

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
July 23, 2007

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on July 23, 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: Ernest Chism, John Drinnon, Carole Hinely, Mike Palazzolo and Frank Uhlhorn. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Andy Pouncey, George Brogdon, Kristen Geiger, Tom Cates, Jerry Cook, Pam Beasley, Chief Richard Hall, Pat McConnell, Bo Mills, Chief Dennis Wolf, Butch Eder, Michael Saddler, Michael Stoll, Ralph Gabb, Lisa Piefer, and Melody Pittman.

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

Approval of Minutes

There was one spelling correction to the minutes of the executive session; Pat McConnell's name was misspelled.

Citizens to be Heard

City Beautification Business Award

The Brook Chase Apartments were to receive the award. Emily Bader and Mike Lowry were expected to be available to accept the award. Mr. Lowry is with Master Turf, the agency that maintains the grounds.

Ordinance 2007-12 – Amendment to Germantown S/D Regulations – Add definition of subdivision to Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances – Third and Final Reading

Patrick Lawton noted there were no changes to the Ordinance since the first reading. This ordinance establishes five acres as the minimum required size for all parcels without going through the formal subdivision development process. This would be in keeping with the TCA.

CONSENT AGENDA

TML Pool Safety Partners Matching Grant Program

This grant will be used to help resurface the fire station.

Donation to Police Department – Samaritan Program

Chief Hall stated this fund was utilized maybe twice a month. It is a voucher system. The churches had asked the Police Department to help with the Samaritan Program to insure it was being used properly.

Water Plant Chemicals Inventory

Professional Services Agreement – Sport Lighting

Mr. Lawton stated the Board had previously authorized the purchase of Musco Lighting (fixtures) for the soccer fields. The design and electrical installation of the lighting is now being presented to the Board. The lights will be operated from a remote location.

Delinquent Collection – Shelby County Trustee

Shelby County will take on the responsibility of delinquent Personalty Taxes for the City.

Ralph Gabb stated this was a confirmation of the charge that the County Trustee will be charging and asking to clarify that point. There is about \$172,000.00 the City will try to collect with the assistance of the Shelby County Trustee.

Kristen Geiger stated they were looking at collection agencies in the areas where there are collection of fees (court) and a separate agreement for the collection of taxes.

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Professional Services Agreement - Public Services Administrative Building Phase II

Mr. Lawton stated this was the second phase of this project. He stated a lot was done under the initial contract in Phase I but because the staff could not be misplaced during renovation, it was done in two phases so they could move back and forth.

Bo Mills stated the Phase II contract would be brought to the Board as soon as possible and hopefully keep the same contractor on board after the bid process. This design also includes contract administration through the project.

Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Lawton stated that with Don Lattimer's resignation from the BZA, Mayor Goldsworthy had appointed Elizabeth Boyd to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Mayor Goldsworthy noted two add-ons:

Mr. Lawton noted there were two vacancies on the Public Safety Education Commission and he suggested Ms. Betty Jo Halbach and Mr. John Arth.

Mayor Goldsworthy noted the Federal Government had felt the need to help the local governments by allowing their fire and police departments to organize unions. The House of Representatives passed House Bill 980, which would mandate collective bargaining for all police, fire and government employees in the United States. The resolution will petition our senators to avoid this foolishness on their side of Congress.

A discussion followed on the requirements of the Federal Government over municipalities.

Alderman Drinnon suggested President Bush be sent the resolution in the event the Senate, in their judgment and wisdom were to pass this Bill. Then he could be asked to Veto the bill.

Mayor Goldsworthy suggested that if the Senate passes this Bill then the Board should meet and send a message to the President.

The Board unanimously agreed to add these two items to the consent agenda.

Chief Hall updated the Board on some events that had recently happened.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the Council Chamber for the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m.