



January 12, 2023 Board of Commissioners City Hall - Massie Chambers
6:30 PM

Minutes:

Present: Jimmy D. Anderson, Jennifer Duncan, Stuart Huffman, Rusty Tinnin, and Zach Young.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Tim Ellis, Allison Baker, Sarah Jennings, Addam McCormick, Gary Goodwin, Kimberly Lynn, Julie High, Larry DiOrio, Mary Laine Hucks, Jeff McCormick, and Ken Reeves.

Mayor Rusty Tinnin called the meeting to order. Pastor Socrates Holguin offered prayer and Mayor Tinnin led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Allison Baker called the roll: Mayor Tinnin present, Vice Mayor Duncan present, Commissioner Anderson present, Commissioner Huffman present, Commissioner Young present.

Consider the minutes of the December 8, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners by the Recorder for approval or correction. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Huffman seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Bob Adams, with Blankenship CPA Group, presented the fiscal year 2022 audit to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Young asked about Blankenship's process after the city received notice from the Comptroller this year that adjustments would need to be made to the audit after a thorough review by the Comptroller's Office. He wanted to know how their process has changed after this review. Mr. Adam's stated that review is done every year and they take those letters very seriously. They also added an extra layer of review to correct everything. He also stated the city receives an extra level of scrutiny since we receive the certificate from the GFOA. He compared us to an athletic team that plays a tougher schedule so there are more eyes on us with a higher level of scrutiny.

Mayor Tinnin wished City Manager Tim Ellis Happy Birthday! He also thanked Julie and Tim for a great job on the audit.

Consent agenda items.

Consider Old Business.

Consider Ordinance 22-1056, an ordinance to amend sections of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the definition of a home day care center and conditional use review by the Board of

Zoning and Sign Appeals, second reading and public hearing. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Ordinance 22-1056. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened. With no one speaking in favor or against the proposed amendment, the public hearing was closed. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 22-1056.

Consider Ordinance 22-1057, an ordinance of the City of Goodlettsville Board of Commissioners adopting the City of Goodlettsville Capital Investment Policy, second reading. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Ordinance 22-1057. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 22-1057.

Consider New Business.

Consider Resolution 23-1107, a resolution declaring certain property surplus to the needs of the City of Goodlettsville and calling for its disposal by online auction or any other reasonable manner. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 23-1107. Commissioner Huffman seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 23-1107.

Consider Resolution 23-1108, a resolution acknowledging forms CT-0253 as it relates to debt obligation. City Manager Ellis stated this form has been completed from debt issuance with the State Revolving Fund project. Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Resolution 22-1108. Commissioner Huffman seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 23-1108.

Consider Resolution 23-1109, a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, authorizing the procurement method of Competitive Sealed Proposals in procuring an all-accessible playground system. Commissioner Huffman made a motion to consider Resolution 23-1109. Vice Mayor Duncan seconded the motion. Commissioner Young asked if this would be a group that designs and procures the equipment. City Manager Ellis stated this contract would be for a playground manufacturer that would also do the installation. It would be a turnkey project. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 23-1109.

Consider Resolution 23-1110, a resolution approving an application for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program (SAFER) Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, acting by and through the Goodlettsville Fire Department, for the recruitment and hiring of nine firefighters. City Manager Ellis stated this would fund 100% of the salaries for three years. This is only an application. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 23-1110. Vice Mayor Duncan seconded the motion. Commissioner Young confirmed it is stated that you do not have to retain the positions after the three years. He wanted to mention the cost of nine full-time employees plus benefits is a significant amount and wanted to know if we are preparing for the budget increase after four years if we were to keep these firefighters on staff. He stated he is all for this as it will bring us closer to opening a second hall and wanted to make sure the long-term budget would be considered. City Manager Ellis stated this is why we are not making an application for 12 firefighters. We feel confident we can fund the nine without any issues. He said over the past three years, our local option sales tax has increased

over two million dollars. If we keep trending in this direction, we can fund this project and continue other projects as well. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 23-1110.

Consider Resolution 23-1111, a resolution acknowledging the acceptance of a grant from KABOOM! for the purchase, technical design and support in constructing a play structure at Brooks Park. City Manager Ellis stated in 2021 we passed a resolution approving this application. Since the resolution was passed and now, KABOOM is asking the city to contribute \$8,500 for this \$100,000 project. Commissioner Huffman made a motion to consider Resolution 23-1111. Vice Mayor Duncan seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 23-1111.

Consider Resolution 23-1112, requesting that members of the State of Tennessee Legislature introduce and support legislation that would prevent or eliminate the collection of hotel taxes within the City of Goodlettsville by another government entity for the purposes of funding current or future capital projects, such as convention centers and stadiums. City Manager Ellis stated people that stay in Goodlettsville pay the largest occupancy tax of any place in the State of Tennessee and adding an additional fee would potentially penalize the local hotels. Commissioner Huffman made a motion to consider Resolution 23-1112. Vice Mayor Duncan seconded the motion. Commissioner Young stated he will abstain due to a conflict of serving on both commissions. He stated he met with Metro Tourism, Kimberly Lynn, and City Manager Ellis to impress upon them the penalty this is. He feels it may have fallen on deaf ears. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Resolution 23-1112 with Commissioner Young abstaining.

With no further business, Commissioner Huffman made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Duncan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm with a 5-0 vote.