REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: October 28, 2010 Time: 6:30 PM Place: City Hall

Present: John Finch, Gary Manning, Jerry Garrett, John Coombs Absent: Dan Bloodworth

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Richard Pope, Tom Tucker, Claudia Davis, Amy Mitchell, Phillip Gibson, Dawn Freeman, Larry DiOrio, Amy Murray, Charlie Morrow, Harry Bell, Andy Garrett, Russell Freeman, Jill Garrett, Glenn Garrett, Will Garrett, Christie Moore, Molly Moore, Jim Moore, Carl Sloan, Jim Driver, Harold Willis, Johnny Long, Bobby Jones, Denver Schimming, Jane Birdwell, Susan Rotkiewicz, Jim & Teresa Galbreath, Joyce Washington, Doug & Nell Clay, Bill & Barbara Carter, Fred Harper, Robby Gilreath, Wagdy Halakf, Al & Hilda Jernigan, Gerald & Pat Lankford, Stacey & Paul Stuhrenberg

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order. Rev. Fred Harper offered prayer. Mayor Finch led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Finch appointed Commissioner Garrett as Mayor Pro Tem to preside over the meeting.

Consider approval of the minutes of the regular Commission meeting on October 14, 2010. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Manning to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs. Commissioner Coombs made a motion to amend the minutes to include his comments about the great work that the Public Works Department have done on street and sidewalk maintenance to enhance the appearance of our City. Vice Mayor Manning seconded the amendment motion and it passed unanimously 4-0. The amended motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Jim Galbreath, 901 Emily Drive, stated he is opposed to Ordinance No. 10-750 which changes the distance requirements for issuance of beer permits. He questioned the legality of the language that would grandfather existing churches in commercial districts. He interrogated each Commissioner about how much information they had received substantiating the recommendation from the Beer Board. The Commission responded that they were satisfied with the recommendation from the Beer Board after their extensive research, effort and time, and that their questions had all been answered by discussions with the Beer Board members.

Robby Gilreath, General Manager for Courtyard by Marriott, 865 Conference Drive, asked for the cooperation and assistance from the Board of Commissioners to get additional signage for the Courtyard. He would like to place signs on the 4th floor level on each end to be visible on I-65. Vice Mayor Manning assured him that if the Planning Board or Sign Appeals Board concurs with his request, that the Commission would not have any problem with their decision. Commissioner Coombs referred Mr. Gilreath to Planning Director Rick Gregory to have the Sign Appeals Board review his request.

Patricia Langford, 132 Canton Court, described the serious problems she and her neighbors have experienced with their condominium. There is a steep wall directly behind her residence which fell and created mud slides. The wall was rebuilt and french drains installed, however the wall is about to fall again and mud and weeds have overtaken the area. The builder, Dial Properties, is in bankruptcy and the bond on this project is scheduled to be in court in October 2011. They need help getting the problem solved. There are about 20 units unfinished and deteriorating with some windows left open. City Manager Thomas stated he is aware of a lot of problems with this development. He committed to completely review her situation to see if there is an intermediate short term fix.

City Manager Thomas requested the Commission to consider at a later point in the agenda with unanimous consent, a housekeeping issue related to the demolition of the pool building. A motion was made by Mayor Finch to consider this non-agenda item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Finance Director Julie High gave a financial report for the first quarter of the fiscal year, through the month of September.

Vice Mayor Manning expressed his appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Garrett for what he has meant to this city, to this board, and to him. He thanked him for being a mentor and personal friend.

Mayor Finch stated that after next week there will be a large hole in this board. He expressed to Mayor Pro Tem Garrett that his impact on this board, this city, and all its citizens has been tremendous and he personally appreciates all the friendship and mentoring from him.

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett expressed that it is an honor to preside at this, his last meeting on the Board of Commissioners. He stated he has enjoyed his 28 years and he is honored and fortunate to have served with an excellent group of Commissioners through the years and it was a privilege to work with them. This city has been blessed with excellent employees. That has made the Commission job much easier. This year's budget process was one of the most difficult ever and a portion of the employee's longevity pay was not funded. In light of the financial report and the increase in revenue over the budget, he requested the Commission consider funding the entire amount of the longevity pay to 100%. A motion to consider funding the employee longevity pay as a non-agenda item was made by Mayor Finch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Finch read a letter from MTAS announcing that City Manager Thomas has been elected to Chairman of the MTAS Advisory Committee. He congratulated Jim on this honor.

Consider Ordinance No. 10-750 on second reading, an ordinance to amend the City's municipal code concerning distances between businesses permitted to sell beer and other types of establishments and land uses. A motion was made by Mayor Finch to approve Ordinance No. 10-750 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Manning and passed unanimously 4-0. City Manager Thomas noted that the Commission approved this ordinance on October 14, 2010 on first reading, with additional study to be done by the City Attorney regarding definitions. City Attorney Haynes has provided a definition of nursery which is incorporated into the ordinance document being considered tonight. Mayor Finch made a motion to accept this additional language, amending the original ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0. The original motion amended passed 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 10-439, a resolution to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County for the sharing of local option sales tax generated by a business know as Incredible Dave's. Mayor Finch reported that he has been in negotiations with Nashville Mayor Karl Dean on this issue for several months. About 5-7% of the Incredible Dave's venue footprint lies within the corporate city limits of Goodlettsville. Mayor Dean recognizes that Goodlettsville provides the lion's share of services and has agreed to split the local option sales tax 50/50 with Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County and the City of Goodlettsville. Mayor Pro Tem Garrett expressed his gratitude to Mayor Finch for all his time and efforts to get this agreement. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Manning to approve Resolution No. 10-439. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 10-440, a resolution to authorize demolition of the fire damaged Pleasant Green Pool Building. Request for bids for this project have been advertised and the bid opening will be October 29, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Resolution No. 10-440. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Manning and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 10-441, a resolution to fund the employee longevity pay at 100% for the fiscal year budget of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Resolution No. 10-441. The motion was seconded by Mayor Finch and passed unanimously 4-0. Mayor Finch stated this was a difficult decision on the part of the Commission when they approved the budget for this year. At that time, all Commissioners agreed that if the revenue was available later in the year, that they would be in favor to fully fund the longevity pay.

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett inquired about the progress on creating an ordinance to prohibit utility companies from paving only half the street when they make cuts in the roadways. City Manager Thomas reported that the staff has done significant work on this and Assistant City Manager Ellis should have the issue on the agenda for the November 11, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Coombs stated that attention needs to be given to a cut on Old Two Mile Pike.

Mayor Finch, Vice Mayor Manning and Commissioner Coombs presented Mayor Pro Tem Garrett with a key to the City and a Proclamation recognizing his 28 years of service on the Board of Commissioners. They also presented him with an engraved rocking chair as a gift from all the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Claudia Davis
City Recorder

Mayor