

## **GNRC**

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Greater Nashville Regional Council  
220 Athens Way, Suite 200  
Nashville, Tennessee 37228

GNRC Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:30 am  
Via Microsoft Teams  
Nashville, Tennessee

### **MINUTES**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rogers Anderson	Williamson County
Paige Brown	Gallatin
Mike Callis	Portland
Jamie Clary	Hendersonville
John Cooper	Metro-Nashville
Tim Ellis	Goodlettsville
Dale Grimes	Oak Hill
Gerald Herman	White House
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Bill Ketron	Rutherford County
Jerry Kirkman	Westmoreland
Victor Lay	Nolensville
Kerry McCarver	Cheatham County
Ken Moore	Franklin
Joe Pitts	Clarksville
Mary Esther Reed	Smyrna
Bob Rial	Dickson County
Billy Vogle	Robertson County
Jessie Wallace	Humphreys County
Becca Werner	Coopertown

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Mayor Paige Brown, called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, Via Microsoft Teams, Nashville, TN.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Brown called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 17, 2021.

Mayor Ken Moore made a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes as presented. Mayor Anthony Holt seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **a) FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Jovia King, GNRC Finance Manager, said at the end of February 2021 the expenditures were \$7,963,883.54. The total revenue received was \$7,088,878.82. The total available cash is \$5,301,755.00. She said that in February we began receiving dues for GNRC and the MPO for the year.

Mayor Joe Pitts moved to approve the financial report with Mayor Rogers Anderson seconding. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **a) Nashville Region's Vital Signs Report**

Mr. Ralph Schulz, Executive Director for Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, said that GNRC is a great partner in this endeavor.

Mr. Schulz introduced Mr. Matt Bailey, Vice-President of Regional Policy. He said that the report is funded in part by FHWA, TDOT, and the State. The report covers economic and workforce development, transportation, housing, and infrastructure in the region. He went over the impact of COVID-19 on the regional employment which included a loss of 171,000 jobs. He said that 36.5% Middle Tennessee residents intend to pursue on-the-job training within the next two years. Only 3.1% of people in the region work for accompany that offers childcare benefits with 50.7% indicated that childcare impacts their ability to work.

COVID impacts on transportation and emerging trends are 1) widespread use of telecommuting, 2) growing demand for delivery, 3) hesitancy for riders to return to transit, 4) decline in tax revenue/delay of transportation investments, 5) improved air quality, 6) increase in crash severity despite reduction in crashes, and 7) surge in walking and biking. Over 72% respondents signaled that it is very or extremely important for regional leaders to offer a transit plan with a strategy for funding.

He said that the cost of housing continues to rise.

According to GNRC, the cost of infrastructure needs across the Middle Tennessee region totals, \$18.9B. Transportation, education (including broadband access), health, safety, and welfare investments account for 93% of the needs.

Mr. Bailey said that *Vital Signs* can be accessed at [www.GNRC.org/VitalSigns](http://www.GNRC.org/VitalSigns)

Mayor Brown thanked the Chamber for their hard work on this.

## REGULAR REPORTS

### a) Chair's Report

Mayor Brown said that GNRC recognized the volunteers last week. She said that they are very important to the organization especially during the past year of the pandemic. She said that there has been a 133% increase in volunteer hours this past year over 2019 which is valued at \$336,000.

### b) Staff Report

Mr. Skipper said that Ms. Rebecca Nofi put together a great program recognizing our volunteers.

Mr. Skipper reminded the members of the brainstorming sessions coming up. 1) freight – a committee will be put together to explore how to move to the next level, 2) transportation impact fees – cost of growth

There will be a 2-day workshop on April 27-28 on pedestrian safety hosted by FHWA.

There will be a workshop on May 20<sup>th</sup> with the Tennessee Arts Commission For those interested in these grant programs, contact Rasheedah Pardue at [rpardue@gnrc.org](mailto:rpardue@gnrc.org)

HUD has announced the next cycle of home repair grant program. If you are interested, contact Angie Hubbard at [ahubbard@gnrc.org](mailto:ahubbard@gnrc.org) . We will administer the grant if you are awarded.

The staff is still working remotely and is thinking about how to go back into the office which might be soon.

Mr. Skipper announced that Ms. Megan Nelson has been offered the position of Finance Director. He thanked the finance staff for stepping up after Ms. Wilson left.

Mayor Brown said that she appreciates all that Mr. Skipper and his staff does.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lou Edwards*  
Recording Secretary