**March 10, 2022
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on March 10, 2022, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Danny Lance, Truelife Church, gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Chauncey, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford (remotely), and City Recorder Middleton.

Employee Milestone Awards for February 2022 – The Mayor announced the following employee milestone award for February 2022:

- Joseph Jansen – 5 years

Girl Scout Troop 40202 Presentation to East Ridge Animal Services – Mattie Grass, Grace Martin, and another member of Girl Scout Troup 40202 from OLPH School, discussed their Silver Award Project, called Petapaws. The Scouts built cat trees, dog beds, and an emergency food pantry to store food for animals. Each of the three Girl Scouts put in 50+ hours on the projects. Crystal Gilbert, Animal Services Supervisor, thanked the girls for the work they did on the project and also stated the girls raised \$250 for the Betty White Challenge.

Check Presentation to the East Ridge Fire Department from County Commissioner Tim Boyd – The Commissioner is running late so we will come back to this item.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes February 24, 2022 Council Meeting
- B. Approval to Amend the Minutes of January 27, 2022

Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens: None

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle asked the City Manager to get with the State about paving at the intersections of Tombras Avenue and McBrien Road on the southsides. Mr. Dorsey stated that Street Department Supervisor Vaughn is working with TDOT on paving the south sides of these intersections.

Vice Mayor Chauncey had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Helton and Councilmember Witt had nothing at this time.

Mayor Williams announced the following:

- April 2, 2022 - Chattanooga Cruise-in at Camp Jordan.
- April 9-10, 2022 – Bug-a-palüza at Camp Jordan.

Communication from City Manager:

- Sanitation has finally finished the second sweep of leaf pick-up. We are done but we will pick up bags of leaves.
- Political signs close to corners are in the right-of-way. Codes will look at and get in touch with candidates.
- We are waiting for TDEC for final survey of the playground, but it should be open within a week or so. There are a few more things to do on the splashpad. We have had trouble with some people going over the construction fence into the playground.
- The dog park fences are up, concrete has been poured, benches have been installed and water lines are in. We are close to a soft opening. It could be May or June.
- We met with representatives from Candlewood Suites, and they are ready to start construction. There is an issue about McDonald Road regarding a closure that was done in the 1970's. The developers of the Candlewood would like to get this property abandoned in order to allow for additional parking.

The Mayor asked if all the equipment for the dog park will come in at the same time or at different times. The City Manager stated they will all come in basically at the same time. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated the equipment should start coming in around the middle of June.

The Mayor asked at what point could we get TDOT involved in paving the aprons on the intersections of Tombras and McBrien. Councilmember Helton stated she would be happy to call TDOT.

Councilmember Cagle asked Interim Parks and Recreation Director Skiles if there would be camping at Bug-a-Palüza. She stated there would be in designated spots and tent camping in the primitive camping area. Showers will be open.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mayor Williams moved Item G, Resolution No. 3244 to this point of the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 3244 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF CAMP JORDAN ARENA FOR THE REMOTE AREA MEDICAL (“RAM”) FREE CLINIC - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Bob Nevil and Laura Ray, with the RAM host group, came forward to discuss the event, which provides free medical, dental, and vision services to people of East Ridge and the surrounding areas. Mr. Nevil and Ms. Ray presented plaques and t-shirts

to the Council and staff. Mayor Williams thanked them for coming and stated this is an amazing program. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3244. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

At this time, Commissioner Tim Boyd presented a check from Hamilton County to the City for the Fire Department to purchase equipment. Mayor Williams thanked the Commissioner for the donation and his support of District 8.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1160 - Rezone 1023 S. Seminole Dr. and an unaddressed property in the 3000 block of Ringgold Road - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing.

William Lane, 1025 S. Seminole Drive, stated he was previously opposed but was told by Kenny Custer with Asa Engineering, that the entrance could probably be moved to the other side of the property. The owners have agreed to move the entrance and exit 50 feet toward Ringgold Road.

James Citty, 100 S. Seminole, is opposed to the rezoning because of stormwater runoff and traffic. Mr. Citty presented pictures of traffic during rush hour.

Charles McCullough, 1214 Reeves Avenue, discussed flooding and traffic concerns.

Marvin Scott, 1041 S. Seminole, discussed a crime study, stormwater runoff, and traffic. He stated he is opposed to the rezoning.

Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1160 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1023 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE, CURRENTLY ZONED R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 3000 BLOCK OF RINGGOLD ROAD, CURRENTLY ZONED O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TAX MAP #156N-F-015.02 AND 016, TO R-3 APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated, if approved, this would be three stand-alone buildings with 138 parking spaces. The Planning Commission approved this request. The traffic study showed a slight delay during am and pm hours, but we could add three seconds to the left arrow. There could be a possible emergency egress on Ringgold Road. Councilmember Cagle made a motion to deny stating the unaddressed property on Ringgold Road is the wrong piece of property for rezoning. He also stated there have been no changes since this was denied by Council in 2018 other than the reduction in the number of units from 80 to 72. Councilmember Witt seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, 714 Cherry St., came forward representing the applicant. Ms. Witt asked what is different in this presentation now from what was presented in 2018. Mr. Custer stated we are living in a different economy where more people are going to apartment living, because of property maintenance, etc. Mr. Custer also stated that a developer will have a plan to fix the drainage but will not do so until the project is approved.

Allen Jones, Asa Engineering, stated they would probably do underground storage of stormwater and the flow has to be the same or better. Mr. Custer stated this would be a gated community.

Mr. Jones stated as far as Mr. Cagle's comments about the address, that we go by the Hamilton County GIS and tax map numbers. Mr. Howell stated in 2009, the parcel was designated as 3118, but on the 2021 tax map it was no longer designated as that address, and it no longer applies.

Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to table this item until the March 24th meeting in order to have a community meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1161 - Rezone 1503 and 1509 McDonald Road - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, 714 Cherry Street, Chattanooga, TN, stated this is currently the Waverly Motel. This is a proposal to downzone to manufacturing and warehouse. One major concern was outdoor storage of boats, RVs, etc. After speaking with the owner, they are willing to add a condition to the rezoning that will not allow outdoor storage. All buildings would face toward the inside corridor. Allen Jones, Asa Engineering, stated this would not be a high-traffic use. No one else came forward in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1161 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1503 MCDONALD ROAD, TAX MAP #169L-M-019 AND 1509 MCDONALD ROAD, TAX MAP #169M-H-018, FROM C-1 TOURISM COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO M-2 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE DISTRICT (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated this will be a 2-story climate-controlled storage facility. The Planning Commission approved the request for rezoning. Councilmember Helton made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1161. Vice Mayor Chauncey seconded the motion but would like to add two stipulations requiring that there be only indoor storage and they would have to adhere to the current architectural design standards. Mr. Litchford stated we need a second on the original motion before we add amendments. Mr. Chauncey changed his second to approve the original motion. Mr. Chauncey then made a motion to amend the original motion that only indoor storage would be allowed, and the developer would have to adhere to the current architectural design standards. Councilmember Cagle seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Helton - no; Councilmember Witt - no; Mayor Williams - no. Motion denied.

Roll call vote on the original motion: Vice Mayor Chauncey - no; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Helton - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1162 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1147, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE SOLID WASTE FUND (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Finance Director Qualls stated this is for the purchase of a sanitation truck and leaf vacuum. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1162 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1163 (A/B) – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE AMENDING THE CHARTER IN RELATION TO THE CITY COURT CLERK POSITION (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. The Attorney stated that Section 6-B2 of the Charter provides that the Court Clerk be a resident of East Ridge and a registered voter. He is presenting two versions of an ordinance tonight as follows:

- Ordinance No. 1163A would replace the residency requirement that the Court Clerk live in East Ridge and expand it to Hamilton County. The Clerk would still be an elected position.
- Ordinance No. 1163B would make the Court Clerk position an appointed position by the City Manager. The residency requirement and the term would be removed.

Mr. Litchford stated there is a caption for 1163A and a caption for 1163B. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve 1163 Caption B, appointing a Court Clerk. At this time, the City Attorney read the caption for Ordinance No. 1163B. Under 1163B, the City Manager will have oversight of the Court Clerk and the court employees, but not the Judge. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3245 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) HEAVY DUTY 4x4 TRUCK WITH ACCESSORIES - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Street Department Supervisor Vaughn, stated he has been working with the City Manager to replace a 1998 F-450, which he believes is a safety hazard. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3245. Funds for this purchase will come from State Street Aid. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3246 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2022 FORD F-150 INTERCEPTOR FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #209-72318, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Allen stated this would replace a vehicle that was totaled. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3246. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3247 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CHATTANEUTER SPAY NEUTER CLINIC FOR PROVIDING SPAY NEUTER SERVICES TO EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SERVICES - City Attorney Litchford read on

caption. Finance Director Qualls stated we have been using Chattanooga for approximately four years, but they have recently increased their pricing. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3247. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3248 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH STAR COMMUNITY BUILDERS, LLC AND STERLING HOLDINGS, LLC AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated this is the final step for the grant to help Gateway Development with public infrastructure improvements. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3248. The Mayor stated this will be a great benefit for the development and for the City. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of N. Mack Smith Road enhancements – City Manager Dorsey stated he met with Jeff Sikes, Asa Engineering and Steve Meyer, Traffic Consultant to discuss the options for this project. Mr. Dorsey is presenting three options:

- Option 1 is a 4-lane with a median/turn lane. Total cost is \$2,009,421. Councilmember Witt asked how close the right-of-way is to the front door of the Cracker Barrel. Jeff Sikes, Asa Engineering, stated it will get into the grassy area but not into the parking area. Mr. Cagle asked if the City would have to buy part of the senior apartment property as right-of-way. Mr. Sikes stated that has yet to be determined. Mayor Williams asked if this total includes right-of-way purchase. Mr. Sikes stated it does not include right-of-way purchase or cost to move the utilities.
- Option 2 is a 4-lane with 2 lanes in each direction and no turn lane. Mayor Williams stated that no turn lane would disrupt traffic flow and impact existing businesses and people going in and out of the new development.
- Option 3 is a 2-lane with one lane in each direction and a center turn lane. If traffic increases, we could add extra lanes later. Mr. Sikes stated if widened later, the storm drain, curb and gutter would have to be moved. Cost of option 3 is \$1,823,000.

Vice Mayor Chauncey believes that Option 1 would be best. Mayor Williams believes Option 1 would benefit existing businesses and the new development. Councilmember Cagle would like to have a workshop on this project. The Mayor stated this would be a Border Region expense.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the March 24, 2022 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1160 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1023 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE, CURRENTLY ZONED R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 3000 BLOCK OF RINGGOLD ROAD, CURRENTLY ZONED O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TAX MAP

#156N-F-015.02, TO R-3 APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading) - This item was tabled and will be added to Old Business for first reading at the next meeting. Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, stated they could possibly have a community meeting at the Community Center on the Monday before the next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 1161 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1503 MCDONALD ROAD, TAX MAP #169L-M-019 AND 1509 MCDONALD ROAD, TAX MAP #169M-H-018, FROM C-1 TOURISM COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO M-2 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) – No discussion.

ORDINANCE NO. 1162 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1147, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE SOLID WASTE FUND (2nd and final reading) – Ms. Qualls stated that since the purchase of the Police and Street vehicles were approved tonight, she will add them to this amendment for second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1163 (A/B) – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE AMENDING THE CHARTER IN RELATION TO THE CITY COURT CLERK POSITION (2nd and final reading) – The caption will be changed to reflect the new caption of Ordinance No. 1163B with the B removed.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – Donation to East Ridge High School – Ms. Qualls stated we donate \$500 yearly to each of the four schools in East Ridge East Ridge High Schools has sent in a letter requesting their \$500 donation. The Mayor suggested sending out letters to each of the schools to see if they would like to go ahead and receive their donation.

Mayor Williams would like to add an item to New Business – Approval for the East Ridge Needy Child Fund to hold an outdoor fundraiser in May. Chief Building Official Howell came forward to discuss the open-air market ordinance. These are permitted in A-1 and C-2 zonings with a use on review.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**March 24, 2022
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on March 24, 2022, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Rev. Charles Cochran, East Ridge Church of Christ, gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Chauncey, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Dorsey, Attorney Harry Cash was present for City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Judge Wilson – Discussion with Council – Judge Wilson stated he was appointed last August to fill in after the previous Judge resigned. At that time, he did not think he wanted to run when the seat came up for election, but since that time, he stated he has enjoyed his time on the bench at East Ridge and would like to run for the position. He wanted to bring this before Council because he did not want to mislead anyone and asked if the Council had any reservations about him running for the Judge’s position. He also would like for the Council to consider the Judge’s compensation which can only be adjusted every eight years. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked him for his service, stating they have heard nothing but good things about him and would be pleased if he wants to run. The Mayor would also like to go ahead and address the compensation.

Approval of Minutes March 10, 2022 Council Meeting – Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens:

Marvin Scott, 1041 S. Seminole Drive, stated he sent Councilmembers a video of water coming off the ridge where apartments are being considered for rezoning.

James Citty, 1001 S. Seminole, stated he is concerned about the liability from stormwater run-off.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Witt, and Vice Mayor Chauncey had nothing at this time.

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- March 28 at 6 pm – The Mayor will conduct a discussion on border region legislation at Local Coffee.
- April 2 at 10 am (moved from April 1) – There will be a grand opening for Pioneer Frontier Playground. City Manager Dorsey will send out a press release.
- April 2 – Chattanooga Cruise in at Camp Jordan Park. This is the largest in the region and will take place rain or shine.
- April 9-10 – Bug-a-Palüza at Camp Jordan.
- April 16, 10 am–2:30 pm – Swing Into Spring at the McDonald Farm Park sponsored by Hamilton County

- April 28 – May 8 Thrillville – This is a reputable carnival event. No weapons will be allowed and no underage drop-offs. They have had these events at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hank Aaron Stadium, among others. Mr. Dorsey stated they did an impressive presentation.
- The Mayor handed out a roadway surface analysis done by a company named Roadbotics, with the worse 45 streets in East Ridge that need paving. We have not had a paving schedule for some time. The Mayor would like to add a road resurfacing discussion to the next agenda in order to repair some of these roads.

Communication from City Manager:

- He stated everyone is excited about the playground opening.
- The Hamilton County Election Commission changed the polling sites back to the Community Center, the American Legion, and East Ridge United Methodist Church. Polling sites were changed to Camp Jordan Arena in the last election because of the COVID virus. We changed the rules and location for the tent lottery, so now we will have to revise the rules in order to reflect the polling location changes.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1160 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1023 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE, CURRENTLY ZONED R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 3000 BLOCK OF RINGGOLD ROAD, CURRENTLY ZONED O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TAX MAP #156N-F-015.02, TO R-3 APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading – tabled March 10, 2022)

– Attorney Harry Cash read on caption. The Mayor stated that the applicant, Asa Engineering is requesting that this be tabled again until the April 14th meeting in order to hold a community meeting. Mayor Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to table this item until the April 14th meeting. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, stated they have scheduled a community meeting on April 6, 2022 at 6 pm at the Community Center. They will post signs about the meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 1161 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1503 MCDONALD ROAD, TAX MAP #169L-M-019 AND 1509 MCDONALD ROAD, TAX MAP #169M-H-018, FROM C-1 TOURISM COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO M-3 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE DISTRICT (2nd and final reading)

– Attorney Cash read on caption. Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, 714 Cherry Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, stated a storage facility is one of the better uses for the property. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1161 on second and final reading. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to amend the motion that this will be an indoor storage facility and will adhere to the current architectural design standards. Mr. Cagle asked how much buffer would there be between this facility and the residential area. Mr. Howell stated

there would be a 30-foot buffer. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Helton - no; Councilmember Witt - no; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion to amend was approved. Roll call vote on the original motion was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1162 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1147, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (2nd and final reading) – Attorney Cash read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated this amendment includes purchase of a police vehicle, a Street Department truck, a donation to the Fire Department for equipment, and purchase of a garbage truck. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Ordinance No. 1162 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1163 – AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT IN REFERENDUM TO THE PEOPLE OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY AMENDING SECTION 6-B(2) OF THE CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY COURT CLERK IS APPOINTED BY THE CITY MANAGER, TO REMOVE THE CITY RESIDENCY AND REGISTERED VOTER REQUIREMENT, AND TO REMOVE THE TERM OF THE CITY COURT CLERK (2nd and final reading) – Attorney Cash read on caption. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1163 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 3249 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO DONATE \$500 TO EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION – Attorney Cash read on caption. Mr. Dorsey stated we make donations every year in the amount of \$500 for each of the four schools. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3249. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3250 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF CAMP JORDAN ARENA BY EAST RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THEIR FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION – Attorney Cash read on caption. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Skiles, stated this event would be on May 24th from 8:30 – 10:30 am. Staff recommends approval. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3250. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3251 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FOR THE EAST RIDGE NEEDY CHILD FUND TO HOLD AN OUTDOOR SALE FUNDRAISER IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE EAST RIDGE ANTIQUE MALL –

Attorney Cash read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated this event will be held at 6501 Slater Road from 10 am – 6 pm. Proceeds from the vendor spaces go to the Needy Child Fund. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3251. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3252 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CAMP JORDAN PARKWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH WOLFTEVER DEVELOPMENT, LLC – Attorney Cash read on caption. Mr. Dorsey stated this is for lawn care and landscaping from the intersection at Ringgold Road to the West Chickamauga Creek bridge. There is no charge to the City. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3252. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the April 14, 2022 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

Employee Milestone Awards for March 2022 – The Mayor stated there will be two awards for March.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1160 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1023 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE, CURRENTLY ZONED R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 3000 BLOCK OF RINGGOLD ROAD, CURRENTLY ZONED O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TAX MAP #156N-F-015.02, TO R-3 APARTMENT DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) – This item was tabled again to the April 14, 2022 meeting.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ BY VICE MAYOR CHAUNCEY TO THE EAST RIDGE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – No discussion

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ BY COUNCILMEMBER CAGLE TO THE EAST RIDGE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – No discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. ____ FOR SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST – 6801 RINGGOLD ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. ___ - SIGN VARIANCE FOR 6801 RINGGOLD ROAD – Chief Building Official Howell stated this is for the Townplace Inn and Suites. This property has a large right-of-way, and they are requesting it be reduced to zero feet. It would not impede vision at the intersection; there would still be fifteen feet behind the sidewalk.

The Mayor would like to add Discussion of Judge’s compensation to the next agenda.