

City of Spring Hill, Tennessee
Citizens Election Task Force
Minutes - July 6, 2023

Call to order

Present: Alicia Fitts, Chairman; Alan Cook, Vice Chairman; Nanci Gregg, Secretary; Lorraine Johnson, Carol Martinez, Ken Mikula, Brandon McCulloch, David Pair, Jim Tew, Beth Vriesman.

Chairman Fitts called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the June 22, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

A number of questions were raised, several of which were carried over from the previous meeting. Task force members asked how many registered voters are in each of the city's 4 wards, how many registered voters are in Spring Hill in Maury County and how many are in Spring Hill in Williamson County. Members of the task force agreed that Spring Hill's residents would be better served by a more user friendly website that allows users to view the ward boundaries and includes street addresses, aldermen by ward, and FAQs about voting and elections in Spring Hill.

Alan Cook presented a multi-page decision guide pertaining to the decisions with which the task force has been presented.

Members of the task force voted unanimously to accept the state of Tennessee's Code 6-53-110 (SB526.HB817) and adopt a new electoral system for the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Alderman.

Members of the task force voted unanimously to create a hybrid system for electing aldermen from wards and at-large and that at-large aldermen would represent Maury and the Williamson counties, two aldermen representing each. Members also agreed that if an alderman moves from the ward from which he was elected during his term he will give up his seat.

Additionally, members of the task force agreed that the aldermen representing wards will be elected every fourth year, and that they will be elected in the same year as the mayor. Members of the task force agreed that the ward-based alderman and the mayor would be elected in 2025 while the four aldermen elected at-large will be elected two years from that date, in 2027.

Task force members agreed it would be helpful to have an election official from Maury County and from Williamson County to discuss ward boundaries, voting patterns, and the Urban Growth Boundaries for each county and the city of Spring Hill.

In the absence of City Administrator Caskie, no updates were available about the addition to the City of Spring Hill website a new web page including the name of the task force, its membership, the PowerPoint presentation given at the previous meeting

Chairman Fitts said she would request representatives of the Maury and Williamson county election commissions to address questions posed by members of the task force.

The next meeting of the Task Force has been set for 6 p.m. July 20.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.