

**RECESSED MEETING
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 12, 2020**

Chairman Fairbanks asked County Attorney Rheubin Taylor to offer the invocation. Commissioner Baker led in the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Fairbanks read a statement into the record regarding today's electronic meeting. He stated the Governor's directive allows local governmental bodies to conduct their meetings without its members being physically assembled together in order to reduce exposing the general public, members of those local governmental bodies, and governmental staff to the possibility of contracting COVID-19. Chairman Fairbanks reported each Commissioner, staff member, or member of the public participating in today's meeting is doing so from his or her own home or outside office, and none is gathered together in any one place.

Chairman Fairbanks explained prior to the conclusion of today's meeting, all viewers would be advised how they may call in; identify themselves; and address the Commission on matters other than zoning. He added the meeting would be livestreamed for public access on County's YouTube page, which can be found by visiting www.youtube.com/hamiltoncountyttn.

Chairman Fairbanks announced that without objection, the Commission's present Rules of Procedure would be suspended in order to conduct today's meeting in conformance with the Governor's directive. There was no objection.

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman Fairbanks asked that the Sheriff's Department 2019 Annual Report be made a matter of record. It was noted the annual report is a CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) requirement. A copy of the report was filed in the Clerk's Office.

After seeking recognition from Chairman Fairbanks, Commissioner Mackey made a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 220-35, which was unanimously adopted on February 19, 2020. He stated the Resolution amended zoning regulations, which negatively affected builders in Hamilton County.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to reconsider Resolution No. 220-35.

Commissioner Martin expressed concern with not having enough time to explore the consequences of this action.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to delay the reconsideration of Resolution No. 220-35 to next week's Regular Meeting in order to allow for more time to understand the impact.

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Several Commissioners spoke in favor of the reconsideration of Resolution No. 220-35 citing an unintended burden on homebuilders in Hamilton County. It was noted the Homebuilders Association expressed concern with a condition of the Resolution that required homes on lots less than 25,000 square feet to go before the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Coppinger expressed support for the Homebuilders Association.

Chairman Fairbanks asked for a roll call on the Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to delay the reconsideration of Resolution No. 220-35 to next week's Regular Meeting.

The foregoing Motion failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Nay", Commissioner Bankston, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Nay", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

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The foregoing Motion by Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to reconsider Resolution No. 220-35 was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to deny Resolution No. 220-35 was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

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Being no further business Chairman Fairbanks declared the Recessed Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved

09-02-20
Date

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Clerk's Initials