



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Historic Metro Courthouse  
1 Public Square, 2nd floor  
Nashville, TN 37201

## Metropolitan Council Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:30 PM

Metropolitan Courthouse

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### Special Meeting

#### Call to Order

The Metropolitan Council met in regular session on this date at 6:30 p.m. in the Metropolitan Courthouse.

The invocation was offered by Vice Mayor Jim Shulman.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Metropolitan Council gave the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

#### Roll Call

The roll was called and the following members were present during the progress of the meeting: Shulman, Mendes, Hurt, Allen, Suara, Hall, Toombs, Gamble, Swope, Parker, Withers, Benedict, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Evans, Bradford, Rhoten, Syracuse, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, O'Connell, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Rutherford, Styles, Lee, Henderson, and Rosenberg (39); Absent: Taylor (1).

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 18, 2023 were approved.

### Public Hearing

Council Member Sepulveda moved to amend the rules for the public hearing to extend the time for those needing interpretation, from two minutes to four minutes, and extend the total time for those in favor and those opposed as relevant, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council.

#### Public Hearing

A combined Public Hearing for Resolution RS2023-2044 and Ordinance BL2023-1741. Four hours have been dedicated to the Public Hearing with two hours total allotted for support and two hours total allotted for opposition of the measures. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

The President declared the public hearing open. Members of the public were heard in favor of and in opposition to the two measures pursuant to the prescribed guidelines. The President declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member O'Connell moved to reopen the public hearing for an unlimited time frame, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Withers called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council. The matter recurred on the motion to reopen the public hearing, which motion was seconded and approved by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Mendes, Hurt, Allen, Suara, Toombs, Gamble, Swope, Parker, Benedict, Evans, Bradford, Syracuse, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Rutherford, Styles, Lee, Henderson, and Rosenberg
- No:** Hall, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Rhoten, Roberts, Hausser, and Druffel

Council Member Henderson moved to amend the motion extending the public hearing by limiting speakers to those opposed to the measures. After discussion, the President declared that it wasn't a proper motion. Council Member Henderson withdrew the motion.

Council Member Henderson moved to extend the public hearing for an additional ninety minutes to accommodate the members of the public waiting to speak, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Henderson withdrew the motion.

Council Member Nash moved to extend the public hearing for an additional ninety minutes to accommodate the members of the public waiting to speak, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Swope called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council. The matter recurred on the motion to extend the public hearing for a maximum of ninety additional minutes, which motion was seconded and failed by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Hurt, Hall, Gamble, Swope, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Syracuse, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Rutherford, and Styles
- No:** Mendes, Allen, Parker, Benedict, Evans, Bradford, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Lee, Henderson, and Rosenberg

Council Member Parker moved to limit the public hearing to Davidson County residents, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Parker withdrew the motion.

The President declared the public hearing open. Members of the public were heard in favor of and in opposition to the measures. The President declared the public hearing closed.

## Resolutions

[RS2023-2044](#) A resolution creating a Nashville Needs Impact Fund to help provide resources to nonprofit entities serving Nashville and Davidson County and designating certain amounts thereto.

Council Member VanReece moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was properly seconded. Council Member Toombs moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer a late amendment. Without objection, Council Member Toombs offered Amendment No. 4 and moved that it be adopted, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council. Council Member VanReece moved to adopt the resolution as amended, which motion was properly seconded. Council Member Parker moved to place the resolution on the heel of the agenda, which motion was seconded and approved by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Mendes, Toombs, Gamble, Swope, Parker, Benedict, Young, Evans, Bradford, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Rutherford, Styles, Lee, Henderson, and Rosenberg
- No:** Hurt, Allen, Hall, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Hagar, Rhoten, Syracuse, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, and Vercher
- Abstain:** Suara

### **Bills on Third Reading**

[BL2023-1741](#) An ordinance authorizing the Metropolitan Government's execution and delivery of an intergovernmental project agreement with The Sports Authority of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County relating to the development and funding of a new, enclosed stadium; designating a geographic area within which 50% of state and local option sales taxes will be allocated to fund capital projects at the stadium or any onsite or offsite infrastructure necessary for the operation thereof; approving the issuance of one or more series of public facility revenue bonds by the Sports Authority to finance a portion of the costs related to the construction of the enclosed stadium; authorizing the use and pledge of certain of the Metropolitan Government's revenues as security for the bonds; authorizing the acquisition of the stadium campus from the Sports Authority and the lease of the new stadium site to the Sports Authority; authorizing the Metropolitan Government's execution and delivery of a site coordination agreement relating to the interaction between the operations of the stadium and the development within certain areas around the stadium; and authorizing the defeasance of a portion of the Metropolitan Government's general obligation bonds issued to fund the acquisition of the campus on which the stadium is located.

Council Member Withers moved to pass the bill on third reading as amended, which motion was properly seconded. Council Member Sledge moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer Proposed Amendment 1 but was met with requisite objection causing the motion to fail. Council Member Rosenberg moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer Proposed Amendment 2 but was met with requisite objection causing the motion to fail. Council Member Rosenberg moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer Proposed Amendment 3 but was met with requisite objection causing the motion to fail. Council Member Rosenberg moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer Proposed Amendment 4 but was met with requisite objection causing the motion to fail. Council Member Rosenberg moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer Proposed Amendment 5 but was met with requisite objection causing the motion to fail. Council Member O'Connell withdrew Proposed Amendments 6 and 7. Council Member O'Connell moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer Proposed Amendment 8 but was met with requisite objection causing the motion to fail. Council Member Henderson moved to suspend the rules of procedure to offer Proposed Amendment 9 but was met with requisite objection causing the motion to fail. Council Member Withers moved to pass the bill on third reading as amended, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member VanReece called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and failed by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Hurt, Allen, Hall, Gamble, Swope, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Evans, Rhoten, Syracuse, Cash, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Rutherford, Styles, and Lee
- No:** Mendes, Suara, Toombs, Parker, Benedict, Bradford, Welsch, Sledge, OConnell, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Henderson, and Rosenberg

After further discussion, Council Member Hancock called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and failed by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Hurt, Allen, Hall, Gamble, Swope, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Evans, Rhoten, Syracuse, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Rutherford, Styles, and Lee
- No:** Mendes, Suara, Toombs, Parker, Benedict, Bradford, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Henderson, and Rosenberg

After further discussion, Council Member Young called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and approved by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Hurt, Allen, Suara, Hall, Gamble, Swope, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Evans, Rhoten, Syracuse, Cash, OConnell, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Rutherford, Styles, and Lee
- No:** Mendes, Toombs, Parker, Benedict, Bradford, Welsch, Sledge, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Henderson, and Rosenberg

Council Member Withers moved to pass the bill on third reading as amended, which motion was seconded and approved by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Hurt, Allen, Suara, Hall, Toombs, Gamble, Swope, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Rhoten, Syracuse, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Porterfield, Rutherford, Styles, and Lee
- No:** Mendes, Parker, Benedict, Evans, Bradford, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Sepulveda, Henderson, and Rosenberg

Council Member Pulley moved to consider RS2023-2044, which motion was properly seconded. Council Member Porterfield moved to reconsider BL2023-1741. After discussion, the motion was properly seconded. Council Member Murphy moved to challenge the ruling of the Chair on the basis that the motion by Council Member Pulley was not acted on before recognizing Council Member Porterfield. A vote was taken to sustain the ruling of the chair, which vote failed by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** Mendes, Suara, Toombs, Parker, Benedict, Evans, Bradford, Welsch, Sledge, OConnell, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Henderson, and Rosenberg

**No:** Hurt, Allen, Hall, Gamble, Swope, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Rhoten, Syracuse, Cash, Roberts, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Rutherford, Styles, and Lee

The ruling of the Chair was overturned. The matter recurred on the motion by Council Member Pulley to consider RS2023-2044, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council.

### Resolutions

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Council Member VanReece moved to adopt the resolution as amended, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Young called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council. The matter recurred on the motion to adopt the resolution as amended, which motion was seconded and approved by the following roll call vote:

**Yes:** Hurt, Allen, Suara, Hall, Toombs, Gamble, Swope, Withers, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Rhoten, Syracuse, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Vercher, Rutherford, Styles, and Lee

**No:** Mendes, Parker, Benedict, Bradford, Welsch, Porterfield, Sepulveda, and Rosenberg

**Abstain:** Evans, Roberts, and Henderson

### Adjournment

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