

Consider Ordinance No. 04-648, an ordinance to abandon that portion of right-of-way known as Geneva Drive west of Loretta Drive. Gregory stated this abandonment is recommended by the Planning Board. Mayor Jones declared the public hearing open. No one spoke for or against the proposal. Mayor Jones closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Manning to approve Ordinance No. 04-648 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Cordell and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 05-659, an ordinance to adopt a budget and establish a property tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. High presented a summary overview of the budget. Haynes recommended that since the county has not determined the certified tax rate for Davidson County, the ordinance should be deferred. A motion was made by Garrett to approve Ordinance No. 05-659 on first reading, adopting a budget but not establishing the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Cordell and passed unanimously 4-0. The Commission agreed to have a special called meeting to approve the tax rate as soon as the County provides that information.

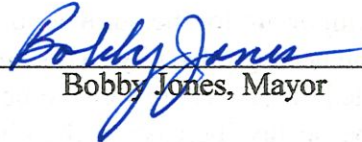
Thomas announced that Rivergate Mall will be celebrating Flag Day with a special ceremony on June 14, 2005 at Noon until 2:00 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Debbie Robinson invited the Commission to attend the Chamber breakfast on June 23, 2005 at 7:00 a.m. at Tennessee Christian Medical Center. Mayor Bill Purcell will be the guest speaker.

A motion was made by Cordell to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Manning and passed unanimously 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Claudia Davis, City Recorder



Bobby Jones, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: June 23, 2005

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Bobby Jones, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Finch

Absent: Jerry Garrett

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Julie High, Tim Ellis, Rick Gregory, Richard Pope, Bennie Lane, Phillip Gibson, Susan Rotkiewicz, Fred Harper, Lester Harbison, Mike Tait, Johnny Roberson, Ricky West, Ed Hendricks, Shane Toll, Randy Tomlinson, Joseph Knipfer

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by Fred Harper.

A motion was made by Manning to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2005 regular city commission meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Cordell and passed unanimously 4-0.

Finch inquired on the status of the banking services proposals. Thomas stated that the Ordinance regarding banking service providers must be amended because the three current named banks no longer exist. There is still some question concerning whether a specific bank name has to be stated in the ordinance and staff is waiting for that clarification. He stated there will be a proposal offered at the next commission meeting. Finch stated that he would like to see that presented at the next meeting because the staff's prior recommendation indicated a \$30,000 per year increase in revenue.

Finch apologized for not being present at the last meeting but applauded the action taken to approve the rezoning of property for a new development including Publix grocery. He has received three letters from citizens concerned about the maintenance of the barrier fence and landscaping around Northcreek Business Park, including pictures, and whether this new development will present the same problems. He questioned if the original approval included the requirement to maintain the fence and landscaping and if so, how can that be endorsed. Thomas reported that the new owner of Northcreek Business Park was not aware that he was required to mow on the outside of his fence. He has been notified of that and the instances where there are problems will be addressed. He added that while the development is required to maintain these areas, the majority of the homeowner adjoining the Business Park properties mow and maintain the areas themselves.

Consider Ordinance No. 05-659, an ordinance to adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. High summarized the budget and explained two changes to the budget since the first reading approval. One change involved \$7,000 remaining from a Memorial Foundation grant to the seniors and the other change involved a conflict in the lease payments for the new patrol cars. She stated that the State Board of Equalization has not set the certified tax rate, so this ordinance will only be approving the budget. The property tax rate does not have to be set until later in the year, prior to sending out the tax statements. At Finch's inquiry, Thomas gave a report of how the certified rate is determined by the State, taking into consideration the Sumner and Davidson County rates and their respective reappraisals so that no new revenue is collected in the year following reappraisals and also so that the citizens in both counties are paying an equal city property tax rate, again taking into consideration their reappraisal years. Finch asked and Thomas clarified that the proposed budget includes no increase in the property tax rate. Mayor Jones declared the public hearing open. No one spoke for or against the Ordinance. The Mayor declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Manning to approve Ordinance No. 04-647 the proposed budget for 2006 as stated on second reading. The motion was seconded by Finch. Finch added that he thinks it is important for the public to understand that the staff did a fabulous job reporting to this commission the needs of this city. This budget has a small portion of the approximately \$2 Million in recommended needs. There were some tough decisions made and cuts had to be made to insure there would be no tax increase to the citizens. There was a lot of discussion about the Publix property and often there is criticism of this board that "it's all about money". It is important for the citizens to understand that in one sense, it is all about money. Many expenses have been deferred that this city really needs to operate and to provide the services that these citizens expect. We are not doing that with this budget but we have an obligation to look for ways to increase the tax base in this city so that we can have the revenue in the future to adequately take care of the needs of the citizens. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Mike Tait representing the Chamber of Commerce reported there was an excellent turn out for the Chamber Breakfast with Mayor Purcell as the speaker. He expressed appreciation for all the participation and sponsors for the very successful golf tournament held on June 13 at Fairvue. The Chamber is forming a CEO Roundtable to provide leaders to come together to share information to improve their businesses.

Thomas reported on a shooting incident on June 19 where a Carnival Shoe employee who was a young husband and father of two small children was shot and killed, then the shooter shot a young boy in the parking lot at Rivergate Mall as his Father returned shots, then the shooter proceeded to Madison and shot an unsuspecting lady twice in the back as she was walking her dog. Fortunately the young boy is fine and was having lunch at the Food Court at Rivergate on Wednesday and plans to visit the Police Department on Friday to thank them for all their help. Thankfully the shooter has been arrested.

Thomas read a letter emailed to Chief Phillip Gibson. The letter was from a mother in Florida who's children were involved in an accident on I-65 on June 20th. The letter went into great detail of how wonderful Johnny Robertson, and the other firemen on duty at that time, Ed Hendricks, Ricky West, Randy Tomlinson and Joseph Knipfer had been to her family. Besides giving first aid and comforting them on the scene, the young people were taken back to the fire hall and arrangements were made to get them bus tickets to continue on their trip and Johnny Robertson drove them to the bus station. Thomas expressed his gratitude for the letter and added that these kinds of things happen often, even daily throughout city government and it is rare for these acts to be noticed. The Commission and audience joined in a standing ovation for the firemen.

Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Claudia Davis, City Recorder


Bobby Jones, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: July 14, 2005

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Bobby Jones, Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Finch

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Julie High, Tim Ellis, Rick Gregory, Terry Hutcherson, Jack Tompkins, Bennie Lane, Ricky West, Susan Rotkiewicz, Jane Birdwell, Steve Shoulders and others

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by Jeff Cordell.

A motion was made by Cordell to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2005 regular city commission meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Garrett and passed unanimously 5-0.

Thomas summarized a lawsuit recently filed by the City of Lakewood against Metro to attempt to recapture property tax revenue and receive that revenue going forward based on an agreement in the early 1980's made between Metro and other satellite cities. Lakewood has also filed a petition with the court to include all of the satellite cities as plaintiffs in the lawsuit which includes Goodlettsville. Since filing this lawsuit, an election in Lakewood has resulted in three new commissioners. This raised some question of whether the new commissioners would want to go forward with the lawsuit. Thomas stated he has spoken to the attorney representing Lakewood and he has assured Thomas that the lawsuit would go forward. He has been asked by another satellite city to prosecute on their behalf. A motion to dismiss will be heard on July 22. Haynes stated there will be a motion on July 29th for a joinder of Goodlettsville as an additional defendant along with other cities that are not already parties. In 1981, apparently there were four contracts that were signed between Metro and four of the cities, Belle Meade, Lakewood, Oak Hill and Forrest Hills. The contracts provided that there would be some assistance given to these satellite cities for some of the services that the city has been furnishing. There was a payment made by Metro to those cities to assist with services they were providing. Carney Patterson handled the ordinance approving these agreements and it was passed by the Metro Council on May 21, 1981 on third reading. Robert Rutherford, the council for Lakewood now, was with the legal staff of Metro at the time and he remembered this situation. What will be argued on July 29th will be whether or not Goodlettsville and others will be made parties. The City of Goodlettsville can favor being joined, can be opposed to being joined, or can take no