

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

July 11, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on July 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center.

Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy was present and presiding.

The following Aldermen were present: Mark Billingsley, Ernest Chism, John Drinnon, Greg Marcom and Mike Palazzolo. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Tom Cates, George Brogdon, Andy Pouncey, Chief Richard Hall, Deputy Chief Edgar Babian, Ralph Gabb, Michael Stoll, Pam Beasley, Tim Gwaltney, Butch Eder, Melody Pittman, Lisa Piefer and Dotty Johnson.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation

Economic and Community Development Director Andy Pouncey gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Drinnon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Goldsworthy stated that during the executive session the Board had agreed to defer number 11 - Contract for Planning Services – The Lawrence Group until the Board Retreat and to move number 12 - Purchase – Ammunition for Police Department to the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo, to approve the agenda as amended.

ROLL CALL: Marcom–yes, Drinnon–yes, Palazzolo-yes, Billingsley-yes, Chism–yes. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Mr. Marcom, to approve the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting held June 27, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Marcom–yes, Drinnon–yes, Palazzolo-yes, Billingsley-yes, Chism–yes. Motion approved

Citizens to be Heard

Ms. Barbara Ragsdale, 3520 Crestwyn Dr., came forward and expressed her concerns over the storm water management fee. She felt she should not be charged the fee since her ground water drainage is never handled by the City of Germantown. She stated she receives no benefit from the \$3.50 she pays each month.

Presentation – Bird Feeder Project

Library Director Melody Pittman came forward and explained that over the past three years, Michelle McDonnell, Special Events/Marketing Coordinator for Parks and Recreation, had held dances and programs in the Pickering Center, the Great Hall and the Athletic Club pool. The Community Library and Parks joined together in June to host a Summer Recreation Unlimited Summer Camp experience.

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The Bird Feeder Project was created as a way for participants of special needs programming to thank those individuals and groups who have supported their programs and events throughout the year. They presented the Board with bird feeders that the participants made and a camp T-shirt.

Clark Tompkins and his father Tom Tompkins and Jeff Harding and his mother Mrs. Mary Harding thanked the Board for allowing the use of the facilities and for their support for the special needs groups.

Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Funds

Deputy Chief Edgar Babian came forward and explained that the Memphis Urban Area had received a grant through the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. The City has been approved to receive \$78,554.00 to use toward approved homeland security efforts. The grant procedures will allow for Germantown to be reimbursed by Shelby County upon submittal of receipts for items purchased or expenses incurred. These grant funds will be used to purchase items and training for the Fire and Police Departments. This will include communications equipment, incident command equipment, a swiftwater rescue boat, and related homeland security training.

Motion by Mr. Marcom, seconded by Mr. Drinnon, to accept a homeland security reimbursement grant in the amount of \$78,554.00.

ROLL CALL: Marcom–yes, Drinnon–yes, Palazzolo–yes, Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes. Motion approved.

Signalization – Poplar/Oakleigh – Award of Construction Contract

City Engineer Tim Gwaltney explained that this is the award of a construction contract with DeSoto County Electric company, Inc. for the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Poplar Ave. and Oakleigh Lane. Oakleigh Lane serves as a north-south link between Poplar Ave. on the north and Poplar Pike on the south. The traffic volumes in this area have gradually increased to the point that the existing non-signalized intersection of Poplar and Oakleigh is no longer safe or efficient.

The City submitted this project to the Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization and TDOT for consideration of funding through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program and our request was approved. CMAQ funded projects are 100% reimbursable.

Motion by Mr. Palazzolo, seconded by Mr. Billingsley, to authorize the approval of a contract with DeSoto County Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$120,235.85 for installation of a new traffic signal at Poplar Ave. and Oakleigh Lane.

ROLL CALL: Marcom–yes, Drinnon–yes, Palazzolo–yes, Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes. Motion approved.

Signalization – Poplar/Oakleigh – CEI Professional Services

Mr. Gwaltney stated this was a Professional Services Contract for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services with the Pickering Firm, Inc. related to the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Poplar and Oakleigh Lane. This CMAQ funded project requires that an independent engineering firm provide engineering construction and inspection services throughout construction.

The Pickering Firm was chosen from three interested firms by the selection committee and the best qualified firm to perform the tasks necessary to complete the project within the given timeframe and with the quality service the City expects.

In response to a question from Alderman Drinnon, Mr. Gwaltney stated there was a five person selection committee who selected the firm based on the qualifications. The team includes City Engineer Tim

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Gwaltney, Assistant City Engineer Tony Ladd, CIP Manager Butch Eder, Traffic Engineer Jonathan Smith, and Stormwater Engineer Tim Bierdz.

Motion by Mr. Marcom, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo, to authorize the approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Pickering, Inc. in the amount of \$25,667.00 for construction engineering and inspection services related to a new traffic signal at the intersection of Poplar Ave. and Oakleigh Lane.

ROLL CALL: Marcom–yes, Drinnon–yes, Palazzolo–yes, Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes. Motion approved.

Contract for Planning Services – The Lawrence Group - DEFERRED

Purchase – Ammunition for Police Department – MOVED TO CONSENT

CONSENT

Appointment to the FAC

Mr. Vincent Correale, a local business owner and a 29 year resident of Germantown, has expressed an interest in serving on the Financial Advisory Commission.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Mr. Vincent Correale to serve on the 2011 Financial Advisory Commission.

Purchase – Bulk Water Chemicals

This purchase represents a semi-annual inventory of water treatment chemicals used at both the Southern Ave. and James K. Johnson Water Treatment Plants.

MOTION: To purchase Sodium Hexametaphosphate from Carus Corporation in the amount of \$24,200.00.

Removal and Shipping of Leased Star Trac Equipment

With the conclusion of a three-year contract with Star Trac Fitness and National City Healthcare Finance for the leasing of all cardiovascular and strength training equipment, it is now the City of Germantown's responsibility to ship and deliver the leased equipment to International Capital Equipment.

MOTION: To enter into an agreement with JNJ Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$15,000 for the removal and shipping of the Germantown Athletic Club's leased Star Trac equipment to its final destination of International Capital Equipment, LLC.

Purchase – Ammunition for Police Department – MOVED TO CONSENT

Members of the Police Department are required by the POST Commission to qualify with their duty weapon, off duty weapon, shotgun and patrol rifles each year. Currently the Police Department qualifies three times each year with their duty weapon and patrol rifle and once a year with the shotgun and off duty weapon. This purchase of ammunition will allow each officer the availability to be proficient with their weapon.

MOTION: To purchase ammunition for qualifications, duty ammunition and training ammunition for the Police Department.

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Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo, to accept the consent agenda as read.

ROLL CALL: Marcom–yes, Drinnon–yes, Palazzolo-yes, Billingsley-yes, Chism–yes. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Goldsworthy, Mayor

Dotty Johnson, City Clerk/Recorder