

## **BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

July 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Monday, July 11, 2016, 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, Forrest Owens and Rocky Janda. Staff present: Assistant Chief Rodney Bright, Paul Chandler, Reynold Douglas, Butch Eder, Tony Fischer, David Harris, Patrick Lawton, Bo Mills, Daniel Page, Lisa Piefer, Cameron Ross, Keith Saunders, Paul Turner and Steve Wilensky.

### **Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

### **Invocation**

Bo Mills gave the invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Mayor Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

During the executive session, there were no changes to the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Janda, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the agenda as written.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

There was one correction to the minutes. The agenda for Resolution 16R27 - City Administrator salary should be corrected to \$215,250.

Motion by Mr. Janda, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the corrected minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting held June 27, 2016.

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

### **Special Recognition**

#### **Library Scholarship Winner**

Daniel Page asked Uma Neelakantan to come forward and be recognized as a rising senior at Houston High School, for being awarded a \$600 scholarship from Library Systems and Services, and as being selected as the Library Summer Fellow.

### **Silent Auction Funds**

Mr. Page stated the purpose of this agenda item is to provide special recognition for \$1,012.00 raised at a silent auction at the Library to benefit Books from Birth to increase literacy and exposure to books among young children in the community.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Janda, to provide recognition for \$1,012.00 raised at a silent auction at the Germantown Community Library to benefit Books from Birth.

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

### **Germantown 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mr. Lawton stated the purpose of this agenda item is to recognize the Germantown 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their efforts in developing and implementing programs and initiatives in 2016 that celebrate Germantown's heritage and history. The team responsible for implementation of the project includes Pam Beasley, Paul Chandler, Jacque Clift, Bo Mills, Daniel Page, Andy Pouncey, Kristi Ransom and Timothy Steiner.

### **Aldermen Liaison Reports**

The Aldermen reported on their commission activities.

### **Citizens to be Heard**

No citizens came forward to be heard.

The Mayor adjourned the regular Board meeting and reconvened as a Beer Board.

### **BEER BOARD**

#### **Public Hearing – Beer Permit Application – On Premise – Southern Social**

Mr. Lawton stated the City has received a request from Joseph Brian Graham and Thomas Powers for a permit to sell beer for on-premise consumption at Southern Social, located at 2285 S. Germantown Road.

Motion by Mr. Janda, seconded by Mr. Owens, to approve the request of Joseph Brian Graham and Thomas Powers for a permit to sell beer for on-premise consumption at Southern Social, located at 2285 S. Germantown Road.

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

The Mayor adjourned the Beer Board.

### **CONSENT**

#### **Competitive Sealed Proposal Authorization – Legal Services**

The City of Germantown's procurement policies and practices require the use of competitive sealed bids for the purchase of most goods and services. In some cases, the competitive sealed bid process may be either impracticable or not otherwise advantageous to the City due to the complexity of certain technological products or the unique nature of certain services. In such cases, the Board may authorize the use of the competitive sealed proposal process.

MOTION: To authorize the City to use the competitive sealed proposal process for procuring legal services.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Janda, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

### **REGULAR**

Alderman Gibson recused herself and stepped down from the dais.

### **Ordinance No. 2016-06 – Amendments to Sign Ordinance Related to Temporary Signage - Second Reading and Public Hearing**

In an effort to simplify and create standardized regulations for temporary signage in residential and commercial districts that are in line with recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, the Design Review Commission, City staff and DRC counsel prepared amendments to the Germantown Sign Ordinance Temporary Sign regulations.

Mayor Palazzolo asked citizens to come forward to address the Board during the Temporary Signage Public Hearing.

Ms. Tommy Criswell, of 185 Main St., Rossville, 38066, is the 2016 President Elect for the Memphis Area Association of Builders. Ms. Criswell came forward as representative of over 3,400 realtors in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. The proposed sign size limitations make it challenging for property owners to advertise their properties for sale. She favors a temporary sign ordinance that permits property owners to utilize real estate signs up to six square feet or larger depending on the size and application of the property or zoning district. Changes made between first and second reading to the current proposal will greatly improve the marketability of Germantown by striking a better balance between realtors' ability to effectively promote a property and the City's need regulate the use of temporary signs.

Mr. Tony Argiro, of 106 Foxboro Cove, Collierville, came forward as a representative of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors Commercial Council. The Council is in favor of the changes.

Mr. Dick Leike, 8643 Poplar Pike, appreciates the changes made between first and second reading. He is concerned about the signs being too small for one acre and larger lots.

Mr. Steve Brown, 9038 Longwood Lane, is concerned about drainage issues interfering with sign setback requirements and how it would affect visibility.

Mayor Palazzolo closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Janda, to approve on second reading Ordinance 2016-06, amendments to the Germantown Sign Ordinance related to temporary signs with the understanding that changes presented this evening will be incorporated in the third reading.

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

Alderman Gibson returned to the dais.

### **Municipal Financial Advisor**

Mr. Lawton stated the policy of the City is to utilize debt in a judicious manner primarily to fund projects for the acquisition or construction of major capital assets. As part of the debt issuance process, the City will engage the services of knowledgeable professionals to analyze and advise City staff about optimizing the outcome of the transaction and clearing all the legal hurdles. Due to the infrequency of issuing new debt, the City will maintain its expertise in the credit markets by retaining professionals who stay well-informed about industry trends and about the City's visions and finances.

Motion by Mr. Janda, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000 to serve as the City of Germantown's municipal financial advisor.

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

Mr. Lawton introduced Paul Turner as the City's new Finance Director.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Palazzolo, Mayor

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Michele Betty, City Clerk/Recorder