

HR Dept. at City Council

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The new position of director of Human Resources will officially be added to the Knoxville City Administration Tuesday when the city council meets. The resolution to amend the city code comes to the body on its second and final reading. The director will be selected this fall and the \$190,300 authorized for the new department also provides for a HR Specialist.

The council will consider approving Sam Maynard to the Public Property Naming Committee on a request from Councilwoman Janet Testerman and approv-



Holston Middle School Language Arts teacher Brittany Burgess welcomes students to sixth-grade orientation, which was held Thursday at HMS.

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The Knox County Board of Health met in weekly session on Wednesday and rebuffed critics of their policies, power and authority.

The comments came at the end of their session, covered by Zoom and CTV, with some members talking about the number of emails they get from citizens. Chairman Dr. Jack Gotcher Jr. commented that some people wrote that the board is not elected and has no power to place restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He called on the board's attorney, Daniel Sanders, who said the board is not a process of popular election: members are appointed by the Knox County Commis-