

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF HAMBLEN  
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN  
March 5, 2019**

The City Council for the City of Morristown, Hamblen County, Tennessee, met in regular session at the regular meeting place of the Council in the Morristown City Center at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2019, with the Honorable Mayor Gary Chesney presiding and the following Councilmembers present; Bob Garrett, Kay Senter, Dennis Alvis, Ken Smith, and Chris Bivens, absent; Tommy Pedigo.

Pastor John Paul Freitag, Senior Chaplain, Morristown Police Department led in the invocation and Councilmember Dennis Alvis led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember Alvis made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019, minutes as circulated. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney announced that Agenda Item 9.c.6. Approval of Contract between the City of Morristown on behalf of the Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (LAMTPO) and Mattern and Craig Associates for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan has been postponed to the March 19, 2019 Council meeting.

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance 3628; no one spoke.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3628 on second and final reading. Councilmember Alvis seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 3628**

An Ordinance of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee Amending Title 14 (Zoning and Land Use Control), Chapter 2, Chapter 3 (R-1 Single Family Residential District), Chapter 4a (Rd-1 Moderate Density Single Family Residential District) and Chapter 6 (R-2 Medium Density Residential District) of the Morristown Municipal Code.

A Public Hearing was opened relating to Ordinance 3629 and upon request the Public Hearing was then recessed to reconvene on March 19, 2019.

**Ordinance No. 3629**

An Ordinance of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. {Rezoning of certain properties located along Progress Parkway and South Davy Crockett Highway/25E from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Tourist Accommodation (TA)}.

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance 3630; no one spoke.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3630 on second and final reading. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 3630**

An Ordinance of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee, to Amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. {Rezoning of West Park Commons, Lot 7R located along Old Highway 11E}.

Councilmember Alvis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 04-19. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-19**

**A resolution of the city of Morristown, authorizing the application for the 2019 Federally Funded Home Grant for housing rehabilitation for low income households**

WHEREAS the City Council of Morristown recognizes the need for housing rehabilitation for low income residents residing within the city; and

WHEREAS the City Council of Morristown desires to provide housing rehabilitation services to these residents; and

WHEREAS the City Council of Morristown understands that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allows for assistance through the HOME program, administered by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), to provide housing rehabilitation for low-income persons, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Morristown does hereby authorize the Mayor of Morristown to file an application for 2019 HOME funds with Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) not to exceed \$500,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted and approved this 5th day of March 2019.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05-19. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-19**

**A Resolution of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee, urging the Tennessee Legislature and Governor Bill Lee to adopt a state historic tax incentive, titled The Main Street Historic Rehabilitation and Tourism Revitalization Act**

WHEREAS, thirty-five states offer tax incentives for rehabilitation of income-producing historic structures, including every state surrounding Tennessee; and;

WHEREAS, these rehabilitation incentives consistently demonstrate a strong return on investment in other states; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a state historic tax credit will enable the City of Morristown, Tennessee and other communities in the state of Tennessee to compete with neighboring states for investment in revitalizing historic structures and to spur economic activity throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a state historic tax credit will be particularly beneficial for the City of Morristown, Tennessee, since its downtown commercial core has an abundance of historic buildings that contribute to the character and



culture of the city and its appeal as a place to live; and

WHEREAS, a state historic tax incentive would offer investors in Morristown, Tennessee, a credit on approved rehabilitation of historic structures; and

WHEREAS, a state historic tax incentive could be combined with the 20 percent federal historic tax credit to improve the return on investment for approved rehabilitation of historic income-producing properties; and

WHEREAS, between fiscal years 2002 and 2017, the federal historic tax credit enabled the completion of 190 rehabilitation projects in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's historic rehabilitation tax incentive will require the private sector to make an initial investment and the state will not award any credits until a building's rehabilitation is certified; and

WHEREAS, redeveloping underutilized and vacant historic buildings puts them back into productive use, increases their value for property tax purposes, and reduces the potential for codes enforcement issues, as well as vandalism and other crimes involving those underutilized and vacant historic buildings; and

WHEREAS, these economic development incentives create highly paid local jobs that often require craftsmen skilled at repairing historic windows, plaster, masonry, and flooring; and

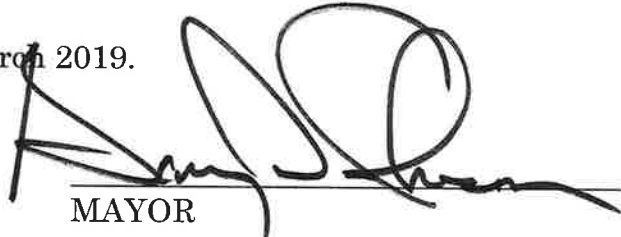
WHEREAS, historic tax incentives will enhance Tennessee's tourism economy because heritage tourists typically stay longer and spend more money when compared with other travelers; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set out above, the Crossroads Downtown Partnership urges the City Council of the City of Morristown, Tennessee to express its support for The Main Street Historic Rehabilitation and Tourism Revitalization Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morristown, Tennessee, that the City Council urges the Tennessee Legislature and the Governor of Tennessee to adopt a state historic tax incentive, titled **The Main Street Historic Rehabilitation and Tourism Revitalization Act**, or such substantially similar legislation as may be introduced under a different caption.

This Resolution shall be effective from and after its adoption.

Adopted on this the 5th day of March 2019.

  
MAYOR

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Councilmember Alvis made a motion to approve the contract between Merit Construction Inc. and the City of Morristown for the City Center Plaza Garage in the amount of \$2,764,000. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the contract between the City of Morristown and Population Health and Sports Technology Centers, Inc. (PHAST Centers) for Food and Beverage Concessions for the Parks and Recreation Department. Councilmember Alvis seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the purchase one TSR60 Tiger Side Mower Deck via Statewide Contract #242 in the amount of \$9,979. Councilmember Alvis seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve Contract Amendment No. 4 between the City of Morristown and Design Innovation Architects (DIA) for the City Center Plaza Project, Phase 4 Design Services in the amount of \$94,000. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the surplus of 67 Mobile Data Terminals. Councilmember Alvis seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement (I&M) between the City of Morristown and Cherokee Crossing, LLC (Chili's Grill and bar). Councilmember Alvis seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

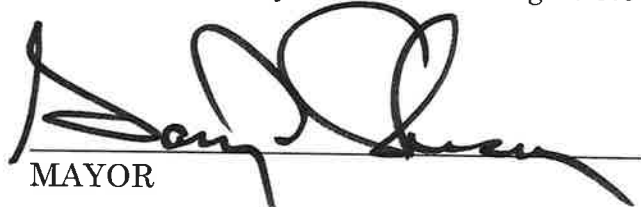
Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the hiring of Tyler Harbin as an entry level Patrol Officer for the Morristown Police Dept. Councilmember Alvis seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the surplus (retirement) of K-9 Dano from the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

City Administrator Tony Cox reported on stormwater and the recent flooding. He commended Stormwater Coordinator Michael Poteet and staff for their quick and diligent response to action concerning the rain and flooding issues across the city.

Mayor Gary Chesney announced the next Community Roundtable will be held on March 28, 2019 at Panther Springs Methodist Church.

Mayor Chesney adjourned the March 5, 2019 City Council meeting at 5:31 p.m.

  
MAYOR

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR