

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
February 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Palazzolo was present and presiding.

The following aldermen were present: Mary Anne Gibson, Sherrie Hicks, Brian Ueleke and Jon McCreery. Staff present: Michele Betty, Reynold Douglas, Mike Fisher, Eric Grizzard, Jason Huisman, Mac McCarroll, Lisa Piefer, Cameron Ross, Natalie Ruffin and Andy Sanders.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Mayor stated the Board of Mayor and Aldermen met with the City Attorney in a closed meeting prior to this evening's regular meeting to discuss legal matters.

The Mayor welcomed the January-June 2024 Leaders of Excellence and Ambassador Development (LEAD) class to the meeting. LEAD is a City program that allows employees to experience the work that takes place in other departments, broaden their understanding of the City's business, and form relationships with coworkers from other areas.

Invocation

The invocation was led by Reynold Douglas.

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. McCreery, to approve the February 26, 2024 agenda.

ROLL CALL: Sanders-absent, 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 12, 2024.

Motion by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. McCreery, to approve the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen regular meeting held February 12, 2024.

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

Citizens to be Heard

Robyn Sharp, of the Germantown Community Theatre, came forward to thank the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for supporting the theatre.

Mayor Palazzolo recessed the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting and reconvened as the Beer Board.

BEER BOARD – Public Hearing – Temporary Beer Permit – On-Premise Application – Grand Krewe of PTAH

A temporary beer sales permit application has been submitted by The Grand Krewe of PTAH to have on-premise consumption at the Great Hall & Conference Center for their Coronation on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 6:30 - 11:30 pm. The Krewe was granted on January 8, 2024 a temporary permit for this event to be held on January 20. Due to the snow and icy weather conditions, the event was postponed to March 1. The City Code allows

temporary permits to be good for no more than 30 days. Unfortunately, the Krewe was not able to reserve the Great Hall during those 30 days.

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

Motion by Mr. McCreery, seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the request of The Grand Krewe of PTAH for a temporary permit to sell beer for on-premise consumption on Friday, March 1, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm, at the Great Hall & Conference Center, located at 1900 S. Germantown Road.

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

Mayor Palazzolo recessed the Beer Board and reconvened as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 task of the Board of Equalization is to examine, compare and equalize the assessments of the Shelby County Assessor's office when appeals are made. Mr. Floyd R. Ramage, 1829 Oak Hill Cove, has served as the City's representative on the Shelby County Board of Equalization since June 22, 1998. His current term expires April 30, 2024.

MOTION: To appoint Floyd R. Ramage 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, 2026.

Contract Extension – Fireworks

Each year, the City contracts with a fireworks company to provide an electronically-fired, aerial fireworks display for the July Family Fourth event held at Municipal Park. For the 2023 show, the contract was awarded to Pyro Shows, Inc. in the amount of \$30,500.00 with an option to extend the contract for two additional years at the same price. Due to the 2023 show being canceled for unsafe weather conditions, the City will receive a \$7,500.00 credit from Pyro Shows, Inc.

MOTION: To approve a contract extension in the amount of \$30,500.00 with Pyro Shows, Inc. for the fireworks display on July 4, 2024.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Calendar

Each year a budget calendar is developed for the timely completion of the City's annual operating and capital budgets for the forthcoming fiscal year. The calendar identifies the major reviews in preparing the annual budget, the meetings scheduled for the Financial Advisory Commission, and the three readings for budget adoption by the Board.

MOTION: To approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Calendar.

Grant – Germantown Community Theatre

As part of the FY24 Budget, a \$75,000.00 grant was included in the Civic Support budget for the Germantown Community Theatre to provide youth theater programming and staffing support to the community. This is the sixteenth year the theatre has offered programming to youth through City funding.

MOTION: To authorize a theatre program agreement for the FY24 budget year between the City and the Germantown Community Theatre, and to authorize the budget payment of \$75,000.00.

Purchase – Firefighter Turnout Clothing

The purchase of this gear was approved in the FY24 budget process as part of the turnout gear replacement cycle necessary for the fire department to perform essential job functions and operate in immediate danger life and health environments.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of sixteen (16) sets of new Fire-Dex turnout clothing from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for Fire Department personnel in the total amount of \$50,290.00.

Motion by Ms. Gibson, and seconded by Mr. Ueleke, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Ordinance 2024-6 – Rezoning of 9709, 9713 & 9715 Poplar Ave. (“O” Office to “RE” Residential Estate) – Third and Final Reading

In 1939, a single-family house was built at 9709 Poplar Avenue, under the “AG” Agricultural zoning in unincorporated Shelby County. In 1984, a 2,128-sq.ft. cabin was built at 9713/9715 Poplar Avenue while also part of unincorporated Shelby County. In 2000, these properties were annexed into the City with the zoning designation “O” Office. These properties have remained single-family residential. The applicant at 9713/9715 Poplar Avenue wishes to demolish the existing cabin and improve the property in constructing a new single-family house. The property at 9709 Poplar Ave. would remain as it currently is, which is developed with a single-family house. In order to allow such single-family residential improvements, the property requires having a zoning designation that allows this use. Under the “O” Office zoning designation, single-family residential is not an allowable use. No one came forward during public hearing held February 12, 2024.

Motion by Mr. McCreery, and seconded by Ms. Hicks, to approve Ordinance 2024-6 on third reading for the rezoning of 9709, 9713 and 9715 Poplar Avenue from “O” Office to “RE” Residential Estate.

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

Legislative Agenda Updates

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen provided updates regarding key items in the City’s legislative agenda.

Mike Palazzolo, Mayor

Michele Betty, City Clerk/Recorder