

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
August 27, 2007

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on August 27, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal Center.

Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy was present and presiding.

The following Aldermen were present: John Drinnon, Carole Hinely, Mike Palazzolo and Frank Uhlhorn. Alderman Ernest Chism was absent. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Andy Pouncey, Tom Cates, Jerry Cook, Pam Beasley, Captain Frank Hester, Pat McConnell, Bo Mills, Chief Dennis Wolf, Butch Eder, Michael Saddler, Michael Stoll, Ralph Gabb, Lisa Piefer, Derek Chaput, Natalie Ruffin and Melody Pittman.

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Invocation

Father Kirk from the Church of the Holy Spirit will give the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Frank Uhlhorn will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes.

City Beautification Business Award

Holland Studio will be the recipient of the Award.

Resolution 07R13 – Employee Recognition

Patrick Lawton stated the employees do a fantastic job, however, during the summer two things had come to his attention and he felt it was worth taking the time to have certain employees come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for some recognition. In this case it was some employees from the Public Services Division who had overseen the water plant during the incredible heat wave the City had experienced.

The other was the Police Department and two unusual incidents that had happened recently and the training, restraint, and how the department came together in two separate incidents.

The resolution highlights the key elements in our core of values that spell out S.P.I.R.I.T. The personnel in both these departments clearly exemplify what we expect in our employees.

Captain Frank Hester reported that Officer Herndon was in debriefing training as a result of the situation and Officer Langford would not be available.

Bo Mills reported that some of his staff were not available because they were sleeping because they must work tonight's shift.

Ordinance 2007-14 – Amendment to Chapter 2 Administration – Investments – Third and Final Reading

Michael Stoll reported there had been no changes since the first or second reading.

Mr. Lawton commented that over the past couple of years there was a subcommittee of the FAC that meets quarterly to work with staff in reviewing our investments. We are limited in what we can do with

the General Fund dollars but they work with staff to be sure we maximize as much as possible the return that we can received on the General Fund investments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Project Development Contract No. 1162 – Germantown Station Lot 2

Concrete Meter Boxes

In response to a question from Alderman Uhlhorn, Bo Mills stated that we try to fit back to the boxes we now have because we now have so many in place. Others had been tried but they did not hold up. Goddard had been good to work with over the past 20 years and he is the supplier for the Brooks boxes we use.

Water Meters

Cleaning Supplies

Ammunition

Background checks, identification and training for Coaches and Volunteers

Pam Beasley gave a brief history on how we came to use this procedure and practice.

This is a background check procedure for all coaches and volunteers who work with children. This is a pro-active approach to insure the goal in the 2020 Plan of being the safest city in the southeast. This program meets national standards and is a comprehensive volunteer management program. If one wants to work with children in any City sponsored program, you must be qualified by submitting and consenting to a thorough background check. Secondly, we will be able to identify all qualified volunteers. It will allow every coach and volunteer to have a photo ID. It also includes an educational component. The sports providers give the coaches some type of training program that would allow coaches the resources needed such as skill development, rules and regulations of the game, child safety, liability, risk management and sportsmanship.

Ms. Beasley thanked the City Attorney and his office for being instrumental in helping develop the process and guidelines on how to implement the program. Natalie Ruffin and the sports staff also worked with legal council.

A packet of information was distributed and Pam went through each section in more detail.

Mayor Goldsworthy announced the decision had been made to continue renting the Great Hall at the Centre for the next 18 months.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the Council Chamber for the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m.