

Jim Klonaris - District Four

Introduction

Please briefly describe yourself and why you are running for Knoxville City Council.

A resident of Knoxville for over 48 years, I have owned and operated over 17 companies creating jobs throughout Knoxville. I'm a graduate of Knox County schools went to the University of Tennessee and have mentored younger adults for more than 2 decades. I've been married for almost 35 years I'm a proud father and grandparent of 5 grandsons.

Use of Active Transportation

How often do you walk for transportation or recreation?

Very frequently

How often do you ride a bicycle for transportation or recreation?

Very frequently

Allocation of Resources for Active Transportation

How do you feel about the allocation of resources to pedestrian infrastructure?

Needs to be somewhat increased

Please explain the reasoning behind your response.

Currently I believe there are mostly adequate resources being spent on pedestrian infrastructure but as the city continues to grow, we will need to prioritize accordingly.

How do you feel about the allocation of resources to bicycle infrastructure?

Needs to be somewhat increased

Please explain the reasoning behind your response.

Currently I believe there are mostly adequate resources being spent on bicycle infrastructure but as the city expands and continues to grow, we will need to prioritize accordingly.

Please describe what your active transportation priorities would be as a member of the Knoxville City Council.

As a city council representative my active transportation priorities would be mostly based on the needs of the majority of the constituents. Affordability of public transportation as well as alternative transportation is always important for any thriving city.

Vision Zero and Active Transportation Safety

[According to the Knoxville Regional Transportation Organization, it is 11x more likely for a pedestrian or bicyclist to be killed in a traffic crash compared to a motorist. Vision Zero](#) establishes the goal of reducing the number of traffic fatalities and serious injuries down to zero, and provides a framework for accomplishing this while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

How likely are you to support Mayor Kincannon in passing a Vision Zero Knoxville resolution, which would convene a working group to develop and implement a Vision Zero Knoxville Action Plan?

Undecided

Please explain the reasoning behind your response.

I would need to learn a little bit more about it before making any decisions.

Please describe what your priorities would be as a member of the Knoxville City Council regarding safety for all roadway users, especially vulnerable roadway users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

I would always prioritize safety for all users on roadways including bicyclists and pedestrians and alternative modalities. The safety and security of all knoxvilians is important.

Active Transportation Infrastructure

Please rank your infrastructure priorities. (1 - Low Priority, 10 - High Priority)

- Vehicle Roadways - 8
- Greenways - 6
- Sidewalks - 8
- Bike Lanes - 8

Please describe your vision for active transportation infrastructure in Knoxville, and how you would use your position on the Knoxville City Council to achieve that vision.

No answer provided.

Miscellaneous

In respect to active transportation in Knoxville, what do you think the City has done well and what do you think needs to be done better?

I'm very pleased with the amount of greenways, connective bicycling paths, and pedestrian sidewalks that have been installed over the last 15 years. We need to continue to do this

but at the same time, we should also prioritize to improve roadways, increase mechanisms to slow down traffic, and prioritize our spending on sensible infrastructure.

Is there anything else you would like to share related to active transportation, safety, and/or infrastructure?

No answer provided.