

and thanked them for contributing to the great voter turnout. He encouraged the public to stay involved and attend the Commission meetings. He stated he will continue to be outspoken and voice what the citizens want. He wished the Commission good luck and challenged them to do a good job.

Lee Moyers told the Commission she will be listening and watching and for them to behave. If they don't, there will be other elections and the citizens will get rid of them.

Mayor Garrett thanked everyone in attendance and encouraged them to come back.

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


 Claudia Davis, City Recorder


 Jerry Garrett, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: October 26, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

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

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Rick Gregory, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Bennie Lane, Jack Tompkins, Vicky & Charlie Ignatz, Jan Lanius, Bobby & Betty Jones, Tom Mosier, Terry and Elaine Simmons, David & Teresa Pitzer, Russell Freeman, Walter Williams, Jim Driver, Bob Garrett, Kevin Marcy, Ray Hunter, Roger Lancini, Ron Carrier, Billy Butler, Linda Coombs, Robert McCain, Steven Holland, Richard Pope, Linda and Mike Moss, Lori Cordell, David & Vicki Wilson, Susan Rotkiewicz, Maxine Rotkiewicz, Al Jernigan, Preston & Bettye Balthrop, Johnny & Jeannette Childers, Johnny Long, Herb Murphy, Phillip Uldrich, Darla Hunley, Harry Bell, Jane Birdwell, John Cannon, Ron Filson, James Hicks

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Ron Carrier.

Consider approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2006 regular city commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve the minutes as written with one correction. The suggestion that there should only be one commissioner serving on the Planning Board was made by Commissioner Cordell and Commissioner Manning agreed with that suggestion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Thomas stated the second commission meeting date in November will be on Thanksgiving Day. Typically, the Commission has chosen to cancel its regular meeting on that date. He asked that a decision be made on this matter in time to meet the public notification requirements.

City Manager Thomas stated the City of Goodlettsville offices will recognize holidays on November 23rd and 24th and December 25th and 26th.

Parks Director Ellis requested approval to purchase a new heat and air conditioning unit in the seniors area of the Community Center as a capital expenditure. The heat exchanger is twenty years old and has expired. The air unit is fifteen years old. The expense should be no more than \$6,000. He stated there has been enough savings in the purchases of new vehicles to cover the expense. A motion was

made by Vice Mayor Finch to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Thomas reported there have been a significant number of calls from citizens concerning the number of political campaign signs in front of City Hall. Mayor Garrett stated he has counted seventy seven signs. There is no policy, practice, ordinance or resolution in place that addresses how many political signs can be placed at City Hall for early voting. He stated he would like to bring a recommendation to the next meeting to address this situation.

Mayor Garrett mentioned the City will be fifty years old in 2008. He asked City Manager Thomas to make a brief outline of how this event should be celebrated and present it to the Commission for consideration to provide funding.

Mayor Garrett recommended that it is time to begin an earnest search for an Economic Development Director.

Mayor Garrett stated there is an amendment in the November election which freezes property taxes for senior citizens. He stated he believes this amendment will pass and if it does so, he would like for this to be an agenda item to consider by ordinance, and also consider sending a resolution to both the Metropolitan government and Sumner County government, asking them to pass similar legislation which would provide the same benefit for senior citizens. The amendment includes an income threshold which would be determined by the state legislation.

Regarding not having a meeting on Thanksgiving Day, Commissioner Manning suggested that a decision be made at the first meeting in November to gauge any issues arising during that time. Mayor Garrett asked City Manager Thomas to remind the Commission to consider this decision at the November 9th meeting.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-687 on first reading, an ordinance to set city election dates to coincide with general elections. City Attorney Haynes stated he has reviewed the Tennessee Code and the Board of Commissioners may, by ordinance approved with an affirmative two thirds vote of its membership, fix the date of subsequent regular municipal elections as the date of the regular November election as defined in Section 2-1-104. Item 25 defines regular November election as meaning the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every even numbered year. It would require four votes of this Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Ordinance No. 06-687 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finch. Commissioner Cordell inquired if the three early voting dates, particularly the Saturday early voting would still be available if the election date is changed. City Attorney Haynes stated there would be ten early voting dates which would include Saturdays. City Manager Thomas informed the Commission that passage of this action will require additional action to extend the expiring terms of the three seats until the November election date. Mayor Garrett stated that for forty eight years, this City has had a separate election. He has always favored having a separate election because he believes that the City elections would be overshadowed in a general election. With the number of offices being filled, it is going to be more difficult for candidates to campaign during a Presidential, Senate or Governors race. It has been said that the majority of people would prefer that we have a November election. This has become a divisive issue with certain of our citizens and certain of our Commissioners. He stated we need our citizens to be united and our Commission to be united so that this City can continue to make progress. He feels that that consideration overrides his concern about our election being in the

shadows of other elections, therefore he will support this ordinance. The first reading of Ordinance No. 06-687 passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Commissioners serving as members on the Planning & Zoning Board. A suggestion has been made that only one Commissioner should serve on this board and that it should be a citizen's board. Mayor Garrett asked that the newspaper run a story asking for any citizens who reside within the corporate city limits who are interested in serving on this board, to submit a resume and a statement of why they would like to serve. He would then like the Commission to hold a work session to consider those applications. City Manager Thomas reviewed the Tennessee Code and our City Municipal Code on this matter. The state code states that one member shall be the Mayor or his designee, and one member shall be one of the Commissioners. The City's Code states that one member shall be the Mayor or his designee from the membership of the Board of Commissioners, and one shall be one of the Commissioners. Commissioner Cordell stated he would like to amend the Ordinance. Commissioner Coombs made a motion to amend the ordinance so that only one Commissioner shall serve on the Planning & Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell. City Attorney Haynes suggested that he be given the opportunity to consult with MTAS or the State Attorney General as to whether the requirements in the state law can be amended. Under his advice, Commissioner Coombs withdrew his motion and Commissioner Cordell withdrew his second. City Manager Thomas will place this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Garrett asked that the notice still be published in the Ledger because there will be at least one vacancy on the Planning Board. He added that all members of the Planning & Zoning Board shall continue to serve on that board until this issue can be resolved.

Consider recommendations by the Planning & Zoning Board to consider action on Drainage Improvement Assessment for Old Brick Church Pike and Bell Street. Planning Director Gregory reported on a document delivered recently that gives an introduction and a cost accounting of the estimated work to be done in these areas having to do with drainage improvements and how to accomplish those improvements. These efforts began in the aftermath of the April tornado and have progressed to the point that we now have a scope of work outlined and a projected budget. This effort was intended to give some relief to the area that has had problems with drainage for so many years. Commissioner Coombs inquired about funding the improvements. Mayor Garrett stated if the Commission moves forward on this item, it will be necessary to amend the budget. Vice Mayor Finch inquired if this fully resolves the drainage issues in this area. Planning Director Gregory stated it is an attempt to address those most identifiable drainage problems that have existed for so many years. There will be places that are not perfect but this documentation gives the locations, projected drainage methods and amounts and it is all estimates. There is no way to know with all certainty, but it is the engineer's best guess estimate for the best price to get the work done in the best and most reasonable way. Mayor Garrett asked that the audience hear the budgeted amount for this project. Planning Director Gregory reported the current amount is at \$267,000. Vice Mayor Finch asked that the engineers provide a statement to confirm that this proposal will address the problems. City Manager Thomas stated it is not his impression that the engineers deem this to be the cure-all for this area. It is his impression, based on the short timeframe that they were asked to conduct this work in and the extensiveness of the review that we asked them to carry out, it is his impression that it would provide significant improvements over the existing conditions. The other part of their assignment was to identify drainage issues that would be impediments to other improvements in this area, including street and sidewalk improvements. He believes that if the engineers are given the go ahead to do additional work, the very specifics on an area by area would be provided. They were asked to give us a quick overview and a quick cost schedule to give us some idea of the extent of the project and they have

certainly met that assignment. Vice Mayor Finch stated he would like to know the total scope and total budget for anticipated improvements. City Manager Thomas stated that shortly after the tornado, the City Engineer was given that assignment and he presented a report to the Commission in May. Commissioner Coombs stated that in the process of assessing the drainage issues, one of the points made by the engineers was that many of the drainage issues are compounded by the existing topography of the existing residential properties which the City has no control over. This particular study basically addressed the drainage issues that we could readily handle on our public right-of-ways. He feels this proposal will significantly enhance the drainage issues in this area. Vice Mayor Finch stated we should know what the total of what we are obligating the City for and who are the beneficiaries of the improvements and how does that fit into the master plan for the City. He stated he would like the City Engineer to review his original report and apply this study with his report for a more global picture of the scope of the total budget. City Engineer Tompkins was instructed to make that presentation at the next Commission meeting.

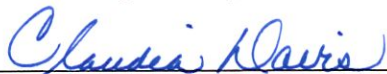
Dan Haskell made a presentation on the proposed new convention center in downtown Nashville.

Jane Birdwell, 505 Debra Drive, thanked the Commission for listening to the citizens and voting for the change in the election date. She suggested that the Commission consider hearing citizen's comments before each vote.

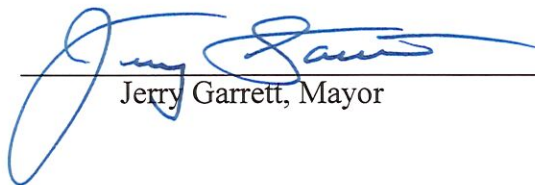
Jim Driver, 204 Dora Drive, stated from 1992 until 2004, the Planning Board operated with one Commissioner Liaison and nine citizens, one appointed by the Mayor and he certainly hopes that they were not in violation of the Tennessee code.

John Cannon, 118 Paige Park Lane, also thanked the Commission for doing something that reflects the wishes of the citizens. He too suggested that the Commission should pass an ordinance to hear the citizen's comments in a more appropriate order on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Claudia Davis, City Recorder



Jerry Garrett, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: November 9, 2006

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, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Tommy DeLoach, Phillip Gibson, Bennie Lane, Jack Tompkins, Bobby Jones, Jim Driver, Richard Pope, Linda and Mike Moss, Susan Rotkiewicz, Preston and Bettye Balthrop, Herb Murphy, Harry Bell, Jane Birdwell, John Cannon, Rob Wheeler, Joyce Washington

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Rob Wheeler.