

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

February 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6 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: Jeff Beaman, Pam Beasley, Michele Betty, Reynold Douglas, Tony Fischer, Richard Hall, Jason Huisman, Patrick Lawton, Mac McCarroll, Lisa Piefer, Cameron Ross, Adrienne Royals, John Selberg and Steve Wilensky.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Invocation

The invocation was led by Patrick Lawton.

Statement from Mayor Palazzolo

Mayor Palazzolo 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. 71, an order extending Executive Order Nos. 16, 34, 51, 60 and 65, 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 have access to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting via real-time video. The meeting will also be recorded and available within 48 hours of the meeting. These measures are temporary, and are due to expire on February 27, 2021, unless further action is taken by Governor Lee.

Establishment of a Quorum

Establishment of Necessity to Conduct the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting Electronically

Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 71, an order extending Executive Order No. 16, required 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 February 8, 2021 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting 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 is asked to set the agenda for the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to change the title Preliminary Agenda to Consent Agenda and to make this change for all future meetings.

By general consensus, the motion to change the title Preliminary Agenda to Consent Agenda and to make this change for all future meetings is postponed until the February 22, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hicks , to approve the February 8, 2021 agenda as written.

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval is requested of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 25, 2021.

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen regular meeting held January 11, 2021 as written.

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

Citizens to be Heard

No citizens came forward.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Germantown Education Commission Youth Excellence Award – January 2021

Emma Nicell, a Houston High School senior, is the January award recipient.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA – Donation – Germantown Education Foundation – Friend of the Foundation – 2nd Quarter

This agenda item is to authorize the remittance of money collected from citizens and others during the second quarter of FY21 in the amount of \$3,341.50 to the Germantown Education Foundation.

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to approve the preliminary agenda as read.

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

Following the preliminary agenda, staff provided the Board and the public a brief overview regarding the City of Germantown/Town of Collierville regional vaccination site located at Germantown Baptist Church.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Palazzolo, Mayor

Michele Betty, City Clerk/Recorder