

1930 South Germantown Road • Germantown, Tennessee 38138-2815 Phone (901) 757-7200 Fax (901) 757-7292 www.germantown-tn.gov

Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Virtual Conference

MINUTES

Present:
Chairman Joe Skelley
Jimmy Davis
Urania Erskine
Linda Kaplan
Francoise Mireles
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

Staff: Bo Mills Joe Nunes

ABSENT

Alderman Janda Claudio Meier Paul Mosteller Scott Schoefernacker

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NECESSITY OF CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

Motion: The members of the Environmental Commission will meet by electronic means to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

ROLL CALL: Mireles-yes, Wagh-yes, Davis-yes, Kaplan-yes, Threlkeld-yes., Urania Erskine-yes. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

There were no guests present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Motion by Urania Erskine, seconded by Susan Threlkeld to approve the August 13, 2020 minutes.

ROLL CALL: Mireles-yes, Wagh-yes, Davis-yes, Kaplan-yes, Threlkeld-yes., Urania Erskine-yes. Motion approved.

ALDERMAN LIAISON REPORT:

Alderman Janda was not present.

STAFF REPORTS:

Director Mills:

- Western Gateway sanitary sewer installation project is reaching completion.
- The City had 6 water main breaks in 10 days; we have made quality timely repairs.
- Our staff has been doing a marvelous job of following guidelines to protect themselves and others from COVID.
- Thank you Commission members for your part in making Amnesty Day a success.

Joe Nunes:

- Amnesty Dumpster Day Review:
 - Attendance was up approximately 6% historically although it was up 10% from last year with 791 total participants. Johnson Road had 638 cars and Southern Avenue had 153 cars for a total of 52 tons of material collected.
 - Thanks again to Commission Members for their volunteer participation.
 - Shredding and electronics went well at Johnson Road. Electronics were down due to miscommunication from the vendor concerning accepting televisions. At Johnson Road, 83% of the vehicles went to shedding or electronics vendors, or both.
 - The traffic flow was good at Johnson Road.
- Quad County Landfill opened up another area this summer. They are now accepting household waste and yard debris. We will be going out for bid at the beginning of next year for disposal of household and yard waste disposal for the next fiscal year and the new area could offer more competitive pricing.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no Commission Member reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- No Commission Dinner this year due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Commission Reappointments the last day to apply is Monday, November 30.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Jayu Wagh, seconded by Urania Erskine to have a November Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mireles-yes, Wagh-yes, Davis-yes, Kaplan-yes, Threlkeld-yes., Urania Erskine-yes. Motion approved.

> We will decide about the December's Holiday Meeting at the November Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Jayu Wagh, seconded by Susan Threlkeld.

ROLL CALL: Mireles-yes, Wagh-yes, Davis-yes, Kaplan-yes, Threlkeld-yes., Urania Erskine-yes. Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman