

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

November 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center.

Mayor Mike Palazzolo was present and presiding.

The following aldermen were present: John Barzizza, Mary Anne Gibson, Dave Klevan, Forrest Owens and Rocky Janda. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Debra Wiles, Deputy Chief Rodney Bright, Fire Chief John Selberg, Paul Chandler, Ralph Gabb, Reynold Douglas, Daniel Page, Cameron Ross, Tony Fischer, and Dotty Johnson.

Call to Order

Mayor Palazzolo called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Finance Director Ralph Gabb gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Faith Presbyterian Girl Scout Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

During the executive session the Board unanimously agreed to add a proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer and an add-on to the consent – an emergency purchase – GPAC Audio Patchbay.

Motion by Mr. Janda, seconded by Mr. Klevan, to approve the agenda as printed.

ROLL CALL: Barzizza-yes, Gibson-yes, Klevan-yes, Owens-yes, Janda-yes. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes.

Motion by Mr. Janda, seconded by Mr. Klevan, to accept the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting held October 26, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Barzizza-yes, Gibson-yes, Klevan-yes, Owens-yes, Janda-yes. Motion approved.

Proclamation

Mayor Palazzolo read a proclamation regarding pancreatic cancer.

Teacher of the Month

Alderman Gibson presented the November Teacher of the Month award to Ms. Renee Buchholz, a kindergarten teacher at Riverdale Elementary School, and described her passion for teaching. Ms. Buchholz tutors second and third graders and has been a sponsor for the past six years for the Girls Club, participates in Race for Education and Walk for Alzheimer's. The award was presented by Andy Pouncey in memory of his wife Shirley Pouncey, who taught kindergarten for 25 years at Riverdale School.

Youth Excellence Award

Alderman Gibson presented the November award to Ms. Anne Wellford, a senior at Germantown High School. Alderman Gibson read her many accomplishments both scholastic, athletic and her service to the community. Ms. Wellford is a vocalist who also plays five instruments; she is Captain of the school's tennis team, President of National Honors Society, member of Beta Club, and many other scholastic organizations.

Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Boyd Maize, 2928 Hacks Cross Road, stated he felt the Board had been misguided regarding the construction on Germantown Road. Mr. Maize was concerned with the closing of roads and construction on Germantown Road.

Mr. Jim Schmiediche, 3085 Poplar Grove Lane, spoke to the Board regarding the Germantown Road and Smart Growth. He stated the Smart Growth and talk about Germantown Road had started seven years ago and had included citizen groups who helped to formulate the area. He felt that groups that stated they had been left out of the conversations that it was not true because meetings, called meetings, work session and town hall meetings had taken place for a long time and the public was always invited to attend. All the meetings are open meetings and anyone can attend.

CONSENT

GPAC Theater Curtains

This was the first purchase of a four-year purchasing program that will eventually replace all of the theater curtains. Theater curtains should be replaced every ten to fifteen years. The curtains currently in GPAC were installed 21 years ago and show multiple signs of disrepair. The total award amount includes ten (10) black leg curtain panels and twenty-four (24) border panels.

MOTION: To authorize the purchase of theater curtains from Georgia Stage, LLC in the amount of \$13,680.00.

Civic Support – Germantown Education Foundation

The FY16 budget provides for the allocation of \$100,000.00 from the City to support the activities of the Foundation. Action by the Board is necessary to move these funds from the civic support line item to the Foundation.

MOTION: To approve a grant to the Germantown Education Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00 to fund grants to Germantown public Schools for academic and educational projects to improve our schools.

Add-On – GPAC Audio Patchbay

Funding had been approved to replace the failing audio patchbay system at GPAC. The system allows multiple microphone connections on both sides of the stage to connect to the sound booth more efficiently. The replacement system bids were near completion when the system failed and an emergency purchase was necessary. The Procurement Department received approval from the City Administrator for an emergency purchase for four (4) patchbay panels and forty eight (48) three (3) foot cables totaling \$17,801.96.

MOTION: To authorize the purchase of an audio patchbay system from Audio Communications in the amount of \$17,801.96 and to approve Budget Adjustment No. 16-24.

Motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to accept the consent agenda as printed.

ROLL CALL: Barzizza-yes, Gibson-yes, Klevan-yes, Owens-yes, Janda-yes. Motion approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

Street Sweeping Contract

Public Works Director Bo Mills explained that Sweeping Corporation of America had been the contractor for the last four years. In the past, the City had implemented five-year service agreements (three years with two additional option years) and the process had been efficient and economically beneficial.

Motion by Mr. Barzizza, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to grant authorization to enter into the first year of a three-year contract with two option years with Sweeping Corporation of America for sweeping services in the amount of \$212,834.14.

ROLL CALL: Barzizza-yes, Gibson-yes, Klevan-yes, Owens-yes, Janda-yes. Motion approved.

Traditional Reinsurance Payment

Human Resources Director Steve Wilensky explained that this is the second year of a three-year program to fund many of the changes and programs mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Several new taxes and fees are impacting traditional insurance plans and self-funded plans across the country. Through the Transitional Reinsurance Program, reinsurance fees are distributed to health insurance providers such as the exchanges and the health insurance marketplace. This is the full payment of \$33,101.64 to Health Cost Solutions for the 2015 benefit year to the government as required by the Affordable Care Act.

Motion by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Klevan, to authorize the full payment of \$33,101.64 for the Transitional Reinsurance Program as required by the Affordable Care Act and to approve Budget Adjustment No. 16-22. Health Cost Solutions will make the payment for the City.

ROLL CALL: Barzizza-yes, Gibson-yes, Klevan-yes, Owens-yes, Janda-no. Motion approved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mike Palazzolo, Mayor

Dotty Johnson, City Clerk/Recorder