

September 15, 2021

The City Council of the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, met in regular session in the Business Center at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, with Mayor Shane McFarland present and presiding and with the following Council Members present and in attendance, to wit:

Rick LaLance  
Bill Shacklett  
Kirt Wade  
Shawn Wright

Vice-Mayor Scales Harris and Council Member Ronnie Martin were absent and excused.

The following representatives of the City were also present:

Craig Tindall, City Manager  
Adam Tucker, City Attorney  
Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager  
Gary Whitaker, Assistant City Manager  
Raymond Hillis, Executive Director/  
Public Works  
Sam Huddleston, Executive Director/  
Development Services  
Trey Duke, City Schools Director  
Erin Tucker, Budget Director  
Chad Gehrke, Airport Director  
Nathan Spiess, Assistant Finance Director

Mayor McFarland commenced the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following letter from the Airport Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated September 15, 2021 here with regards  
to closing Airport Economic Development Grant.)

Mr. Chad Gehrke, Airport Director, presented the request to close the Airport Economic Development Grant for the construction of Taxiway E and Airport Apron expansion due to the Airport's increasing operational costs and rising construction costs, the Airport Commission recommended that the projects be placed on hold and the grant money returned to the State. Mr. Gehrke stated that since the project was not completed it is unclear if the State will request that it be reimbursed the State share of \$74,368.

Mr. LaLance made a motion to close the Airport Economic Development Grant for the construction of Taxiway E and Airport Apron expansion and return the unused grant money to the State. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted "Aye".

The following letter from the Executive Director of Community Services was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated September 15, 2021 here  
with regards to repairs to Main Street Building.)

Mr. Sam Huddleston, Executive Director of Development Services, presented the three bids for the repair project to the Main Street Building located at 225 West College Street and recommended to approve the Construction Contract with the low bidder, GTZ Construction, in the amount of \$45,412, subject to legal approval.

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the Construction Contract with GTZ Construction in the amount of \$45,412, subject to legal approval, for the repair project to the Main Street building located at 225 West College Street. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted "Aye".

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated September 15, 2021 here with regards to Community Investment Program FY22 Budget.)

Mrs. Erin Tucker, Budget Director, presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Investment Program (CIP) which totaled 50 Million, the lowest CIP since the 2014 Bond. She detailed the major projects for Fiscal Year 2022 and stated that if the Budget is approved by the end of 2021 it would allow for potential debt issuance in early 2022 with debt service coming due in Fiscal Year 2023.

Council engaged in discussion regarding the major FY22 projects and elected to wait on voting on the CIP until after discussion about the MED proceeds had taken place.

The following letter from the Council Member Rick LaLance was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated September 15, 2021 here with regards to discussion and direction regarding management of MED proceeds.)

Mr. Rick LaLance presented a draft of potential suggestions the MED Proceeds Committee had regarding the spending of the MED proceeds money which included: endowed MTSU scholarship, traffic infrastructure improvements, the setting up of a trust, supplemental distributions to the General Fund, Strategic Partnerships, and economic development funding. Council discussed the proposed suggestions and determined that additional discussion would take place at the next Council workshop meeting. Prior to that meeting, Mr. LaLance would schedule an MED Proceeds Committee meeting to share the documents presented to Council with the Committee.

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 CIP. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and all members of the Council present voted "Aye".

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated September 15, 2021 here with regards to July 2021 Dashboard packet.)

The July 2021 Dashboard update, which included Financial, Building & Codes, Risk Management, Construction Data, City Schools Cash Flow Statements, and Revenue & Expenditure Budget Comparison Reports, was presented to Council with no discussion taking place.

The Budget Director announced that there was no licensing nor any statements to consider.

Mr. Nathan Spiess the new Assistant Finance Director was introduced to the Council.

Mayor McFarland announced that the name changing ceremony for Mercury Boulevard to Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard was to be held this weekend and invited everyone to attend.

There being no further business, Mayor McFarland adjourned this meeting at 1:13 p.m.

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SHANE MCFARLAND – MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER BROWN - CITY RECORDER