REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: April 9, 2009 Time: 6:30 PM Place: City Hall

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

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Phillip Gibson, Mike Bauer, Rick Gregory, Harry Bell, Richard Pope, Jack Tompkins, Tom Tucker, Johnny Long, Bobby Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Lancini, Bobby Webb, Susan Rotkiewicz, Mark McAdams, Chris Sperlich, Susan Pemerton, Buddy Petty, Chris Camp and others.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Finch.

Commissioner Garrett announced that former employee, Bobby Brinkley, passed away. He praised Bobby's dedication and for always being a great ambassador for the City.

Rev. Bobby Webb offered prayer.

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

Consider approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2009 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett 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 City Manager Thomas for doing a great job in getting the dangerous situation at the Dry Creek Farm Subdivision road at Old Dickerson Pike resolved. He reported that the developer has placed a barrier there with signage so that you cannot go through. City Manager Thomas stated Public Works Director Bill Brasier played the most significant role in getting this accomplished. Schimming stated he does have concerns for the condition of the open areas that have not been mowed. Mayor Finch asked City Manager Thomas to look into that situation.

City Manager Thomas announced that visitation and services for Bobby Brinkley will be on Friday.

Finance Director High reported on the current financial status of the City's revenue and expenses. Through March, revenues are $200,000 less than projected and expenditures are $1,200,000 less than projected. For the first ten months of this budget year, the projected ending surplus is $2,100,000. Commissioner Garrett clarified the surplus is maintained for any adverse event in the City that might occur such as the tornado that hit our City three years ago.

Commissioner Coombs reported that to date 15% of the budgeted amount to fund the July 4th celebration has been pledged by corporate sponsors.

Chris Camp, Lose & Associates, Inc. presented a report of the Final Master Plan they have prepared for the City of Goodlettsville Greenway and Open Space. City Manager Thomas stated the City intends to seek external funding in addition to the City's funding for these projects. There will be stimulus dollars allocated to TDOT and applications for these funds must be submitted by this fall. There are approximately twenty other sources for funding. This study and the adoption of this plan will put the City in a better position to qualify for these programs. Mayor Finch asked that the master plan be put on the City's website to give the citizens another opportunity to submit their comments and ideas, and to have Mr. Camp also make his presentation to the Planning and Zoning Board. Due to time restraints tied to the stimulus plan described by Parks Director Ellis, and at the recommendation of City Attorney Haynes that the plan should be adopted by a resolution, Commissioner Garrett recommended that a resolution to adopt the master plan should be on the next meeting agenda. After Mr. Camp explained that the Commission would be adopting the plan in principal and that adjustments can be made to the plan, Mayor Finch agreed that an adoption resolution should be considered at the next meeting.

Consider procedures for collection of delinquent garbage collection fees. City Manager Thomas reviewed a proposed procedure of three letters, similar to the manner in which delinquent business taxes are collected. After discussion of some of the wording in the second letter in the series, the Commission members all concurred to direct the City Manager to proceed at his discretion with the proposed procedure.

Consider the request of the President of Ivy Hills Homeowners Association to reduce the speed limit on streets in the Ivy Hill planned unit development from 30 MPH to 20 MPH. Commissioner Garrett made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-726 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth. Commissioner Coombs made a motion to amend the motion for the speed limit to be set at 22 MPH as he feels the odd number gets the attention of motorists quicker. He added that this might be an isolated area to test this concept to see how it affects drivers. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Garrett and passed unanimously 5-0. The amended motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-726 on first reading passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Resolution No. 09-394, a resolution to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League's Risk Management Pool. City Manager Thomas stated in 1989 the TML Pool was established to provide an insurance pool to members. This resolution allows the City to continue as a member of the pool in an agreement that more accurately states their practices and charter components that have been amended since the initial agreement. It also provides language to relieve members of liability and meets the legislative requirements of the state ethics legislation for public entities. It authorizes the Mayor to enter into the agreement. A motion to approve Resolution No. 09-394 was made by Commissioner Coombs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider the request of a Board of Commissioners member to reconsider action taken on February 12, 2009 on Ordinance No. 09-723, an ordinance to rezone approximately 100 acres in the Long Hollow Pike – Allen Road area. City Manager Thomas reported that approval of this request would send the matter back to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval or denial. Then the matter would be brought back to the Commission for approval or denial. Because the developer had requested a deferral at the second reading, a motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to reconsider the action taken on Ordinance No. 09-723. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs. Commissioner Garrett indicated that unless a major redesign is presented, that he would not be able to support the development and he is very concerned about reducing the density. Vice Mayor Manning expressed concern for the homeowners already living in Copper Creek and the impact the lower density would have on their property. He also stated the developer will need to have the support of a large majority of homeowners in the area for him to support this request. Mayor Finch also expressed his concern with the development and if there is a room full of homeowners in the area that are opposed to the rezoning, he will not be able to support the request. Commissioner Coombs stated, as a member of the Planning Board, he will be vigilant to the citizens that he will not support any plan that might deter their property values. City Recorder Davis called the roll: Mayor Finch aye, Vice Mayor Manning aye, Commissioner Garrett nay, Commissioner Coombs aye, and Commissioner Bloodworth aye. The request was approved 4-1.

Consider Ordinance No. 09-725, an ordinance to amend the City's residential, commercial and industrial sewer service rates. Buddy Petty and City Engineer Tompkins explained that two factors are driving this rate increase. The first is negotiations with Metro Government for the renewal of the City's contract for our sewer treatment. The second is to fund rehabilitation of the City's sewer lines and the construction of an equalization basin that would allow significant flows to be contained rather than overflow from the system creating environmental problems. Mayor Finch noted that the Commission has had two work sessions on this matter and that the public needs to understand that these matters are required and the City has no choice. The City has enjoyed a very good deal with Metro for forty years for sewer treatment. In initial negotiations, the new contract with Metro would have resulted in a 300% to 400% increase. This Commission and staff have worked diligently to come up with other options, even considering our own sewage treatment plant, and negotiated the rate down to a 200% increase. Under the current Metro administration and with the progress of the City's staff, the new Metro treatment rate and including an equalization basin and extensive rehabilitation to our sewer system, the rate increase is down to 77%. If the City is able to qualify for up to $5,000,000 from the State Revolving Fund for these sewer projects, that rate increase will be reduced. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Ordinance No. 09-725 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Manning and passed unanimously 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Claudia Davis

Claudia Davis, City Recorder

John Finch, Mayor

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Date: April 23, 2009 Time: 6:30 PM Place: City Hall
Present: John Finch, Gary Manning, Jerry Garrett, John Coombs, Dan Bloodworth
Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Dean Birdwell, Larry DiOrio, Rick Gregory, Richard Pope, Jack Tompkins, Dawn Freeman, Julie High, Danny Okert, Mike & Linda Moss, Susan Rotkiewicz, Jane Birdwell, Michael O'Neal, Bill Vecchione, Denver Schimming, Joyce Washington, Buddy Petty, Chris Provost, Herb Murphy, Ronald England, Baxter & Deborah Rollins, Lisa Williams, Candice Tyler, James Turner, Charlie Hoover, Bob King, Raymond Foster, Don Deering, Janet Johnson, Don Seymour, Thomas Bell, Kenneth Shepard, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Murphy, Jill Garrett

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Finch. Rev. Michael O'Neal offered prayer.

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

Consider approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2009 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Manning to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 5-0.