



# CITY OF GERMANTOWN TENNESSEE

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## FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 – 7p.m.

### Blue Room – Economic & Community Development Offices

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Julius Moody, Mike Agee, Paul Bryan, Eddie Cox, John Gregory, Clinton Hardin, Russell Johnson, Mark Kooker, Howard Lasley, Frederick Miller, Paul Mosteller, Frank SanPietro, Lynda Smith, Harold Steinberg and Dick Wagoner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alderman Ernest Chism, Robert Dallstream, Bill Dudley, John Gross, Julie Klein and Lou Paris

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Lawton, Kristen Geiger, George Brogdon, Ralph Gabb, Michael Stoll, Derek Chaput, Danelle Toole, Bo Mills and Joe Nunes

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Alderman Mike Palazzolo and Sarah Friedman

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moody called the April, 2009 Financial Advisory Commission (FAC) meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The meeting was held in the Blue Room in the Economic and Community Development Offices.

#### ROLL CALL

Chairman Moody called roll and announced a quorum was present.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Moody called for approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2009 FAC meeting.

#### **\*\*MOTION\*\***

Clinton Hardin moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2009 FAC meeting as presented. Bill Dudley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### UPDATES

##### Review of FY10 Budget Enterprise Funds

An explanation of the Enterprise Fund was made to the Members of the FAC.

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### **Review of FY10 Budget Enterprise Funds (Cont'd)**

#### **Sanitation**

The City's Sanitation Fund has not changed its rate of \$24.90 for single unit and \$14.90 for multi unit. The City is working on more recycling services, more communication with citizens and continuing the mulch services. The City is looking at other green initiatives. There is a 3.1% increase in operating revenues and a 3.5% increase in operating expenses from FY09.

Members initiated a discussion regarding online utility bill payments and trash collection in the City. Currently, the City does not offer online utility bill payments because of system software constraints.

#### **Germantown Athletic Club Fund**

The operating revenues for the Club and is up by 18.3%. The operating expenses are up .1% from FY09. Ralph Gabb referred to the slides and briefly spoke about the mission, the achievements and the projects and initiatives of the Athletic Club.

Members initiated a discussion regarding expenditure at the Athletic Club.

#### **Germantown Great Hall Fund**

The City was projecting revenues of \$148,000.00 and the operating expenses to be about \$410,000.00. The Great Hall's meeting and banquet space is the focal point for welcoming and encouraging community and economic prosperity for the City. By providing modern, state of the art meeting facilities beyond the expectations of our guests and provide them with an experience unsurpassed in the area. The main focus will be on marketing the Great Hall.

Kristen spoke about the achievements at the Great Hall to date.

Members initiated a discussion regarding uses for the Great Hall and whether or not it is going to be a cost effective project. It was determined that the Great Hall will be reviewed each year to determine profitability.

#### **Utility Fund**

The Utility Fund would have \$7.9 million in operating revenues which is up 1.5% from FY09 and also operating expenses of \$7.3 million which is up 8.8% from FY09. The FAC had formed various sub-committees in the past to look at specific areas. One such sub-committee had met a week prior.

One of those was a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). Ralph then handed over to Clint Hardin who is the chair of the PILOT sub-committee. Clint said that the sub-committee endorsed the recommendation to charge a PILOT to the Utility Fund (\$348,000.00)

#### **\*\*MOTION\*\***

Clint Hardin moved to approve the recommendation of a PILOT to the Utility Fund. Richard Wagoner seconded and the motion passed – 14/1

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Additional information was presented to review the achievements of the Utility Fund; The annual well and pump analysis and follow up maintenance program, annual cured-in-place pipe sewer mains maintenance technology program, the completion of 1.5 million gallon underground storage reservoir at Johnson Road Park and the purchase of a folder/sorter for utility bills.

### **\*\*MOTION\*\***

Chairman Moody called for a motion to accept Enterprise Funds as presented. Paul Mosteller moved to accept Enterprise Funds as presented. Clint Hardin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Foreclosures**

Michael Stoll spoke briefly about the foreclosures in the City. There have been 19 in 38138 and 9 in 38139 in the nine months leading up to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

Members initiated a discussion about the high appraisals in the area and the need for a uniform method of appraisal.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Moody called for a motion to adjourn.

### **\*\*MOTION\*\***

John Gregory moved to adjourn, Ed Cox seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9.13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Finance & General Services.