

GNRC

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

Full GNRC Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
At The George Jones Restaurant and Museum
128 Second Ave. N, Nashville, TN 37201

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Derek Adams	Nolensville
Rogers Anderson	Williamson County
Kimberly Atlee	Springfield
Andy Barlow	Mt. Juliet
Rick Bell	Lebanon
Paige Brown	Gallatin
Mike Callis	Portland
Stephen Chambers	Hartsville/Trousdale County
Jamie Clary	Hendersonville
John Cooper	Metro Nashville
Tim Ellis	Goodlettsville
Gerald Herman	White House
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Bill Ketron	Rutherford County
Jerry Kirkman	Westmoreland
Rene Llamas	Madison County Minority Rep.
Ken McLawhon	Thompson's Station
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 Regional Council Meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Year in Review

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, said that this is the meeting for the full membership of the GNRC which is 93 members. He said at the luncheon the annual report will be presented. The report can be found at www.gnrc.org/annualreport

He thanked everyone for coming.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Resolution GNRC 2022-01 Adopting the FY 2022 Annual Work Program and Budget

Mayor Joe Pitts, GNRC Treasurer, said that GNRC operates on the state fiscal year which is July 1 – June 30th. The Annual Work Program and Budget is adopted each September by the full Council body. The budget is developed closer to the beginning of the federal fiscal year given the significance of the federal grant funding. A continuation budget was adopted in June to fund operations through September.

Mr. Skipper said that the GNRC typically receives 59% of the budget from federal funds, 25% from state funds and 16% from local funds. Our FY2022 budget shows \$22.1M in annual revenue. This is a 36% increase over FY 2019.

The FY 2022 budget highlights are:

1. Membership dues increase from \$.31/capita to \$.35/capita based on the U.S. Census estimates for 2019
2. Increase of \$1,000 in base fee for On-Call Planning Subscriptions
3. Salary increases for staff hired before July 1 and other adjustments for promotions, reclassifications, and pay equity
4. Infusion of CARES Act, American Rescue Plan Act, and other Supplemental Appropriations for Aging and ECD Programs
5. Funds to procure a consultant to assist in identifying opportunities to meet short and long-term office space needs

For more information www.GNRC.org/annualbudget

Mayor Jamie Clary moved to approve the GNRC Resolution 2022-01 adopting the FY 2021-22 annual work program and budget. Mayor Pitts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Resolution GNRC 2022-02 Setting the Membership Dues Rate at 35 Cents per Capita

Mr. Skipper said that the membership dues are assessed annually at \$.31/capita based on the most recently published U.S. Census figures. The rate was last adjusted in 2017 with the objective to allocate 23.0 cents for programming and

match, 2.5 cents for cash reserves, 2.0 cents for capital fund, and 3.5 cents for government affairs.

Mayor Clary moved to adopt GNRC Resolution 2022-02 Setting the Membership Dues Rate at 35 cents per capita. The motion was unanimously approved on the second by Mayor Pitts.

c) Election of Officers

Mr. Skipper said the slate of officers is:

President Paige Brown, Gallatin Mayor
Vice-President Bob Rial, Dickson County Mayor
Treasurer Joe Pitts, Clarksville Mayor
Secretary Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director (non-voting member)

These officers have served one year and have agreed to serve a second term.

With no nominations from the floor, Mayor Anthony Holt moved to accept the slate as presented. Mayor Bill Ketron seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Certification of the Executive Board

Mr. Skipper said that the full council consists of 93 members and includes 13 county mayors and executives, 52 mayors of cities or towns, 2 members of the TN General Assembly and 26 appointments representing the interests of the business community and minority populations and meets once a year. The Executive Board is empowered by act of the full council to act on its behalf the rest of the year.

The Executive Board is made of the council officers, the two Legislative representatives, a large city representative appointed by the President, a small city representative appointed by the President, minority representation from the counties with the highest rate of minority population (Trousdale, Davidson, Montgomery, and Rutherford). The rest of the Board comes from each county and the communities within.

Mr. Skipper said that any member of the council is encouraged to come to the Executive Board meetings.

Mayor Pitts moved to approve the Executive Board to act on behalf of the full council with Mayor Bob Rial seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Resolution GNRC 2022-03 Amending the CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund Program Plan

Ms. Angela Hubbard, Director of Economic and Community Development, said that the proposed amendment is intended to streamline the loan approval process to make funding more quickly available to small businesses. It will

- 1) Increase maximum loan amount from \$250,000 to \$500,000
- 2) Eliminate requirement that a business had to exist a full 12 months prior to COVID-19 outbreak
- 3) Eliminate the requirement for certain historical documentation
- 4) Eliminate the requirement that a business could not change ownership
- 5) Create a GNRC loan review committee to review requests of up to \$100,000 to be approved by the GNRC President

Mayor Holt moved to adopt GNRC Resolution 2022-03 Amending the CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund Program Plan. Mayor Pitts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR REPORTS

a) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Brown thanked the staff for their hard work especially during the past couple of years. She said that the staff's passion and contribution to the communities is amazing. The Board needs to convey all that this organization does and resources that GNRC provides to the jurisdictions.

She said that she is excited for the coming year. She said that the mayors really support each other which enhances the region.

b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Skipper thanked the staff for their hard work getting ready for this meeting. He said their work is strategic to improvement of the quality of life for the area.

He introduced the new members in leadership roles who joined GNRC in the past year .

- 1) Ms. Candi Henry is the new Chief Legal Counsel
- 2) Ms. Megan Nelson is the Finance Director
- 3) Ms. Jessica Hill is the new Director of Community and Regional Planning

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Ken Moore said that Mayor Brown has been elected 3rd Vice-President of TN Municipal League and was named Mayor of the year. Mayor Brown received a standing round of applause.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. on the motion of Mayor Rial and second by Mayor Pitts.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Edwards

Recording Secretary