

Commissioner Birdwell stated the Police Officers are underpaid and questioned why they should be further penalized. She does not believe they should be charged additionally. This is a critical issue that we have put off too long. She charged the Commission to not look at the dollar amount all the time.

Commissioner Finch expressed that he does not think this is as tough as it has been presented. He responded to Commissioner Birdwell about the passion that she has spoken with on this topic and that there is a conflict of interest. This is an equity issue. It has aggravated him for over two years that we have all these cars sitting in the parking lot. He has urged that we ought to have them parked in shopping center parking lots. He is in favor of reinstating a policy on take home police cars tonight, but with provisions. He does not buy the comments that this is a safety issue and he feels this is a slippery slope given that Public Works, the Fire Department and other staff members must also respond during major events. Allowing officers who live inside the city limits encourages them to live in our city. If they live outside the city he believes they should expect to pay some marginal fee that represents the use of the vehicle outside the city.

Mayor Manning agreed with Commissioner Finch, noting that insurance companies typically require the user to repay employers for vehicle use outside the city limits. There is a federal mandated mileage rate. He would like City Manager Thomas and Police Chief Pope to come back to the Commission with a guideline of what our policy is going to be as their recommendation. He feels this is of great benefit inside the city limits, but not out of the city.

Commissioner Birdwell stated that she is passionate but that passion is neither a crime nor a conflict. She added that conflict of interest must be proven to her and that she will not recuse herself from a decision on this matter.

Chief Pope inquired if the Commission would consider allowing the five officers living inside the City to take their vehicles home. A motion was made by Commissioner Finch to allow officers living inside the city limits to take home their vehicles immediately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



City Recorder



Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: March 24, 2011

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: City Hall

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

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Richard Pope, Claudia Davis, Phillip Gibson, Jack Tompkins, Harry Bell, Tom Tucker, Jennifer Hancock, Amy Mitchell, Dawn Freeman, Bill Brasier, Ken Jenkins, Robert McCain, Tim Stutler, Denver Schimming, Susan Rotkiewicz

Mayor Manning called the meeting to order. Rev. Tim Stutler offered prayer. Mayor Manning led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Consider approval of the minutes of the regular Commission meeting on March 10, 2011. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Coombs to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 5-0.

Denver Schimming, 943 Old Dickerson Road, thanked Chief Pope and the Police Department for their prompt response to his home burglary last week.

Consider Resolution No. 11-452, a resolution to enter into an agreement with Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. for the refinancing of certain debt obligations of the City. City Manager Thomas stated the City has an outstanding State of Tennessee Revolving Loan that matures in 2018 at an interest rate of 4.472%. Considering current interest rates, the City has solicited proposals to re-finance this outstanding loan. After considering these proposals, staff recommends that the City authorize an agreement with Morgan Keegan and Company as underwriters to re-finance this outstanding loan and possibly others, based on the projections of estimated costs, the estimated savings, and the experience and professionalism that they represent. Any changes to the estimates would be tied to the interest rate with no variability built into their proposals. There would be a right of refusal in the agreement. The determination of the final amount to re-finance would be brought back before the Commission. The amount considered in the proposal is the most significant part of the City's total debt. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Coombs to approve Resolution No. 11-452. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finch and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-453, a resolution to enter into an agreement with Allen, McGee and Associates CPA, for the performance of Hotel/Motel Tax compliance evaluations of the City's hotels and motels. City Manager Thomas reported funds for this audit is included in the current budget. The City has publicly advertised for proposals for this service and also notified all local accounting firms known to specialize in hotel/motel audit services. Allen, McGee and Associates CPA submitted the only proposal. They propose to audit every hotel and motel in the City, going back three years, at a cost of \$23,000, and would be completed by the end of June. This firm is strongly recommended by other cities. After discussion of whether Metro or the State might share in the expense of such an audit and whether this firm would consider a percentage contingency, a motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to defer Resolution No. 11-453. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-454, a resolution to enter into an agreement with Seasons Change Landscaping LLC for the provision of public right-of-way and public property mowing services. City Manager Thomas reported requests for bids were publicly advertised and direct solicitations were made to companies known to be in the commercial mowing business. This company submitted the lowest bid proposal that meets the specified criteria. Their bid is within the amount in the current budget for this service. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve Resolution No. 11-454. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Coombs and passed unanimously 5-0.

City Attorney Haynes asked for guidance on a bill before the State Legislature. This bill would allow cities to waive early voting where there is no qualified candidate in an election, thus saving the city the cost of offering early voting. All Commissioners agreed that they favored this bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.


City Recorder


Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: April 14, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Gary Manning, John Coombs, Dan Bloodworth, Jane Birdwell Absent: John Finch
Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Richard Pope, Claudia Davis, Phillip Gibson, Tom Tucker, Larry DiOrio, Amy Mitchell, Bill Brasier, Rick Gregory, Ken Jenkins, Tim & Stacy Preston, Brian Moore, Joe Bardill, Charlie Morrow, Zack Young, Paul Gardner, Joyce Washington, Denver Schimming, Susan Rotkiewicz, John Ricks, Johnny Long, Steve Shoulders, Darlyn Farris, Alicia Prince

Mayor Manning called the meeting to order. Rev. Paul Gardner offered prayer. Mayor Manning led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Davis called the roll: Mayor Manning present, 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 March 24, 2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Darlyn Farris, 206 Hollywood Street, suggested that the pay for police officers is ridiculous and that the \$1.25 per month billing expense for the trash pickup could be saved by including the pickup fee in the property taxes and take the savings to fund police officers taking their patrol cars home.

Zack Young, 3375 Patton Branch Road, recommended allowing police officers to take their patrol cars home to increase emergency response time and improve economic development to increase the City's tax base.

Finance Director Julie High presented a financial report through March 2011.

Commissioner Birdwell praised the Public Works Department on the great job they did cleaning up and clearing the streets after the recent storm.