

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
December 22, 2020

A special called meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 3 p.m. via live streaming. Meeting electronically was necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Mike Palazzolo was present and presiding.

The following aldermen were present: Scott Sanders, Mary Anne Gibson, Sherrie Hicks, Brian Ueleke and Jon McCreery. Staff present: Michele Betty, Tony Fischer, Jason Huisman, Patrick Lawton, Mac McCarroll, and Kellyn Quinn.

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Statement from Mayor Palazzolo

Mayor Palazzolo asked City Administrator Patrick Lawton to read the following statement. All local governing bodies in the State of Tennessee have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Germantown is no exception. In an effort to carry out its governance and operational responsibilities lawfully, and effectively, while also considering the protection of public health, safety and welfare, the Germantown City Administration has taken steps to conduct Board of Mayor and Aldermen and other public meetings electronically. These actions were taken in response to Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 65, an order extending Executive Order Nos. 16, 34, 51 and 60, which suspended the requirements of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act to the extent necessary to allow governing bodies subject to the act to meet and conduct essential business by electronic means.

The public will be able to view the video recording of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen virtual meeting within 48 hours of the meeting and are directed to go to the City's website at www.germantown-tn.gov.

These measures are temporary, and are due to expire on December 27, 2020, unless further action is taken by Governor Lee.

Establishment of Necessity to Conduct the December 22, 2020 Special Called Meeting of Board of Mayor and Aldermen Electronically

The provisions of Executive Order No. 65 require that the members of the governing body must make a determination at the outset of the meeting, by vote or otherwise, that conducting the meeting by electronic means is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to conduct the December 22, 2020 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen by electronic means to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Set Agenda

The Board was asked to set the agenda for the meeting.

The Administration requested that the Fire Code Board of Appeals agenda item be deferred to a later date.

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Ms. Hicks, to approve the December 22, 2020 agenda, as amended.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

Election of Vice-Mayor

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Ms. Hicks, to elect Ms. Gibson to serve as Vice-Mayor for 2021.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-abstain, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Aldermen Liaisons

ADA Access Review Board		Alderman Sanders
Audit Commission		Alderman Ueleke
Beautification Commission		Alderman Sanders
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission	Designated by the Mayor	Alderman McCreery
Board of Zoning Appeals	Alderman liaison concurrent with term of office	Alderman Gibson
Design Review Commission	Designated by the Mayor	Alderman Hicks
Economic Development		Alderman Gibson
Education Commission		Alderman Hicks
Environmental Commission		Alderman McCreery
Financial Advisory Commission		Alderman Ueleke
Fire Code Board of Appeals	There is no alderman liaison	N/A
Germantown Athletic Club Commission		Alderman Ueleke
Great Hall Advisory Commission	BMA voted to sunset for 2020	N/A
Historic Commission		Alderman Hicks
Industrial Development Board	There is no alderman liaison	N/A
Library Board	There is no alderman liaison. Member term concurrent with alderman term of office.	Member Gibson
Neighborhood Preservation Commission		Alderman Gibson
Parks & Recreation Commission	Designated by the Mayor	Alderman Gibson
Personnel Advisory Commission		Alderman Ueleke
Planning Commission	Mayor and alderman liaison concurrent with term of office	Alderman McCreery
Public Art Commission	Designated by the Mayor	Alderman Gibson
Public Safety Education Commission		Alderman Sanders
Retirement Plan Advisory Commission/OPEB		Alderman Ueleke
Senior Citizen Advisory Commission		Alderman Hicks
Technology Commission	Designated by the Mayor	Alderman McCreery
Tree Board		Alderman Sanders

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to approve the alderman liaison appointments as read.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Attorney Appointments

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to appoint Mac McCarroll as City Attorney; David Harris, Robert McLean and Alan Strain as Assistant City Attorneys; Taylor Cates as Senior Prosecuting Attorney; Rob Clapper, Rees Hodges, Mark B. Miesse and Nick Pierotti as Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys and Johnny McFarland as Police Advisor for 2021.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Appointment of City Chaplain

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to appoint Dave Phillips as City Chaplain for 2021.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

Mayor Palazzolo appointed George Hernandez, Tony Salvaggio and Jennifer Sisson to the Planning Commission

to serve until December 31, 2022 and Steven Levy to serve until December 31, 2021, completing the term left vacant by newly elected Alderman Sherrie Hicks.

The Planning Commission appoints their chairman.

Fire Code Board of Appeals - DEFERRED

Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the appointment of Jodie Bowden to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals until December 31, 2023, and appointment of Rick Towne to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Sisson ending December 31, 2021.

The Board of Zoning Appeals appoints their chairman.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Design Review Commission

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to approve the following appointments to the Design Review Commission for terms ending December 31, 2022:

Paul Bruns – landscape design and retail business	William Gibson – engineering
Christopher Schmidt – architecture	David Nischwitz – urban planning

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Paul Bruns as chairman and designated Alderman Hicks as liaison.

Financial Advisory Commission

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the following appointments to the Financial Advisory Commission:

Hal Beckham	Stacy Black	Brian Carney	Tom Cassidy	Russell Johnson
Wesley Lacey	Eric Leong	Elian Levatino	Jason Lowe	Michael McLaughlin
Christine Menzel	Fredrick Miller	Frank Monteleone	Julius Moody	J.R. Parsons
Michael Pascal	Donnie Rose	Rob Sievers	Harold Steinberg	Donald Theeuwes
John Wagner	Wade Walker	Brandon Westbrook	Alderman Ueleke	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Michael McLaughlin as chairman.

Economic Development Commission

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to approve the following appointments to the Economic Development Commission:

Bo Adams – Medical	Andrea Baird – Business Redevelopment	Stacy Black – Homeowner
Jerry Klein – Home Based Business	James Lefler – Homeowner	Cliff Sulcer – Finance
Rick Towne – Home Based Business	Wade Walker – General Business	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.
Mayor Palazzolo appointed Jerry Klein as chairman.

Great Hall & Conference Center Advisory Commission

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Ms. Hicks, to allow the commission to sunset for 2021.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Historic Commission

Motion by M. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the following appointments to the Historic Commission:

George Browder	Jacque Clift	Kyle Eaton	Edna Guntert	Dale Hicks	Wesley Lacey
John Miles	Marissa Rogers	Kristi Shaw	Mary Welsh	Sandy Wilson	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Kyle Eaton as chairman.

Beautification Commission

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Hicks, to approve the following appointments to the Beautification Commission:

Tom Cassidy	Ruth Crawford	Tammy Davis	Martha Flanigan	Gizelle Motley	Thom Parzinger
Brittany Pellegra	Albert Pope	Susan Sharp	Rory Theeuwes	Beth Ueleke	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-abstain, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Albert Pope as chairman.

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to approve the following appointments to the Neighborhood Preservation Commission:

Scott Balentine	Ellen Bernstein	Tiffany Howlett	Laura Meanwell	Daniel Oppenheim	Margaret Owens
Marissa Rogers	Carol Russell	Beth Ueleke	Laurie Whitney	Gerald Wilson	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-abstain, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Laura Meanwell as chairman.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the following appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission:

Mike Agee, Brett Borm and Michael Shelton with terms ending December 31, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Kevin Young as chairman.

Public Safety Education Commission

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the following appointments to the Public Safety Education Commission:

John Arth	Lucy Burkhalter	Katherine Elsenrath	John Garner	John Johnson	Manjit Kaur
John Miles	Lisa Stagoski	Michael Threlkeld	John Vaden	Terri Johnson	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to amend the appointment of Terri Johnson and instead appoint Kathi Wright.

John Arth	Lucy Burkhalter	Katherine Elsenrath	John Garner	John Johnson	Manjit Kaur
John Miles	Lisa Stagoski	Michael Threlkeld	John Vaden	Kathi Wright	

ROLL CALL: On amendment- Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Mr. Arth as chairman.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the appointment of Wayne Lichliter and Roderick Motley to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission with terms ending December 31, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Wayne Lichliter as chairman.

Public Art Commission

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the following appointments to the Public Art Commission:

Christopher Schmidt- Design Review Commission; Albert Pope- Beautification Commission; Kevin Young- Parks & Recreation Commission with terms ending December 31, 2021, and Ben Guthrie and Cara Sievers with terms ending December 31, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Amanda Littlejohn as chairman.

ADA Access Review Board

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the appointment of Lisa Granger to serve on the ADA Access Review Board.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Lisa Granger as chairman.

Environmental Commission

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the following appointments to the Environmental Commission:

Jimmy Davis	Urania Erskine	Terri Johnson	Claudio Meier	Francoise Mireless
Scott Schoefernacker	Joe Skelley	Susan Threlkeld	Jayu Wagh	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Joe Skelley as chairman.

Germantown Athletic Club Advisory Commission

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to approve the following appointments to the Germantown Athletic Club Advisory Commission:

Frank Baker	Richard Bernstein	Dana Driver	Kristina Garner	Charles Hurst
Frank Lamanna	Gizelle Motley	Sylvia Poll	Ric Wolbrecht	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Ric Wolbrecht as chairman.

Industrial Development Board

There are no expired terms on the Industrial Development Board.

Personnel Advisory Commission

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the following appointments to the Personnel Advisory Commission:

Jon Berry Diane Heyman Bran Janz Richard Rossen
Jerry Schatz Claire Shapiro Pat Sherman

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Claire Shapiro as chairman.

Retirement Plan Advisory Commission/OPEB

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to appoint Ralph Gabb, Eric Leong and Jeffrey Lewis to the Retirement Plan Advisory Commission.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Jeffrey Lewis as chairman.

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the following appointments to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission:

Edrie Bobbitt Charles Clark Alice Colville James Debo Leslie Dewey
Deborah Edwards Brandy Miller Larry Unterberger Jayu Wagh

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed James Debo as chairman.

Technology Commission

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve the following appointments to the Technology Commission:

John Colmer	Richard Davis	Andy Field	Joshua Freeman
Garry Graves	Lori Messina	Horace Taylor	

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed John Colmer as chairman.

Tree Board

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the appointment of Michael Shelton to the Tree Board with term ending December 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-yes, Gibson-yes, Hicks-yes, Ueleke-yes, McCreery-yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Palazzolo appointed Michael Shelton as chairman.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Palazzolo, Mayor

Michele Betty, City Clerk/Recorder