



MINUTES CITY OF MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 16, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The City Council for the City of Morristown, Hamblen County, Tennessee, met in regular session at the regular meeting place for the Council in the Morristown City Center at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2026, with the Honorable Mayor Gary Chesney presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Al A'Hearn, Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett, Tommy Pedigo, Joseph Senter and Kay Senter.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Cynthia Thompson, Morristown Police Department Senior Chaplain, led in the invocation. Councilmember A'Hearn led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Adoption of the Agenda

When the time came to consider adoption of the agenda, Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to adopt the agenda with one edit to the proposed agenda, being that the planned Executive Session be moved up to immediately follow the adoption of the agenda. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion. Mayor Chesney called for a vote. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Executive Session

Mayor Chesney recessed the meeting at 5:03 p.m. to go into Executive Session and reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

Citizen Comments about Agenda Items Only

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for citizens comments related to agenda items. No one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026, meeting as circulated. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Previously Deferred Public Hearing of Resolution - Plan of Services for the Annexation of Greenbriar Road/W. Andrew Johnson Highway

A Public Hearing was held relating to the resolution adopting a Plan of Services for the annexation of properties identified as lots 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the Cloyd L. Cornwell Estates as shown on a plat of same which appears of record in the Register's of Deeds Office for Hamblen County, Tennessee in Plat Book A Page 176. McKenzie Tucker, Debbie A'Hearn, Curtis Maples, Ann Chafin, Jerry Walker, Lisa Catron, Louis Chan, Perry Smith, Lisa Maples, Chris Ricci, Linda Noe, Diana Lee and Judy Stockard spoke. Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to deny the resolution. Councilmember K. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Previously Deferred Ordinance - Annexation Request Greenbriar Road/W. Andrew Johnson Highway

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to deny the Ordinance to annex certain territory and to incorporate same within the corporate boundaries of the City of Morristown, TN. Annexation of properties identified as Lots 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the Cloyd L. Cornwell Estate as shown on a plat of same which appears of record in the Register's of Deeds Office for Hamblen County, TN in Plat Book A Page 176. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Public Hearing & Adoption of Ordinance - Adoption of FY27 Annual Budget

A Public Hearing was held relating to the proposed ordinance of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Adopting the Annual

Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Louis Chan spoke. Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion on second and final reading to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye". (Assigned Ordinance No. 4839)

Second & Final Reading/Adoption of Ordinance - Budget Amendment General Fund

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion on second and final reading to amend ordinance number 4806, The City of Morristown, Tennessee annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 necessary to appropriate funds for the scoreboard replacement at Sherwood Park and to increase appropriations for other operational items and to establish the funding source. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call all voted "aye". (Ordinance No. 4806.13)

Resolution - Appropriation for FY27 Not for Profits

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee authorizing the disbursement to ALPS, Boys & Girls Club of Morristown Inc., Child Advocacy Center for the 3rd Judicial District, Crocket Tavern, Friends of Hospice of The Lakeway Area, Girls, Inc., Hola, Holston United Methodist Home For Children / Hope & Thrive Academy, Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful, M.A.T.S., McNabb Center, M-H Child Care Centers, M-H Imagination Library Advisory Council, Morristown's Task Force On Diversity, Rose Center, Safe Space, and Senior Citizens Center of those funds allocated to these Non-Profit Charitable and Civic Organizations in the City of Morristown's 2026/2027 fiscal year budget. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye". (Assigned Resolution No. 2026-15)

Introduction & First Reading of Ordinance - Temporary Right of Way Closures

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion on first reading to approve the ordinance of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee amending certain portions of Title 16 (Streets and Sidewalks, ETC.), of the Morristown Municipal Code (Temporary Temporary Right of Way Closures). Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

ROW Acquisition Services - Greenway Phase 5

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve an agreement with engineering firm RK&K for consulting services associated with the acquisition of right-of-way for the Greenway Phase 5 project, and authorize the City Administrator to execute the same. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Asphalt Resurfacing and Sidewalk Extension

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve a one (1) year contract extension for Asphalt Resurfacing and Sidewalks with Summers Taylor Inc. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Change Order 1 for MAID Pond Maintenance Project

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 (and final) to the contract with Complete Construction Management, LLC for the MAID Pond Maintenance project, adding \$44,381.08 to the total construction cost, and authorize the City Administrator to execute the same. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

CDBG Emergency Home Repair Program

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve a CDBG Sub-recipient agreement with Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation (TCAC) to administer CDBG-funded Emergency Home Repair activities, and authorize the City Administrator to execute the same. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Microsoft License Renewals

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to rescind prior approval of the bid for the Microsoft Office 365 licensing. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Surplus Items from Morristown Landing and Fire Department

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to declare surplus one (1) dishwasher, forty-one (41) round tables, nine (9) desk style tables, twelve (12) trashcans, one (1) kitchen sink for the Landing, and one (1) air compressor for the Fire Department that have been removed from service and are no longer being utilized. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

East Morris Resurfacing Grant Agreement Amendment No. 4

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve Amendment No. 4 to the grant agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation relative to the East Morris Resurfacing project (PIN 127267.00), and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Apron Rehab Change Order & Work Authorization Supplement

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with the Summers Taylor, approve a Work Authorization supplement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood - both relative to the Apron Rehabilitation project at the Morristown Regional Airport, and authorize the City Administrator to execute both documents. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Fire Department Promotion - Lieutenant

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the promotion of John Heatherly to Lieutenant, Morristown Fire Department. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and roll call; all voted "aye".

Fire Department Promotion - Driver/Engineer

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the promotion of Austin Rutherford to Driver/Engineer, Morristown Fire Department. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Line Item Transfers

The City Administrator reported on Line Item Transfers: General Fund - Document Nos. 2646, 2649-2652; Storm Water Fund - Document No. 2605.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for citizens comments unrelated to the agenda. Louis Chan, Jerry Walker and Linda Noe spoke.

Adjourn

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the June 16, 2026, Morristown City Council meeting at 6:31 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR