

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: January 13, 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, Tom Tucker, Rick Gregory, Claudia Davis, Amy Mitchell, Phillip Gibson, Dawn Freeman, Larry DiOrion, Bill Brasier, Harry Bell, Ken Jenkins, Danny Okert, Dean Birdwell, Shane Toll, Steve Holland, Matt Burge, Mac Lassiter, Mike Bauer, Susan Rotkiewicz, Paul Gardner, Zack Young, W. S. Miller, Stephanie Cox

Mayor Manning called the meeting to order. 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 December 9, 2010. 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.

Zach Young, 3375 Patton Branch Road, expressed his family's sincere gratitude to everyone with the City who displayed such respect and honor for his uncle, Jack Hunnicutt, Mayor Manning responded that he was a wonderful friend of this City and will be missed by everyone.

W. S. Miller, 102 Essex Court, inquired on the status of the rumor that the City may move the Senior Spirits to the existing Metro library site. He stated he would like to keep the program at the Community Center due to the level entrance and proximity to the Fire Department and EMT, which provides very fast response time when they are needed. Mayor Manning stated the City does not own that property and there are no permanent or even preliminary plans in place to move the seniors. City Manager Thomas stated that there has been some discussion about the use of the building if they City should acquire the site from Metro. If it should ever come about, the city would make significant upgrades and make it just as safe and enjoyable as it is now for the Senior Spirits. He suggested that Parks Director Amy Mitchell discuss this matter with the seniors to answer further questions they might have at this point.

Police Chief Richard Pope reported that Cornerstone Church has made a donation of \$5,000 to the Goodlettsville Police Department with no strings attached or stipulations of how the money is to be spent. The Department needs to upgrade officer's body armor, so these funds will pay for more than half of that need, and also provide body armor for five more officers. He expressed his extreme gratitude to the church and their members for this generous donation.

City Manager Thomas reported that the City frequently gets inquiries about an additional package liquor store. The number of stores is set by ordinance and is limited to two. With new development in the Sumner County portion of the City and the likelihood that someone may want to open a package store in the Sumner County side, if the Commission ever decided to

amend the existing ordinance to allow an additional liquor store, in order to protect the existing two liquor stores on the Davidson County side, state legislation would have to be passed, as was done prior to the petition for referendum and voting by the citizens for Liquor by the Drink in the Sumner County portion of the City. Without that legislation, if a referendum was held to allow another package store in the Sumner County portion of the City and that referendum failed, it would impact the Davidson County stores in the corporate city limits. The next general election that could include such a referendum would be in 2012. Due to the necessary process of passing state legislation, an outside entity gathering signatures for a referendum, and meeting deadlines to submit such a petition prior to the 2012 election, the City should seek the needed state legislation in the current assembly. He asked for direction from the Commission if they would like the staff to seek that legislation. After discussion, it was determined that this issue should be an agenda item for the next meeting. Vice Mayor Coombs pointed out that the final decision would be made by the citizens. Commission Birdwell agreed. Commission Bloodworth stated that taking these steps would enable the citizens the opportunity to decide on the outcome.

Commissioner Birdwell stated that currently all Commissioners are elected at large. She recommended the Commission consider changing this so that Commissioners would run in districts so that there would be more representation of the different areas of the city.

Commissioner Birdwell stated that a citizen asked her to acknowledge the excellent job that the Goodlettsville and Metro Fire Departments did on containing a fire at Lenoxgate Apartments on December 12, 2010. This citizen wanted to be present herself, but due to a family illness, she was unable to attend. Commissioner Birdwell stated she believes that police officers and firefighters are special people. While we are all public servants, these positions require a very special dedication for the risks you take. She commended Captain Dean Birdwell, Firefighter/EMT Shane Toll, Firefighter/EMT Matthew Burge and Firefighter/EMT MacLassiter for the outstanding job they did on this call.

Consider Ordinance No. 10-749 on second reading, an ordinance to amend the City's municipal code concerning property maintenance by adding a section that addresses removal of graffiti. City Manager Thomas reported that this ordinance was approved at the October 14, 2010 meeting on first reading. It was considered again on December 9, 2010 and deferred. Discussion led to several issues needing further consideration. These issues have been changed in the draft before the Commission with changes from the original ordinance indicated in red. City Attorney Haynes reported the definition of graffiti has been changed. Regarding the section on financial hardship, Assistant City Manager Tim Ellis has done additional work to more clearly define this issue, according to Metro Nashville guidelines. Mayor Manning declared the public hearing open. No one spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor Manning declared to public hearing closed. A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 10-749 on second reading by Commissioner Bloodworth. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Discussion confirmed this issue should not pose a financial or manpower burden on Public Works. City Attorney Haynes stated one of his concerns was that if an innocent property owner who gets victimized with graffiti and there is a hardship situation, there would have to be discretion to not further victimize the property owner. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve the amendments to the original motion as indicated in red. The motion to amend was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0. The original motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-749 as amended passed unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Manning presented recommendations for the following reappointments to city boards:

Planning Board

Scott Trew, reappointment
 Garry Franks, reappointment
 Harold (Bubba) Willis, Jr., reappointment
 John Coombs, reappointment, but as designee of the Board of Commissioners
 Jane Birdwell, Mayors designee

Zoning Appeals Board

William P. Carter, reappointment

Beer Board

James Pomeroy, reappointment

Hearing Authority

James Hagge, reappointment
 Johnny Childers, reappointment
 Gary Manning, reappointment

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Jack Polk, reappointment

Mayor Manning added that Joe Birdwell has resigned from the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals and this position will be filled at a later date. The Commissioners unanimously supported and approved these recommendations.

Stephanie Cox, Stakeholder Services Area Manager, Tennessee ECotality North America gave a presentation of the EV Project for charge infrastructure for electric vehicles. After discussion, Commissioner Coombs noted that he believes it would be wise for the City to acknowledge intent to move forward, but in a noncommittal form at this point. A motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to present a non-binding letter of intent to ECotality North America indicating the City's desire to serve as a municipal host for electric car charging stations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs. The motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Birdwell aye, Mayor Manning aye, Vice Mayor Coombs aye, and Commissioner Bloodworth nay.

Consider Resolution No. 11-446, a resolution authorizing the City of Goodlettsville to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Driver Safety" Matching Grant Program. City Manager Thomas reported this grant program is offered by our insurance carrier to match up to \$4,000 for some type of safety program. Our Police Department has put together a driving safety program for non-emergency drivers that could be implemented with funds from this grant. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Coombs to approve Resolution No. 11-446. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


 City Recorder


 Mayor