

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: September 24, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Jerry Garrett, Gary Manning, John Coombs

Absent: John Finch, Dan Bloodworth

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Claudia Davis, Julie High, Tom Tucker, Richard Pope, Dawn Freeman, James Lyle, Larry DiOrio, Danny Okert, Jane Birdwell, Susan Rotkiewicz, Harry Yates, Kuldip Singh, Joyce Washington

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Manning. Pastor Harry Yates offered prayer. Vice Mayor Manning led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Consider approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2009 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrett and passed unanimously 3-0.

Jane Birdwell, 505 Debra Drive, regarding the issue of changing the date of the city election from coinciding with the national election, stated she is confused as to how this would benefit the citizens.

City Manager Thomas announced that requests for bids were published this week on two wastewater projects. To get to this point on these projects is a culmination of three years of work. The bid opening will be October 22, 2009 and the deadline to be under contract is December 1, 2009.

City Manager Thomas announced that Assistant City Manager Ellis, along with several members of his Parks and Recreation staff, attended the annual Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association meeting this week in Kingsport. For the third consecutive year, the Goodlettsville Parks Department received the President's Award for general excellence in parks and recreation programs. For the second consecutive year, the Goodlettsville Parks Department received the Four Star Award for overall excellence in programming and marketing. The Young Professional Award in Parks and Recreation was presented to Mary Laine Scott. Thomas expressed his congratulations and appreciation to Tim and his staff on these achievements.

City Manager Thomas commended Police Chief Richard Pope and the Goodlettsville Police Department for their excellent job in the complex and highly visible incident this week. The Crime Suppression Unit let the City's position in a very complete and professional way. He stated that he is very proud of the work that several members of the Police Department did to bring this case to the justice system to be resolved.

City Manager Thomas announced that a special called meeting of the Planning Board will be held September 28, 2009 at 5:30 related to the Marriott Hotel project on Conference Drive.

Economic Development Director Tom Tucker announced that a lease was signed today with Rivergate Mall and Incredible Dave's. This vibrant family venue will include an upscale dining restaurant and bar, a six lane bowling alley, and endless games for the old and young. They will occupy 70,000 square feet and will invest several million dollars in improvements in the mall.

They will employ 200 with both full time and part time positions. They will begin construction in the spring of 2010 and open in September 2010. Incredible Dave's is headquartered in Miami and has one venue in Louisville. They looked all over the State of Tennessee and they chose our city for the hospitality and demographics of the area. Vice Mayor Manning stated this is incredible news for the City. Commissioner Coombs thanked Tom, and stated this is proof that the City needed an Economic Development person.

Commissioner Coombs thanked the Public Works Department for their work to clean up and revitalize the interchange sections in the City.

Commissioner Coombs commended the City's actions taken on the September 17 flood event. Many residents of Gateway have expressed their appreciation to him for all the City's officials, Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works proactive actions to alert all the citizens.

Commissioner Coombs inquired about the status of the debris in Walkers Creek by CSX Railroad. Thomas stated that someone had removed and photographed the debris. CSX will meet next week with their engineering staff.

Commissioner Coombs congratulated Tim Ellis and his staff on their awards and achievements.

Commissioner Coombs expressed his gratitude to Police Chief Pope and his staff on their fine job this week.

Commissioner Garrett thanked Tom Tucker, Tim Ellis and his staff, and Richard Pope and his staff.

Commissioner Garrett responded to the question of Jane Birdwell earlier regarding the city election date. Garrett stated that there will be a hotly contested governor's race in 2010 and he feels the city election gets lost in the national and state elections. With a separate election, issues receive more attention and can be discussed, and he feels in the long term that this is better for the citizens. He noted that this issue will be discussed in an upcoming work session and she is welcome to attend. That work session is currently not scheduled.

Consider Ordinance No. 09-729 on second reading, an ordinance to adopt the certified property tax rate established by the State Board of Equalization for the City of Goodlettsville for tax year 2009. City Manager Thomas indicated the rate of \$00.6338 per \$100 of the assessed value is not exceeding the certified tax rate and a public hearing is not required. Vice Mayor Manning noted this rate represents no increase in taxes and that the citizens owe that fact to the city staff who've made that possible. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Ordinance No. 09-729 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 3-0.

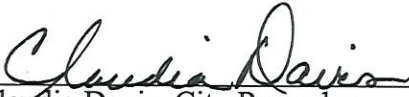
Consider Ordinance No. 09-730 on second reading, an ordinance to adopt a purchasing appeals policy for the City of Goodlettsville. City Manager Thomas reported that in the process of completing the specifications for the upcoming wastewater projects bid, the consulting attorney who prepared the documents suggested the City should include a bid protest policy. This ordinance would provide a policy whereby protests could be registered. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Ordinance No. 09-730 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrett and passed unanimously 3-0.

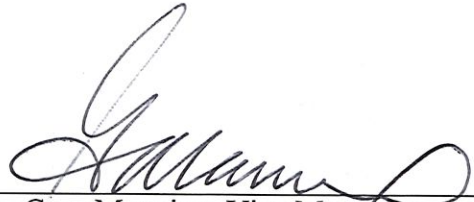
Consider Ordinance No. 09-731 on first reading, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 09-728, an ordinance adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Finance Director Julie High reported that each year our budget is submitted to the Comptroller's Office Division of Local Finance for review. The adopted budget showed a negative fund balance in the

sanitation fund. Our assumption was that the general fund would offset that amount but that assumption was not shown. Adopting this ordinance adjusts the sanitation fund balance to zero. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Ordinance No. 09-731 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 3-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 09-732 on first reading, an ordinance establishing travel reimbursement regulations for city officials and city employees conducting official business. City Manager Thomas stated this ordinance will put the City in compliance with state law and provide rules for city personnel concerning official travel. The ordinance is drafted according to recommended language provided by MTAS. Federal rates will be followed for travel guidelines. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Ordinance No. 09-732 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Claudia Davis, City Recorder


Gary Manning, Vice Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: October 8, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

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

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Claudia Davis, Dawn Freeman, Larry DiOrio, Ken Jenkins, Rick Gregory, Phillip Gibson, Jack Tompkins, Harry Bell, Denver Schimming, Chip Spencer, Jane Birdwell, Susan Rotkiewicz, Maxine Rotkiewicz, Richard Jennings, Joyce Washington, Kuldip Singh, Jr., Denise Costanza

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Jane Birdwell, 505 Debra Drive, regarding the issue of changing the date of the city election from coinciding with the national election, stated she would like to go on record that she is opposed to such a change. She stated that there is no justification for spending extra funds for a separate election when very few vote in a separate election.

Denise Costanza, 310 Mystic Hill Drive, stated she would be in favor of establishing a farmer's market in the City and thinks it would be a really good idea.