REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: February 22, 2007 Time: 6:30 PM Place: City Hall
Present: Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Coombs Absent: John Finch
Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Claudia Davis, Rick Gregory, Terry Hutcherson, Julie High, Tim Ellis, Jack Tompkins, Ed Hendricks, Johnny Roberson, Bennie Lane, Chuck Reid, Jane Birdwell, Bill Vecchione, David Wilson, Sissy Thomas, John Hood, Kyle Hood, Joyce Washington, Bobby Jones

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Chuck Reid.

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

Consider approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2007 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Garrett asked if there were any citizens who wished to make any comments. Bill Vecchione, 503 Brick Church Pike, inquired if a traffic signal has ever been considered feasible at New Brick Church and Main Street. City Engineer Jack Tompkins reported that there has not ever been a study at that intersection. Mayor Garrett stated this request will be considered in the next budget year. Mr. Vecchione also stated he appreciates the newly resurfaced road in his neighborhood; however there is the beginning of certain localized pavement failure problems, particularly on the edge of the payment. On the hill toward Hitt Lane, heavy truck traffic hitting the edge of the pavement is causing the edge to break off which is creating longitudinal cracking going down the hill. Mayor Garrett asked City Engineer Tompkins to look at the feasibility of curbing there.

City Manager Thomas informed the Commission that the annual Chamber Banquet is scheduled for March 22, which is also the date of the second Commission meeting in March. Historically, the Commission changes the time of that meeting in order for the public, City staff and the Commission to participate in both activities.

City Manager Thomas reported on the proposed legislation to amend state law that would relieve some of the negative risks to hold a referendum for liquor by the drink in the Sumner County portion of the City. Senator Diane Black is sponsoring this proposed legislation in the Senate. Representative Debra Maggart, Representative Gary Moore and Representative Susan Lynn are sponsoring the same legislation in the House. The bills are moving through committee process, apparently at a fast pace and have not met with any unexpected concern. With this legislation, the citizens will have a better option to decide on liquor by the drink in the Sumner County part of the City.

Parks Director Tim Ellis reported on the request from Rob Wheeler on November 9th regarding the time when youth sports events end on the nights prior to school days. After researching this issue, the problem appears to be not as widespread as Mr. Wheeler indicated. Parks Director Ellis recommended that the programs not be changed. He believes this is a parental discretion decision and would set a precedent to open up similar requests for similar concessions from others such as religious groups. Commission Manning shared from his own experience playing baseball that when he had a game at 8:00 at night, he was made to do his homework then take a nap before the game. He believes parents and children can make a choice in these matters and can be prepared for school and still play sports. Mayor Garrett noted that the sentiment is unanimous on the Commission to accept Ellis' recommendation, noting that he is confident in John Hood and Tim Ellis that if a situation gets out of hand, that they will take care of the matter.

At the inquiry of Commissioner Coombs, Mayor Garrett reported that Purchasing Director DeLoach has staked out the new restroom and meeting facilities at the soccer complex. City Manager Thomas reported construction on this project will begin on March 1, which was the projected construction date established approximately six months ago. The facility will not be available for full use during the spring soccer season but it will be completed by the fall season. Finance Director Julie High will be advertising for the financing of that facility.

Commissioner Manning suggested the Commission consider participating in the Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Circle. The City currently spends approximately $2,200 a year. The higher participation has three levels, $1,500, $3,000 and $5,000 and offers additional perks with the Chamber. With a new economic development position, he believes the City would benefit from committing these additional funds. Mayor Garrett and Commissioner Cordell agreed and noted this should be included in the new budget. Chamber Director David Wilson thanked the Commission and City Manager Thomas for their support to the Chamber and their consideration of this higher level of participation. Some of the additional benefits include putting teams in the golf tournament, more advertising on their annual publication and the website, and a banner that is displayed at the monthly meetings and the banquet. The Commissioners were unanimous in their intention to support this upgrade in the new budget year. Chamber Director Wilson reported there Chairman's Circle membership drive has produced a 50% increase. The Chamber membership continues to increase with a current total of 451 members. Commissioner Coombs thanked David for his great leadership in this endeavor as evidenced by these numbers.

Mayor Garrett reported that a citizen requested that the City consider creating some type of permanent memorial for Franklin Lyle, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The football field at the middle school is named for him and potentially could be eliminated in the future. Mayor Garrett reported that Purchasing Director DeLoach informed him that a plaque could be purchased and installed on the existing war memorial at City Hall for less than $1,000. City Manager Thomas reported that amount is available in this year's budget. He asked for the Commission to advise him of the wording they would like on the plaque.

Mayor Garrett shared with Parks Director Ellis that a citizen had expressed to him tremendous praise and appreciation for the Father and Daughter Valentine Dance which was absolutely fantastic and a wonderful gesture for the Parks Department to host this event.

Consider Ordinance No. 07-693 on second reading, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 05-659, an ordinance to set the City's budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. City Manager Thomas explained that there were two areas of the City's prior year budget that were not in compliance. The general fund budget is corrected for the expenses incurred as a result of the tornado and there is an audit adjustment to the City's drug fund. Mayor Garrett declared the public hearing open. No one spoke for or against this ordinance. Mayor Garrett declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve Ordinance No. 07-693 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 07-694 on first reading, an ordinance to adopt a Code of Ethics. City Manager Thomas reported the State General Assembly passed legislation in 2006 that requires municipalities to adopt a code of ethics. The Commission adopted an ordinance to establish a code of ethics for the City in April, 2006. This ordinance will repeal that ordinance and adopt the model proposed by MTAS. A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 07-694 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 07-337, a resolution to authorize the City's participation in the Tennessee Three-Star Program. City Manager Thomas stated this adoption is a requirement for the City's participation in this program. The City has been cooperating with the other seven municipalities in

Sumner County as well as the county government to do all the things necessary to have Sumner County declared as a Three-Star County. By doing so, that automatically makes all the municipalities in the county Three-Star participants. There are economic benefits for communities with this designation. This resolution indicates the City's desire to participate in this program. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Resolution No. 07-337. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 07-338, a resolution affirming the City's compliance with federal Title VI regulations for purposes of participating in the Tennessee Three-Star Program. City Manager Thomas stated any program that the City participates in that enjoys the benefit of federal funding, is required to comply with the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. At the last meeting, the Commission adopted a Title VI policy statement. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve Resolution No. 07-338. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 07-339, a resolution to enter into an agreement with Bill Terry and Associates for consultancy service to the Board of Commissioners and Planning Commission. Mayor Garrett stated this had been his suggestion based on the rationale that Planning Director Rick Gregory is extremely busy and there are a lot of issues that the Planning Board will have to deal with from the recent retail study. Bill is very knowledgeable about the City, the parcels involved and the history on those parcels. A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve Resolution No. 07-339. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Commissioner Manning expressed that he hopes the City has done what they could to help people that were affected by the tornado. He hopes that both the Commission and Planning Board can be as lenient as possible to effectively approach potential new retailers and existing retailers affected by the tornado so that they may have every opportunity to recover as well.

Consider Resolution No. 07-340, a resolution to enter into an agreement with Misha Russell, certified general appraiser, for market value appraisal services of Pleasant Green Park. Mayor Garrett expressed that he has second thoughts on this matter, considering that this project may be a five year process by the time the Metro Board of Education can approve a new school, appropriate the funds, and construct a new facility. Commissioner Cordell added that he questions spending this money now, while we are considering expanding our existing facility versus building a new center. Commissioner Manning also noted that Commissioner Cordell has expressed at this point that he would be against a transfer and also Commissioner Coombs has a similar feeling. He questioned spending funds for an appraisal when at this point the Commission has no plans to proceed with a transfer. Mayor Garrett expressed that it seems the Commission all share the same feeling about getting an appraisal at this time. He suggested that they send word to the School Board that we are not closing the door on discussing this matter, but due to the time factor involved in a land swap, that we are moving toward adding on to our existing facility at this time. Commissioner Coombs stated the City should seek property opportunities for a new middle school at the best suited location. Resolution No. 07-340 died for lack of a motion.

Consider Resolution No. 07-341, a resolution to enter into lease agreements with CBS Outdoor, Inc. for billboard advertising purposes on city-owned property. City Manager Thomas asked that this resolution be deferred until the next meeting so that he can adequately review some concerns that he has with the leases. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to defer Resolution No. 07-341. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider resolution No. 07-342, a resolution to enter into an agreement with Villas of Twelve Stones Crossing, LLC concerning city reimbursement of developer-installed sewer infrastructure expenses.

City Engineer Tompkins explained that under our current city ordinance, when a developer installs sewer line to a development that is off his site or is larger than they need for their development, he is entitled to reimbursement of tap fees which are paid in by home builders that build in that development. The Villas at Twelve Stones have built off site and over sized on site sewer lines with an approximate value of $265,000. This agreement outlines for the City and the developer how this reimbursement will be paid. A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve Resolution No. 07-342. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 07-343, a resolution to approve change order No. 2 to a contract with Moore Construction Company for rehabilitation of the City's wastewater collection system. City Engineer Tompkins explained this is an add-on to the current contract with Moore Construction. As part of that contract, some internal inspection and other types of sewer inspection were done. A number of significant leaks were found in the system. These funds will repair some of those leaks at the existing unit contract price. The total amount of the contract would increase from $1,126,000 to 1,576,856. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Resolution No. 07-343. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 07-344, a resolution encouraging certain member of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives to support a recent City application for FY 2008 federal appropriation funding for development and improvement of City parks and recreation facilities. Parks Director Ellis explained that the Recreation Center Study Committee has revisited the idea of an addition to the existing community center. They have made a request to Congressman Cooper for federal funding which would not be matching funds. They are asking $5,178,000 for Phase I of the project which will include construction documents, hvac improvements to the existing facility, and new construction to include an indoor pool, wellness area and aerobics area. This resolution will draw all of our representatives and ask for their support to our request. Another part includes the idea of creating a plaza park from Main Street back to the center. They are asking for $22,000 for conceptual design and artist rendering. City Manager Thomas stated that copies of the application would be sent to Senator Corker, Senator Alexander and Representative Gordon along with this resolution which will emphasize the importance that we place on this issue and hopefully secure their support along with Congressman Cooper. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve Resolution No. 07-344. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Captain Johnny Roberson reported on our Homeland Security grant application for this fiscal year. He explained that for the last four years they have applied and received funds through the assisted firefighter grant program which buys needed equipment. He learned today that we have been awarded the grant again for a total of $47,405. The City will match that with $2,495. They plan to purchase new supply line for all the engines which is 1,200 feet per engine, intake valves which are so much simpler and faster to hook up, a new thermal camera and a new AED so that both trucks will be equipped with this equipment. City Manager Thomas reminded everyone that this is the fourth year to be successful in being awarded these grants. The significance of the equipment purchases from these awards results in more effective response for our citizens and a much safer environment for our firemen. He expressed his appreciation to Congressman Cooper and encouraged everyone to do the same for all his help with these grants.

Regarding the time for the March 22, 2007 meeting, it was agreed to consider at the March 8, 2007 whether to change the time or cancel the meeting if there are no pressing issues, so that everyone can attend the annual chamber banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Claudia Davis

Claudia Davis, City Recorder

Jerry Garrett, Mayor