

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**June 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Monday, June 13, 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: Michele Betty, Rodney Bright, Reynold Douglas, Tony Fischer, De’Kisha Fondon, Jason Huisman, Amy LaRusso, Mac McCarroll, Bo Mills, Cathryn Perdue, Lisa Piefer, Sheila Pounder, Cameron Ross, Sherry Rowell, Adrienne Royals, Natalie Ruffin, Andy Sanders, Keith Saunders, John Selberg, Courtney Taylor and Emily Zimmer. Guest: Kevin Jones, Finance Director for Germantown Municipal Schools.

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

The invocation was led by Andy Sanders

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Ueleke 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 June 13, 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 May 23, 2022.

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 23, 2022.

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

**Citizens to be Heard**

The Honorable Lynn Cobb, General Sessions Judge, Division 1, came forward to express his appreciation for the Board’s endorsement for re-election in 2022.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Appointment – Technology Commission – Esmail**

Due to a resignation from the Technology Commission, Mr. Ahmed Esmail has applied to fill the vacancy.

MOTION: To appoint Ahmed Esmail to the Technology Commission with a term ending December 31, 2022.

**Appointment – Technology Commission – Goranson**

Due to a second resignation from the Technology Commission, Mr. Anders Goranson has applied to fill the vacancy.

MOTION: To appoint Anders Goranson to the Technology Commission with a term ending December 31, 2022.

**Contract – Cameron Brown Park Pier Replacement**

The existing fishing pier over the pond at Cameron Brown Park was built as an addition to the park in 1983. Due to the pier's age and normal wear and tear, the decking and railing has declined in performance and safety. The pier has surpassed its usable life and requires replacement.

MOTION: To approve a contract with B&B Specialty Contractors, Inc. for the replacement of the fishing pier at Cameron Brown Park in the amount of \$46,000.00.

**Donation – Germantown Education Foundation – Friend of the Foundation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen established the opportunity for Germantown citizens to donate funds to the foundation through their monthly water bill. Friend of the Foundation currently has 214 recurring donors.

MOTION: To approve the disbursement of funding collected by the City from residents and others within the community for the Germantown Education Foundation in the amount of \$3,965.50

**Donation – Parks and Recreation Department**

Ms. Angela Thompson donated \$1,000.00 for a memorial park bench and plaque to be placed at Cameron Brown Park in memory of her daughter, Kimberly Thompson Carroll.

MOTION: To authorize / approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a memorial park bench to be placed at Cameron Brown Park in remembrance of Kimberly Thompson Carroll, and to approve Budget Adjustment No. 22-164.

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

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

**REGULAR**

**Ordinance 2022-1 – Ordinance to Adopt the FY2023 Budget – Second Reading and Public Hearing**

The FY23 Proposed Budget takes into consideration the Policy Agenda developed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The Financial Advisory Commission (FAC) has held several meetings with the staff to review each component of the budget including the financial policies, the entire General Fund, the Enterprise Funds, the Special Revenue Funds and the Capital Improvements Program.

FAC Chairman Michael McLaughlin came forward to state the FAC recommends approval of the FY23 budget.

Motion by Alderman Sanders, without opposition, to amend the FY23 budget by increasing civic support by \$3,000.00 for the Beautification Commission's planned landscaping improvements to the Germantown post office.

Motion by Alderman Ueleke, without opposition, to amend the FY23 capital projects budget to include \$500,000.00 for the design work of the Premiere Sports Complex (Long Field Complex.)

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

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve on second reading Ordinance 2022-1, tentatively approving the FY23 Proposed Budget as amended.

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

**Ordinance 2022-2 – Year-End Budget Adjustments – Second Reading and Public Hearing**

At the end of the fiscal year, year-end budget adjustments are required to avoid budget and fund overruns in the various funds. All of the expenditures/expenses being funded by budget adjustments were approved under the City's procurement policies and adhere to generally accepted accounting principles' guidelines.

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

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve Ordinance 2022-2 on second reading for year-end budget adjustments.

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

**Ordinance 2022-3 – Real & Personalty Property Taxes – Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Concurrent with the adoption of the FY23 Budget, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen are asked to adopt the FY23 property tax rate on second reading and conduct a public hearing. The recommended property tax rate for the FY23 budget on second reading is \$1.6732 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

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

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve Ordinance 2022-3 on second reading, establishing the certified property tax rate of \$1.6732.

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

**Ordinance 2022-4 – Germantown Municipal School District Year-End Budget Adjustments – Second Reading and Public Hearing**

This agenda item is to approve Ordinance 2022-4 on second reading and conduct the public hearing. At the end of the fiscal year, year-end budget adjustments are required to avoid budget and fund overruns in the various funds for the Germantown Municipal School District.

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

Motion by Mr. Ueleke, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to approve Ordinance 2022-4 for the Germantown Municipal School District year-end budget adjustments on second reading.

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

**Contract – Cameron Brown Park Field Improvements**

This agenda item is to approve a contract with B & B Specialty Contractors, Inc. for base preparation and installation of artificial turf on four baseball fields and to accept Bid Alternate # 1 for artificial turf applications to three batting cages at Cameron Brown Park in the amount of \$964,000.00.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Hicks, to approve a contract with B & B Specialty Contractors, Inc. for base preparation, installation of synthetic turf on four baseball infields and acceptance of Bid Alternate #1 for synthetic turf applications to three batting cages at Cameron Brown Park in the amount of \$964,000.00, and to approve Budget Adjustment No. 22-142.

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