

Summers: Candidate for Clarksville City Mayor

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Office sought: Clarksville Mayor

Name: Bill Summers

Age: 59

Occupation: Retired U.S. Air Force Officer; self-employed industrial engineering/management and technology consultant

Education: Bachelor's degree in Industrial Management, University of Tennessee; Master's degree in Management, Webster University

Political experience: Concluding a second City Council term

Civic involvement: Numerous city committee assignments; city representative to boards and functions such as the Community Action Agency, Customs House Museum and Cultural Center and Clarksville-Montgomery County School System; 2009 William O. Beach Citizen of the Year Award for civic involvement; 2007 Leadership Clarksville selection and graduate; 2005 Outstanding Communicator Award from the National School Public Relations Association; 2005 Clarksville and Rossvie High Schools' "Friend of Education"; 2005 Clarksville-Montgomery County School System "Friend of Education" in the High School Division; member of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce; 4,000 volunteer hours to the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System; community member for city landscape ordinance development; community member for Storm Water Management development committee; community member for studying and reformulating city property zoning and development codes; community representative that approached city and state for stoplights at Exit 11 (started in 2000); Little League girls softball coach; sponsor two \$1,000 scholarships (Catie Summers Memorial College Scholarship) every year for CMCSS students who have battled cancer

Family: Wife, Cindy; two daughters

Why did you decide to run for this office?

Clarksville has stagnated. This administration's concentration on "image making" instead of "leadership and decision making" has continually resulted in empty promises and failure to recognize opportunities for Clarksville's prosperity. Continuous creation of committees and studies paid for with borrowed money has been sold to the public as "moving forward," although tangible results rarely occur. Additionally, this administration's myopic planning process, financial borrowing and spending habits endanger Clarksville's future. Although now touting that he is different, the other declared mayoral candidate has a record of supporting and voting lockstep with this administration. I want to provide the citizens of Clarksville with a clear and singular choice for change. Further, I will always put Clarksville first and continually ask the tough planning, financial and operational questions which the other candidate rarely asks and this administration often refuses to answer.

What is your top goal if you are elected?

I would install a leadership style that provides a citizen driven vision for Clarksville's prosperity and establishes communications that include the public and City Council in the decision making process. I would also work to make decisions in a timely manner, motivate employees to accomplish the vision, continually evaluate our progress and provide the public and City Council with ways to measure our progress.

What are your top platform issues?

- Build city plans containing goals in three to five, five to 10 and 10 to 20-year increments.
- Reorganize budgets to support the identified goals.
- Proactively plan and promptly implement public safety staffing and facilities to match city growth.
- Develop prioritization and funding options for infrastructure needs.
- Create a Small Business Job Incubator and Retention Center.
- Transform Clarksville's Private Act Charter to a "Home Rule" Charter where the citizens vote and determine how our city should operate.

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