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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: May 26, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: John Coombs, Jane Birdwell, Dan Bloodworth Absent: Gary Manning and John Finch

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Alicia Prince, Richard Pope, Phillip Gibson, Rick Gregory, Tom Tucker, Dawn Freeman, Greg Waite, Harry Bell, Ken Hale, Amy Mitchell, Robert McCain, Steve Duffey, Tony Espinosa, John Ricks and Denver Schimming.

Vice Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bloodworth offered prayer. Vice Mayor Coombs led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Prince called the roll: Mayor Manning absent, Vice Mayor Coombs present, Commissioner Finch absent, Commissioner Bloodworth present, and Commissioner Birdwell present.

Consider approval of the minutes of the regular Commission meeting on May 12, 2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 3-0.

1. Mr. Denver Schimming of 943 Old Dickerson Pike expressed citizen support and asked the Commission to support Ordinance #11-755 dealing with the proceeds received for Pleasant Green fire particularly earmarking proceeds from settlement for park rehab. He requested that if this was approved that no money from those proceeds be allocated until a decision is made on what is going to be done with the Pleasant Green rehab. He asked for the yearly revenue generated by the pool and pavilion in a season.

City Manager Thomas will provide Mr. Schimming with that figure in the next few days.

2. Steve Duffey, Executive Director for Imagine Goodlettsville introduced himself and summarized their goals for the City of Goodlettsville. They want to see the City grow and move forward. He stated that Goodlettsville is the best place to raise a family and to start a business. He asked for the Commission's support.

Vice Mayor Coombs, Commissioner Bloodworth and Commissioner Birdwell all supported and encouraged Mr. Duffey and Imagine Goodlettsville.

City Manager Jim Thomas addressed the Commission for guidance concerning the City Court and the City Court Judge. He reminded the Commission that the City's Judge had resigned and that retired Judge Jane Franks has been available and filling in thru the month of June. He hopes to have a permanent replacement in place by July and received comments from some of the commissioners related to the possible availability of our former Judge, Rob Wheeler who could be a good candidate. Mr. Wheeler was judge here for almost eleven years but chose to take a

position on the Sumner County School Board while he was judge and was given a legal opinion that this posed a conflict with holding both positions and chose to keep his School Board position. He has now rotated off the School Board and in talking to him; City Manager Thomas learned that Mr. Wheeler is interested in serving again as the City Judge. City Manager Thomas explained to the Commission that the City's Charter requires the Commission to appoint the judge and to set his salary and further requires the judge to be a practicing attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee and that he be a resident of Sumner or Davidson County.

Commissioner Bloodworth expressed his support for Mr. Wheeler as City Judge.

Commissioner Birdwell stated that she had no experience with Mr. Wheeler and would rely on the Commissioners' judgment.

Vice Mayor Coombs stated that Mr. Wheeler is an excellent candidate that the City ought to pursue this opportunity. He recommended to the Commission that they pursue this by resolution at the next Commission meeting and address the salary issue in the resolution.

Assistant City Manager Ellis advised the Commission that there will be a public meeting in regards to the design of the Roadscapes Project we are putting in place this fall, at 6:00 p.m. on 6/23 prior to City Commission meeting. Our design firm Kimley-Horn & Associates will be here with documents for everyone to see.

Commissioner Birdwell asked if this was regarding Longhollow Pike or Main St.

Assistant City Manager Ellis replied that this was for the Longhollow exit off Rivergate Parkway.

City Manager Thomas announced that on June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Moss Wright Park, Regions Bank is sponsoring the "Symphony in the Park" and that we are hoping for a good turnout weather permitting.

Commissioner Birdwell asked for a progress report on the sign ordinance from Planning Director, Rick Gregory.

Planning Director Rick Gregory stated that the sign ordinance is ready to be brought back before the Commission for consideration. He was unable to recall if they were to have another work session on this or just bring it back to Commission for review but will check on that. He added that they were holding off until after the Budget process was finished as to not interrupt with an item that could be a very lengthy discussion. He also mentioned that he noticed in an article that Bill Brinton, who is a well recognized authority on sign ordinances, is speaking at the TML Conference on sign ordinances and regulations. The conference is on June 13th in Murfreesboro at the Embassy Suites at 3:30 p.m. and would be very beneficial and informative to anyone interested.

Mr. Gregory also stated that the Design Review is on the agenda for Planning Commission's consideration at the next Planning Commission Meeting and will get more direction as to how go about adopting and pursuing the issue of design review.

Commissioner Birdwell stated that she had read a lot on the Civil War sesquicentennial commemorative activities going on for the next several years throughout the state and that the State believes this will be a great tourism draw. She asked how we are promoting Goodlettsville since we are part of the Civil War Trail.

Parks Director Amy Mitchell responded that we already have a display in the museum related to the Civil War, and they are in the process of getting the marking material together to show the public and tourists coming into our City what we have to offer.

Commissioner Birdwell then stated that she had requested a salary survey and salary rate information but the information is seven years old and after reviewing it, she strongly feels that we need to implement a new salary study so that we can be current and up to date with our figures. She did not know if the Commission is required to vote on this and if it does require a vote she would like it to be on the next agenda. She added that she would like to have a minimum, midpoint and maximum salary scale plus at least 10 step increments so that we can have a structured pay plan.

City Manager Thomas stated that we are working on that but it will be costly and a long time developing process.

At this time, Vice Mayor Coombs complimented Parks Director Amy Mitchell and her staff on the outstanding job done on the ball fields affected by all the rain.

Consider Ordinance No. 11-753, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 10-744 being the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget on second reading. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve Ordinance No. 11-753. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 3-0 on second reading.

Consider Ordinance No. 11-755, an ordinance to commit the use of insurance proceeds received relative to the 2009 Pleasant Green building fire to the post-fire rehabilitation of Pleasant Green Park and capital improvements in the City's parks system. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve Ordinance No. 11-755 on first reading. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 3-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-464, a resolution to enter into a contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the relocation of sewer lines relative to the construction of the State Route 11 Bridge over Mansker's Creek. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve Resolution No. 11-464. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 3-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-465, a resolution to enter into a contract for the design engineering for the relocation of sewer lines relative to the construction of the State Route 11 Bridge over Mansker's Creek. A motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve Resolution No. 11-465. Commissioner Bloodworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 3-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-466, a resolution granting an overhead line easement to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through its Electric Power Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve Resolution No. 11-466. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 3-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-467, a resolution declaring certain property of the City as surplus and calling for its disposal by online auction or any other reasonable manner. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve Resolution No. 11-467. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 3-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-468, a resolution to consider the sale of certain real property owned by the City of Goodlettsville. After some discussion, it was the Commission's opinion that all the commissioners should be present to vote on this item. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to defer this resolution. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and Resolution No. 11-468 was deferred unanimously 3-0.

Vice Mayor Coombs reminded everyone that there will be one more Budget Work Session on June 9th at 4:00 p.m. prior to the regular Board of Commissioner's meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

City Recorder

Vice Mayor