

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: May 5, 2010

Time: 9:00 PM

Place: City Hall

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

Absent: John Coombs (until 9:50 a.m.)

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Richard Pope, Phillip Gibson, Tommy DeLoach, Jack Tompkins, Bill Brasier, Rick Gregory, Phillip Uldrich, Ken Jenkins, Claudia Davis, Larry DiOrio, Dawn Freeman, Amy Mitchell, David Wilson, Jane Birdwell, Susan Rotkiewicz, Mark Knoblauch, Paul Gardner, Lisa Quigley, Don Deering and Brenda Wynn

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Finch. Paul Gardner offered prayer. Mayor Finch led the chambers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Jane Birdwell, 505 Debra Drive, asked that citizens be allowed to comment later in the meeting.

Lisa Kwigley, 1900 Claire Boulevard, Nashville, introduced herself and others from Congressman Jim Cooper's office. They left information about FEMA relief and offered any assistance that the City needs from Congressman Cooper.

Consider Ordinance No. 10-742, an ordinance authorizing the City of Goodlettsville to waive certain fees and expend public funds to assist affected property owners, residents, and business owners and operators in recovery from the May 1 and 2, 2010 flood event. City Manager Thomas stated this ordinance would waive fees for bulk item pick-up directly related to the storms. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Ordinance No. 10-742 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 4-0. Mayor Finch directed City Manager Thomas to exercise his discretion and assured him that the Commission would be supportive and forgiving of his decisions in the coming weeks.

City Engineer Jack Tompkins stated the Mansker Creek Pumping Station is out of service and has been since 10:00 a.m. Sunday, May 2, 2010. Priority is to get the station back on line as soon as possible. There has been only one incident of sewage back up into a residence and he does not anticipate any residents will experience any flow problems in their homes. There are no safety issues at this time, other than sewage contamination in the flood water. The Dry Creek Sewage Plant is also out of service and measures are being taken to restore the pumping station as soon as the water recedes so that the secondary systems can be inspected and repairs made. These include fan motors, blowers, condensers, and the main pump. EPA was notified Monday morning of the situation and he is hopeful they will not impose any fines under the circumstances.

Parks Director Amy Mitchell reported flood water at Moss Wright Park was up to the fort all the way to the gutters of the concession stand at the soccer fields. Caldwell Drive is still flooded just north of the soccer complex. The football fields, their concession stand, baseball fields 1 and 2, and field 8 at the quad are all flooded. As far as possible to assess at this time, there appears to be

no fencing or equipment damaged. There is a lot of debris and trash. The park will remain closed until NES can inspect all the transformers and there are no safety risks to the public. All ingress and egress is blocked, however, there are citizens walking into the park that cannot be prevented.

Codes Director Larry DiOrio reported there are two homes at the end of Mason Lane that are condemned and an emergency electric disconnect was ordered. Damage assessments began on Tuesday and are ongoing throughout the City. Residential areas are the first priority. Assistant City Manager Tim Ellis has done assessments on most of the commercial properties that were flooded. Executive Inn has been condemned as unfit and unsafe, however residents were reported being in some of the rooms on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Police have been instructed to ask them to leave immediately. About twenty occupants are supposed to be now out of the building. If the owner continues to be uncooperative, criminal trespassing charges will be imposed.

Fire Chief Phillip Gibson reported extra crews were on duty from Saturday morning through Tuesday evening. They are at a normal staff level now with part time and full time firemen on call. There were 45 water rescues from Twelve Stones on Tuesday with the aid of Coast Guard and Shackle Island Volunteer Fire Department. The ladder tower truck was utilized with an additional 16' ladder in Windsor Green to rescue a family of five and their dog in a very hazardous electrical and flooding situation. That tower truck is available in the City due to the efforts of Congressman Jim Cooper and the Commissioners expressed their tremendous gratitude to his staff members present, especially in light of this rescue which saved this family. The ladder tower was used in three rescues in this flood event.

Economic Development Director Tom Tucker has been the City's liaison with the business community and Rivergate Mall. The National Weather Service has confirmed that there were two tornadoes that came through the southern portion of the City around 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Significant utility damage occurred on the Rivergate Parkway area. After communicating with all the businesses, Tom reported that the Kroger Center remains closed, Tyson and Associated Wholesale Grocers experienced only minor issues that were quickly resolved. Executive Inn has been condemned. The Mall reopened at Noon on Monday. Two large air conditioner systems, roof damage, and electrical damage were evident in the area of Incredible Dave's project. Fuel availability should be operating normal by Friday or Saturday due to some fuel depots being shut down. Staff was instructed to investigate a possible price gouging incident at one of the service stations.

Police Chief Richard Pope reported Vietnam Veteran's Boulevard, Caldwell Drive, Willis Branch Road, Northcreek Boulevard and Hitt Lane all remain closed. The department returned to normal staffing on Tuesday evening. CID offices were severely damaged. Five patrol cars received minor to severe flood damage. There have been no security issues.

(9:50 a.m. John Coombs arrived)

Public Works Director Bill Brasier reported that a water main line broke on Hitt Lane and downed power lines, created severe roadway damage. This road is in Metro, however it is critical as an emergency service access to citizens. The water main has been repaired and NES has gotten the electrical safety issues addressed. Metro Public Works and OEM are assessing the roadway. Brasier will meet with Rogers Group to see if the City of Goodlettsville can assist Metro with this situation.

Finance Director Julie High is researching finance mechanisms that may be available to the City should a cash flow situation occur as a result of the flood disaster.

Purchasing Director Tommy DeLoach reported the Annex Building was flooded two times in ten hours. The Polygraph office, Codes and CID offices were flooded with water over the heat and air unit on the east end of the building. All employees in these departments and maintenance personnel have done an excellent job of restoring and repairing the offices. There are minor damages to other City facilities by no structural damage.

Public Works Director Bill Brasier reported his department has worked around the clock since Saturday morning through Monday evening, on road closures, drainage issues and debris. Road repairs began on late Monday at Madison Creek Road, Crencor Drive and Old Stone Bridge and all have work remaining on them. Normal chipper service will be affected until further notice as they concentrate on removing all the debris from the flood. Solid waste pickup will continue on schedule. Individual citizen requests are the immediate priority and overall assessments of drainage and culverts will begin as soon as possible.

City Engineer Jack Tompkins reported Public Works personnel assisted and conducted swift water rescues on Sunday. Claire Bridge Cottages were desperate due to a staff shortage. The front end loader delivered a staff member to work and also rescued an occupant at Executive Inn. 13.6" rainfall is reported from the National Weather Service in our area from 6:00 a.m. Saturday through midnight on Sunday.

Sheltering flood victims was never critical. First Baptist Church opened their activity center on Sunday until their power went out. Cumberland Presbyterian then opened their activity center for evacuees and had one person there overnight Sunday. Living to Go Church is a designated Red Cross food distribution location.

Madison Suburban and White House Utility Districts are fully operational at almost maximum capacity. They've both asked that customers conserve water with no sprinklers, car washing, dishwashers and limiting laundry use. This is so that they can help out neighboring water districts with their treated water supply if necessary.

White House Utility District and the City of Springfield have offered equipment and operators to assist our city in the clean up.

President Obama has declared a federal disaster for Davidson County. Hopefully, Sumner County will also be declared in the days to come.

Twelve businesses have not reopened as of Wednesday evening. Caldwell Drive remains closed. Power is still off in Windsor Green, Moss Wright Park and the Kroger center. Damage assessments will continue on Thursday.

Jane Birdwell, 505 Debra Drive, inquired about damages to City police vehicles. One CID vehicle was damaged, two patrol cars in the parking lot were damaged but are now in operation, and two other officer's cars were damaged by flash flooding when they were on response during the flood.

Paul Gardner, Connell Methodist Church, inquired about potential volunteers helping rebuild structures and how Codes can provide shortcuts in their inspection and requirement process. Larry DiOrio stated there will be no waiting for inspections, fees will be waived if the ordinance to do is passed on second reading. Permits will still be required for construction projects. He will provide a summary sheet for volunteers of the steps to follow in rebuilding situations. Mayor Finch offered the services of his company, PBG Builders, at no cost.

Mark Knobloch, 1231 Twelve Stones Crossing, expressed his thanks to the City for evacuating his neighborhood.

Mayor Finch expressed his eternal gratitude to all the City's employees.

David Wilson, Executive Director, Goodlettsville Area Chamber of Commerce, echoed his appreciation for the professional confident group of City staff and all the employees, both as a citizen and representative of the Chamber. He added that he would put this City's staff up against any City staff in this state.

Don Deering, Congressman Jim Cooper's office, made information brochures available to the City and the citizens regarding FEMA and TEMA. He echoed all the comments of gratitude to the City's employees. He stated that the brief gas price spike was due to very little deliveries coming in from the terminal. Mayor Finch thanked him for attending the meeting and asked that he convey his appreciation to Congressman Cooper.

Commissioner Coombs thanked the Department Heads for their awesome professionalism during the flood events. He stated the photo opportunity of a lifetime was witnessing Assistant City Manager Tim Ellis carrying an 80 year old lady along with two trash bags full of things she wanted to get out of her home, through the flood waters to safety.

Commissioner Bloodworth thanked everyone for the tremendous job they had carried out through this crisis.

Commissioner Garrett echoed all the comments of gratitude.

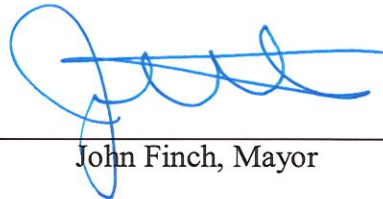
Vice Mayor Manning shared his son's comments that in the three or four major disasters he has witnessed in his lifetime, that every member of city government that does any work is so professional when the stressed lives of our citizens are impacted.

Mayor Finch concurred that the leadership of the field workers, even though they were fatigue and sleep deprived, they still performed a phenomenal job. He encouraged all the employees to get rest and recharge and prioritize because this will be a long term recovery. We have a world class operation, limited only by our resources. He thanked all the Commissioners for their participation in the disaster to help calm the citizens.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Claudia Davis, City Recorder



John Finch, Mayor