

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**February 28, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, 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, Brian Ueleke and Jon McCreery. Staff present: Pam Beasley, Michele Betty, Tony Fischer, Richard Hall, Jason Huisman, Mac McCarroll, Bo Mills, Catherine Perdue, Lisa Piefer, Cameron Ross, Adrienne Royals and Andy Sanders.

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

The invocation was led by Bo Mills.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Hicks 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 February 28, 2022 agenda.

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 February 14, 2022.

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Regular Meeting held February 14, 2022.

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

**Citizens to be Heard**

No citizens came forward.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

**Germantown Education Commission Teacher of the Month – February 2022**

Dr. Perry Pennington, a seventh-grade teacher at Riverdale School, is the February 2022 Teacher of the Month award winner.

**Germantown Education Commission Youth Excellence Award – February 2022**

Emma Johnson, a senior at Houston High School, is the February 2022 Youth Excellence award winner.

**Proclamation – Arbor Day 2022**

Mayor Palazzolo proclaimed Friday, March 4, 2022 as Arbor Day in the city of Germantown.

**Proclamation – Houston High School Varsity Cheer Day**

Mayor Palazzolo proclaimed, Monday, February 28, 2022 as Houston High School Varsity Cheer Day in the city of Germantown.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Appointment – Beautification Commission**

There were two positions on this commission not filled at the Special Called Meeting held on December 15, 2021. Mrs. Pamela Solaas has applied to fill the remaining vacancy.

MOTION: To appoint Pamela Solaas to the Beautification Commission with a term ending December 31, 2022.

**Appointment – Shelby County Board of Equalization**

The Shelby County Board of Equalization is comprised of nine members. The Memphis City Council elects three members. Three members are elected by the County commissioners. The City of Bartlett, Town of Collierville and City of Germantown appoint one member each. The Board of Equalization examines, compares and equalizes the assessments of the Shelby County Assessor's office when appeals are made.

MOTION: To appoint Floyd R. Rumage as the City of Germantown representative to the Shelby County Board of Equalization for a term of two (2) years to expire on April 30, 2024.

**Change Order No. 1 – Ice Storm Debris Collection and Disposal**

Additional funding is needed for the collection and disposal of debris from the ice storm that occurred on February 3, 2022. There have been delays in debris being put out for collection for various reasons which has greatly impacted previous estimates. Additional fallen debris and wooded areas in backyards that couldn't be observed has led to an abundance of additional debris. Staff met with FEMA on February 16, 2022 to discuss state and federal declarations, preliminary debris estimates and categories for reimbursements. If there is an emergency declaration, the City is prepared to submit all of the City's costs for reimbursement.

MOTION: To ratify and approve Change Order No. 1 for not-to-exceed purchase amounts from Quad County Environmental for \$105,000.00, Michael's Tree & Loader for \$295,000.00, Brightview for \$50,000.00 and Debris Tech for \$45,000.00 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$495,000.00.

**Grant – Germantown Charity Horse Show**

This grant allows the City to serve as the Blue Ribbon Sponsor for the 2022 Germantown Charity Horse Show. Benefits of the sponsorship include title sponsorship of the Grand Prix, ring announcements during the show, ring banners, a full-page program ad, social media mentions, a product display during the show and presence at other GCHS events. The economic impact of the show is estimated at \$1.7 million each year.

MOTION: To authorize a grant to the Germantown Charity Horse Show in the amount of \$25,000.00

Motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the consent agenda as read.

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

City Attorney John R. (Mac) McCarroll, III stepped down from the dais.

**REGULAR**

**Agreement – Legal Services**

During the BMA Visioning session in January 2021, the BMA requested that legal services complete a new solicitation process. Staff proceeded and included the process implementation for the FY22 budget. A Request for Statement of Qualifications was issued and advertised. The City received proposals from two firms. The evaluation team met to discuss vendor proposals and select the vendor to interview. The evaluation team selected Burch, Porter and Johnson (BPJ) and respectfully recommends that John R. McCarroll, III be appointed

as City Attorney and BPJ continue as the City's provider for legal services. Members of BPJ have served as City Attorneys for over 25 years.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to appoint John R. McCarroll, III, as City Attorney and approve a five (5) year agreement for legal services with Burch, Porter and Johnson, PLLC.

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

City Attorney John R. (Mac) McCarroll, III returned to the dais.

**Resolution 22R06 – Support for Increased Basic Education Program Funding by the State of Tennessee and a Fiscally Responsible Approach to Local Contributions**

Since 1992, the state of Tennessee's funding formula for K-12 public education has been the Basic Education Program. This 30-year old formula specifies basic education needs and distributes state money to local school district based on enrollment. Over the last few months, the Tennessee Department of Education has conducted a public engagement process throughout the state in support of revisions to the BEP funding formula. Governor Lee has already proposed \$1 billion in new education spending for public schools across Tennessee within the state's FY23 budget. It is expected that the Governor and the Education Commissioner will unveil legislation detailing a newly-proposed, student-based funding formula, known as the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement formula (TISA), during the week of Feb. 20-26. The ambiguity surrounding the details of local contribution mandates in the proposed legislation has led to skepticism about the TISA formula funding strategy and apprehension that local maintenance of effort requirements for select municipalities may increase to unaffordable levels.

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve Resolution 22R06, formally supporting an increase in state funding for K-12 Tennessee public schools and to discourage added, undue financial burdens on local municipalities and their constituents through local contribution mandates pertaining to public education.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Palazzolo, Mayor

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Michele Betty, City Clerk/Recorder