

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: August 23, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Jerry Garrett, John Finch, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Coombs

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Claudia Davis, Tim Ellis, Dawn Freeman, Julie High, Susan Rotkiewicz, Jack Tompkins, Bennie Lane, Charlie Morrow, Steve Holland, Lester Harbison, Bill Vecchione, Karl Dean, Daryl Blank

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Rev. Daryl Blank. The City Recorder called the roll: Mayor Garrett present, Vice Mayor Finch present, Commissioner Cordell present, Commissioner Manning present and Commissioner Coombs present.

Consider approval of the minutes of the July 26, 2007 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Garrett asked if there were any citizens who wished to make any comments.

Karl Dean, candidate for Mayor for Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County, stated it had been his pleasure to spend a big portion of the day in Goodlettsville. One of the things that he wants to accomplish as Mayor is to have a very positive relationship with the satellite cities. He has vowed to invite all the Mayors to meet in the first thirty days he is in office to talk about all the issues that are important and have been divisive. He feels that dialogue between Mayors instead of lawyers will produce progress. He understands the importance of living by what is in the charter, which would not exist without the compromise that was done with the satellite cities to unify government. His intention is to bring governments together, to be accessible and look at matters in a fair and equitable manner. Vice Mayor Finch asked Mr. Dean if he is willing to commit to the citizens of Goodlettsville that he will meet with the Commission and look at the issues that are really important between the City of Goodlettsville and Metro, specifically the sewer rate issue and the services versus funding revenue at Rivergate Mall, and address compromises with us that are fair and equitable to both Metro and the citizens of Goodlettsville. Mr. Dean stated he is willing to sit down with the Mayor or any Commissioners and the City Manager with the goal of working out these issues. He wants Goodlettsville to be treated equitably and he is committed to that with a new and different administration. Commissioner Manning stated his family business of 30 years in Goodlettsville pays personal property and real property taxes to both Metro and Goodlettsville, not unlike the citizens here, but at the commercial rate it is a huge investment in comparison. He pays business taxes to both Metro and Goodlettsville. The business a few hundred yards from him only pays Metro. He feels he is subsidizing the cost to serve that individual, not unlike what Vice Mayor Finch has stated. He needs to know that the next Mayor is going to address that inequity and agree that this is a valid and strong point. Mayor Purcell does not share those feelings and as part of that administration, Manning would like the assurance of Mr. Dean's position. Mr. Dean stated his role as public defender has been that of an advocate, representing a client to his best ability. He could not commit to doing "a", "b" and "c". He stated these matters need to be discussed and he needs the opportunity to review all the issues. Commissioner Coombs expressed his concern at the lack of attention to the local schools in individual communities. Mr. Dean stated that he firmly believes that schools which are more neighborhood oriented and are in the geographic area that people live in is the best, which builds more parental and community involvement in the schools. Some time ago, Metro went down the path of building large comprehensive high schools. That cannot be changed overnight due to budgetary constraints. He does believe the goal should be to build small schools. Commissioner Coombs inquired if he could project a timeline to reach that goal. Mr. Dean stated as the population grows, the demand for new schools

grows also, and hopefully, those will be planned and built with a neighborhood mindset. That should begin now and as the large structures become obsolete or worn out structurally, they should be replaced with additional smaller neighborhood schools. It will take time but he could not project a timeline. Mayor Garrett stated the last time he looked at the statewide property assessments the City of Goodlettsville had a property assessment valuation that exceeded 45 counties in the state. He added that you could very quickly calculate that Goodlettsville property owners are sending a very substantial amount of property tax revenue to the Metropolitan Government. Mr. Dean thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak with them.

Bill Vecchione, 503 Brick Church Pike, requested permission to trim the vegetative growth around a warning sign on the north edge of Brick Church Pike. He also would like permission to install a neighborhood watch sign on that same post. Mayor Garrett indicated the property belongs to Madison Suburban Utility District. Vice Mayor Finch and Commissioner Manning recommended that Public Works take care of trimming the vegetation and asked Jack Tompkins to coordinate with Mr. Vecchione on the neighborhood watch sign.

City Manager Thomas stated the City was advised by the Sumner County 911 Board that they will be providing free of charge to the City a very sophisticated digital recorder that is required by law. 911 calls are required to be recorded along with any radio traffic from the dispatcher to the responding entities. This is a significantly upgraded recorder valued at about \$20,000. Phillip Uldrich researched and determined a value of \$85,300 in equipment, training, registration fees for personnel to go to meetings related to 911 issues, and services that the Sumner County 911 board has provided to the City free of charge over the last five or six years. In contrast to this, after negotiations about ten years ago, we stopped paying Metro a fee to use a piece of equipment that they wanted to put in our dispatch center. This is a comparison to the type of relationship we enjoy with the 911 Board in Sumner County and the Metro Board. He added however, that the working relationship with Metro has improved greatly in the last few years.

City Manager Thomas stated in 2005, the City authorized membership in an association called the Metro Sewer Users Association with nine other entities. A memorandum of understanding was executed and it states that the organization recognizes that as the need arises, there may be requirements to acquire engineering consultancy, accounting consultancy, and possible legal consultancy. Recently, Metro Government has sued the City of Millersville, the City of Brentwood and the City of Lavergne for failure to pay new sewer rates that were arbitrarily assigned to those three cities. In accordance with the memorandum of understanding, the membership of MSUA has decided with authorization and approval from their respective boards, to assist those three cities with their challenge to that lawsuit in a financial way. The Executive Committee of MSUA has set a level of \$100,000 to acquire the legal representation to challenge that lawsuit. Those costs would be allocated based on the formula that has been used in prior situations and the City's maximum exposure would be right at \$6,000, only if it is needed. There is a strong feeling that after the mayoral election, that lawsuit may be withdrawn. He requested the Commission to authorize this request so that we can continue to remain aligned with the other members of the organization. Mayor Garrett stated that since this is technically an agenda item, he felt this issue could be addressed. Vice Mayor Finch stated he is conceptually in favor of this request but he thought it would be wise to defer participating or funding in any way until after the election since both candidates have pledged to meet with our Mayor within thirty days after they take office. City Manager Thomas stated this viewpoint has been discussed by the MSUA membership. It was determined that it is unknown what will happen after the mayoral election but it is fact that Metro has sued three of the membership and it was agreed that we should challenge that lawsuit. Mayor Garrett stated he believes this group has to stick together if we have any chance of any type of success with the Metropolitan Government and to show our support by being willing to assist other members, who at this time are being sued, and it may well be that the entire group may find themselves in a lawsuit. For a sense of continuity and support of the group, he

recommends a show of our support. Vice Mayor Finch made a motion that we participate in this funding as requested, but that we defer any actual funding until November 1, 2007, to give the new Metro Mayor the opportunity to show his good faith in resolving this in an equitable way. If the MSUA is not satisfied that the situation is satisfactorily making progress, then we would fund our portion to support their position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs. Commissioner Manning expressed his concern that we may be sending the wrong message. He feels Goodlettsville should be the first ones to commit to solidarity and send the message that if they want to fight any of the members of the MSUA, then the City of Goodlettsville is in a position to challenge. Vice Mayor Finch made the point that the lawsuit came from an administration that will not be there November 1st. Commissioner Coombs stated this motion sends a clear message that if we can't get any satisfaction at the discussion table, then we are committed to join the opposition to Metro's position. Commissioner Cordell stated he would like to let both mayoral candidates know that we are serious, and this is in fact responding to the current administration's actions. The motion was approved 3-2. Mayor Garrett, Vice Mayor Finch and Commissioner Coombs voted in favor, and Commissioner Cordell and Commissioner Manning voted opposed.

Commissioner Coombs thanked the Public Works Department for the great opportunity to show the new complex to the public on August 17th.

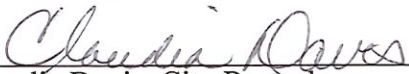
Mayor Garrett described a situation where a group of friends were eating at Shoney's and one of them became ill. He dialed the Goodlettsville dispatch. He commended the lady who fielded the call, stating she handled the entire situation in a very professional and exemplary manner. He also complimented the two City firemen, Captain Ricky West and Administrative Captain Johnny Roberson, and two EMT's from Metro. The incident was handled in a very professional manner and he was very proud of everyone involved. He asked that his commendations be noted in the employee's files.

Consider Resolution No. 07-358, a resolution to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment concerning the City's participation as a member of a wastewater utility authority. City Manager Jim Thomas stated this is related to the potential for the City to enter into the formation of a wastewater authority with the City of Millersville, White House Utility District, Ridgetop and the Hendersonville Utility District. City Engineer Jack Tompkins stated the state legislature passed a modification to the wastewater authority bill which allows these five utilities to form a wastewater authority. In order to do so, this commission needs to pass a resolution calling for a public hearing and establish a date for the public hearing. After the hearing, the Commission will then determine whether to enter into the formation of an authority. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Finch to approve Resolution No. 07-358. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 5-0. It was agreed to hold the public hearing at the September 27, 2007 regular city commission meeting.

Consider Resolution No. 07-359, a resolution authorizing the execution of an escrow and master lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of funding the budgeted capital projects for fiscal year 2008. City Manager Jim Thomas stated the Commission approved the fiscal year operating plan in late June which has several capital projects and agreed that they would be financed. Finance Director Julie High reported she mailed request for proposals to all the local financial institutions for financing equipment amounting to about \$525,000. She received five proposals back and of the five, First Tennessee was determined to be the most beneficial proposal. The City Attorney has reviewed the resolution and she asked for approval to enter into this agreement. There are two interest rate schedules. Part of the equipment is three year property and part is five year property. The rate is between 4.4% and 4.5%. This is an escrow agreement and master lease. They will fund the entire amount up front and we will earn interest on those funds until the equipment comes in, resulting in a lower net interest amount. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve Resolution No. 07-359. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider an appointment to fill the unexpired term of Jack Hunnicutt on the Beer Board. Mayor Garrett stated he would like to appoint James Pomeroy to that position. He has been a citizen of the City for over thirty years and has impeccable character. The Commission all agreed to this appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Claudia Davis, City Recorder


Jerry Garrett, Mayor

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Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, John Coombs

Absent: John Finch, Gary Manning

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Claudia Davis, Jack Tompkins, Tom Tucker, Ray Hunter, Stan McAgee, Rick Gregory, Walter Williams, Susan Rotkiewick, Maxine Rotkiewick, Larry Brown, Bethel Brown, Jane Birdwell, Robert McCain, Brenda Neely, Fred Harper, Julie Moseley

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Rev. Fred Harper. The City Recorder called the roll: Mayor Garrett present, Vice Mayor Finch absent, Commissioner Cordell present, Commissioner Manning absent and Commissioner Coombs present.

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Jane Birdwell, 505 Debra Drive, regarding item F on the agenda, stated she can understand the need for the City to remain as separate from the State as much as possible, and she is not concerned about how the Commission votes on that item, as long as the City election dates coincide with the State so that more citizens will vote. She also asked why the morning traffic pattern has changed from Caldwell to the entrance to I-65. It normally takes five minutes and now it takes up to fifteen minutes. City Manager Thomas stated he has been told that with the completion of Vietnam Veterans Boulevard all the way into Gallatin, that even more traffic is using this freeway to access I-65. That extra volume and the timing of that traffic has created slower traffic. He stated he would contact TDOT to see if there are any solutions to offer relief to the problem.

Robert McCain, 818 South Dickerson Road, stated he would like the Commission to consider when zoning issues are being considered, that a map be displayed publicly that would identify exactly where the property is located. He feels citizens need more information. If the cost is feasible, he would like to see more information published in the paper including the owner's name. Mayor Garrett and Rick Gregory stated a map will be posted in the lobby of City Hall. The number of notices to property owners in an area where any zoning changes are being considered was increased to a radius of 500' about one year ago.

Jim Shannon, one of the leaders of Boy Scout Troop 182, stated he has several of his scouts are attending the meeting to learn more about the community and how city government works as part of their requirements toward merit badges.

City Manager Thomas introduced and welcomed Toby Compton, who is Legislative Director of newly