

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
October 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Mike Palazzolo was present and presiding.

The following aldermen were present: Scott Sanders, Mary Anne Gibson, Sherrie Hicks and Jon McCreery. Staff present: Michele Betty, Rodney Bright, Taylor Cates, Reynold Douglas, Patrick Lawton, Bo Mills, Lisa Piefer and Phil Rogers.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Invocation

The invocation was led by Reynold Douglas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Jon McCreery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set Agenda

The Board is asked to set the agenda for the meeting. Any changes are to be made at this time.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the October 11, 2021 agenda.

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval is requested of the minutes of the regular meeting held September 27, 2021.

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Regular Meeting held September 27, 2021.

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

Citizens to be Heard

Richelle Kidder, 9227 Longwood Lane, came forward asking the Board to approve the proposed civic support for the Germantown Education Foundation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Communications Team

The City-County Communications and Marketing Association Savvy Awards competition recognizes outstanding local government achievements in communications, public-sector marketing and citizen-government relationships. In September, the GERMantown Fighting Together campaign took top honors in the COVID-19 PR campaign category for communities with populations under 99,000. Judges noted that the campaign was visually stunning, community conscious and particularly appealing to its intended audience. The campaign also received two international awards. The Hermes Creative Awards is an international competition for creatives who concept, write and design marketing and communications materials. Two gold Hermes awards in the PR/Communications Strategic Programs Pandemic Response category were received as a result of the campaign.

Germantown Education Commission Teacher of Month Award – October 2021

The October 2021 Teacher of the Month Award winner is Ms. Laura Wade, a second grade teacher at Riverdale.

Germantown Education Commission Youth Excellence Award – October 2021

The October 2021 Youth Excellence Award winner is St. Agnes Academy senior, Stephanie Slavick.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appointment – Retirement Plan Administration Commission/OPEB

Due to a resignation, there is one position available on the Retirement Plan Administration Commission/OPEB. Julius Moody has applied to serve for the remainder of the term.

MOTION: To appoint Julius Moody to the Retirement Plan Administration Commission/OPEB with a term ending December 31, 2021.

Civic Support – Germantown Education Foundation

The fiscal year 2022 budget includes \$100,000.00 intended to support the activities of the foundation. Action by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is necessary to transfer these funds to the Foundation.

MOTION: To approve a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Germantown Education Foundation.

Contract – Fire Station No. 4 Server and Dispatch HVAC Improvements

Since original construction of Fire Station No. 4, the backup data server and dispatch operations have expanded. This has created the necessity to improve space temperatures and humidity control for year-around operations. The original HVAC system does not adequately provide space temperature and humidity control during extreme outdoor temperatures.

MOTION: To approve a contract with Damon Marcus Company for the installation of additional HVAC systems that serve the backup data server and dispatch operations within Fire Station 4 in the amount of \$39,495.00.

Donations – Parks and Recreation

Businesses, organizations and citizens often reach out to the Parks and Recreation Department with a desire to invest in city parks, support programs and/or assist in funding environmental initiatives. The following is a summary of financial gifts received and the donor's wishes:

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Gift</u>
Steve and Rebecca Priddy	\$2,000	2 park benches to be placed on the Greenway
Steve and Rebecca Priddy	\$1,000	“Living Legacy” Tree Fund for tree plantings on public property
Leadership Germantown	\$1,000	1 park bench to be placed on the Greenway
Leadership Germantown	\$150	“Living Legacy” Tree Fund for a tree to be planted in honor of the Jim Roberts Award winner, Heather Fisher
Campbell Clinic	\$3,500	Event sponsorship “Small Fry Triathlon”
TOTAL	\$7,650	

MOTION: To recognize and accept donations made to the Parks and Recreation Department during the first quarter of FY22 totaling \$7,650.00, and to approve Budget Adjustment No. 22-37.

Purchase – Club Strength Fitness Equipment

This purchase is to replace weight room benches, squat racks, Olympic platforms, functional training apparatus, kettlebells, dumbbells and plates. With no electronics, and minimal moving parts, purchasing this type of equipment is a more cost effective than leasing. This project is planned to be completed in conjunction with the weight room flooring replacement. The old equipment will be moved to the basketball court while repairs, painting and the flooring can be installed prior to the new equipment being delivered.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of fitness strength equipment with Direct Fitness Solutions in the amount of \$80,338.90, and Budget Adjustment No. 22-38 for the Germantown Athletic Club.

Purchase – Club Weight Room Flooring

The current flooring was installed in 2011 and is showing signs of wear, and staining. The weight room is a heavy use area where members are dropping dumbbells or medicine balls, pushing or pulling weighted sleds, or even using the floor for certain exercises. Since most of the selectorized fitness equipment was relocated to the former basketball court, there is an opportunity for the Club to enhance functional exercise space and offerings by putting down turf that can act as space for training, and other functional or speed type training. This project is planned to be completed in unison with the remaining equipment replacement.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of rubber tile flooring from Carpet Contractors, LLC. in the amount of \$140,000.00, and indoor artificial turf flooring from Direct Fitness Solutions in the amount of \$8,560.00, for a total expenditure of \$148,560.00 for the Germantown Athletic Club.

Purchase – Police Vehicles

Funding for this purchase was approved as part of the Infrastructure Replacement Program FY22 Budget process. Replacement criteria consist of vehicle age, maintenance cost, utilization and dependability. Service vehicles under extreme usage, such as patrol vehicles, are usually replaced every four to eight years, whereas others might be replaced every eight to twelve years.

MOTION: To authorize the purchase of police vehicles from Ford of Murfreesboro in the amount of \$155,000.00, and two new vehicles from Wilson County Motors in the amount of \$35,911.20, for a total amount of \$190,911.20; and declare units 3087, 3088, 3093, 3101, 3139, and 3148 as surplus property.

Reimbursement – Overtime Police

The Police Department has an officer assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Safe Streets Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, the Terrorism Task Force and the Secret Service Task Force. The Task Forces reimburse overtime that the officer receives while carrying out his/her duties. The Department of Homeland Security reimbursed \$4,582.33 and The State of Tennessee Governors Highway Safety Office reimbursed \$521.86, for a total of \$5,104.19.

MOTION: To recognize overtime reimbursement from the Department of Homeland Security and The State of Tennessee to the Germantown Police Department in the amount of \$5,104.19, and approve Budget Adjustment No. 22-31 and Budget Adjustment No. 22-32.

Appointments – Germantown Forward 2030 Steering Committee

In January 2015, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen appointed a 30-member steering committee to update the then Vision 2020 strategic plan. Over the course of the year, members were engaged in a dialogue about challenges and opportunities, community values and ensuring a sustainable future for the City. The process capitalized on the expertise of residents to ensure that the strategic plan met their needs and included innovative solutions to address economic, environmental and social issues faced today and anticipated to emerge in the future. In all, over 300 residents engaged in the process.

The initial Germantown Forward 2030 strategic plan was intended to be updated every five years. After a delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Administration is prepared to conduct the update in a manner that allows for social distancing. As before, the update will rely on input from residents to ensure that the resulting vision and values statement and resulting key performance areas, meet the needs of those who call Germantown home.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of

Russell Johnson, co-chair	Mike Edwards	Dan Roberts
Manjit Kaur, co-chair	Jason Gillum	Kathy Simonetti
Kevin Young, co-chair	John Johnson	Allyson Smothers
Matt Bailey	Greg Marcom	Elissa Stratton
Scott Balentine	George Marinos	Tom Tompkins
Joey Beckford	Gizelle Motley	Rick Towne
Jeremy Black	Dave Phillips	Chris Tutor
Lucy Cummings	Steve Priddy	Gary Yenser
Janie Day	Chancellor Reynolds	

to serve on the Germantown Forward 2030 update steering committee.

Water System Acquisition – MLGW Water Infrastructure South of Winchester

In 1999, the City of Germantown annexed land south of Poplar Pike in the general area of Forest Hill Irene Rd southward to the Nonconnah Creek. The City undertook both water and sewer improvements to provide required utility service to this area. In order to provide adequate pressure for fire suppression, it was decided that MLGW would have responsibility for the area south of Winchester Rd. This area continues to be served by MLGW water. There are approximately 670 acres in this area with about half of the acreage undeveloped. There are 39 active water customers. These existing customers and future customers, such as the proposed City sports complex, should be on Germantown's water system to increase revenues and deliver service excellence.

MOTION: To approve the execution of an agreement with Memphis Light Gas and Water for the purchase of water infrastructure assets south of Winchester Rd. within the City limits of Germantown in the amount of \$58,588.65, and to approve Budget Adjustment No. 22-34.

Motion by Mr. McCreery, with no objection, to move to the Consent Agenda #9 Appointments – Germantown Forward 2030 Steering Committee and #11 Water System Acquisition – MLGW Water Infrastructure South of Winchester.

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

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

REGULAR

Ordinance 2021-13 – Establishment of a Stormwater Advisory Commission & Amendments to Chapter 21 Utilities, Article VII, Sections 21-303 AND 21-313 – Second Reading and Public Hearing

With the growing emphasis on stormwater concerns and projects around the City, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) wanted experts in the fields of stormwater management, engineering, and construction development to advise them on stormwater issues throughout the community. This Commission will seek to better understand the City's stormwater needs and provide advice to the Department of Engineering, Public Works and the BMA on these issues.

Mayor Palazzolo opened the floor for the public hearing. Having no one come forward, Mayor Palazzolo closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve on second reading Ordinance 2021-13, establishing a stormwater advisory commission, and amendments to Chapter 21 Utilities, Article VII, Section 21-303 and 21-313.

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to amend the proposed language in Sec. 2-202 Membership. with the following redlined change to include the addition of a non-voting member from the Financial Advisory Commission to serve as a liaison to the newly established Stormwater Advisory Commission.

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve on second reading Ordinance 2021-13, establishing a stormwater advisory commission, and amendments to Chapter 21 Utilities, Article VII, Section 21-303 and 21-313, as amended.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Palazzolo, Mayor

Michele Betty, City Clerk/Recorder