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Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Building

7700 Southern Avenue

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Joe Skelley

Jimmy Davis

Urania Erskine

Linda Kaplan

Francoise Mireles

Susan Threlkeld

Jayu Wagh

Staff:

Bo Mills

Kathy Cross

Joe Nunes

Absent:

Andy Foster

Kevin Haley

Alderman Dean Massey

Scott Schoefernacker

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

We had no guests.

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

Public Works did an excellent job on the 70th Annual Germantown Charity Horse Show. The Farmers Market Farm Park looks great but the attendance could use some improvement.

ALDERMAN LIAISON REPORT:



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STAFF REPORTS:

Director Bo Mills:

- FY 19 Budget has passed
 - Water tank is still in the budget for FY 20.
 - Sanitary sewer line for Western Gateway is still in the budget for FY 20: plans are 98% done and will go out for contract soon.
 - Two million dollars in budget for paving.
- Spoke at International Public Works meeting in Rotorua, NZ.

Joe Nunes:

- Latest recycling processing fee is highest it's ever been at \$78 per ton.
- Solid Waste Appreciation Luncheon was a success.
- Grant from TDEC had enabled us to move forward with campaign to educate about proper recycling using praise tags, oops tags, postcards, magnets and articles in the Germantown GO Magazine.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

Linda Kaplan:

- On July 26th from 6 p.m. – 7p.m. Marge Davis will be speaking to the Chickasaw Chapter of the Sierra Club about the new Bottle Bill and the benefits it can bring to Tennessee. The meeting will be held at the Library located at 3030 Poplar Avenue.

Urania Erskine:

- Aquifer Study Contract delayed; Concerns are now about industry using more water than the TVA. User Fees are being considered to prohibit unrestricted water use.

Susan Threlkeld: Nothing to report

Jimmy Davis:

- Chemical and Engineering News Articles
 - Follow-up on amount of collected plastic that is actually recycled.
 - European Union proposed by May of 2019 to ban, reduce use of or put restrictions on certain plastic products and increase awareness of cleanup efforts on other products to reduce pollution.
 - Bacteria and insects that were once thought to consume plastic, have been found to only be fragmenting the plastic.



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Francoise Mireles:

- Scientists at the Technical Institute in Munich, Germany have discovered that some compounds in tobacco plants when sprayed on other plants can be a deterrent for aphids. A commercial version of the compound is being produced.

Jayu Wagh:

- India's second most populous state, Maharashtra has become the 18th state in the country to ban plastic after the government issued the Maharashtra Plastic and Thermocol Products Notification on March 23, 2018; Violators can be fined or face imprisonment.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.