

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
May 14, 2007

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on May 14, 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, Kristen Geiger, Tom Cates, Pam Beasley, Jerry Cook, Deputy Chief Tom Lott, Bo Mills, Chief Dennis Wolf, Michael Saddler, Butch Eder, Josh Whitehead, Michael Stoll, Ralph Gabb and Melody Pittman.

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and recessed the Executive Session to go into a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

The Mayor then reconvened the Executive Session.

Mayor Goldsworthy welcomed some members of the Education Foundation. One of the items on the agenda was the recommended transfer of civic support over to the Foundation.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes

Proclamation – National Public Works Week

The Mayor will read the Proclamation at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – Beer Permit – Schnucks Express – 9423 Poplar Ave.

This is the service station next to Fresh Market and across from the Baptist Church.

Recognition of Donation – Germantown Animal Shelter – Houston Middle School BETA Club

The sponsor of the Houston Middle School BETA Club and one of the students will be present for the presentation.

Resolution to Set Dates for Budget Readings

Patrick Lawton stated this was the calendar for the budget ordinances.

Ordinance 2007-6 – An Ordinance to Adopt the 2007-2008 Budget – First Reading/Set Public Hearing Date

Mr. Lawton stated this would be a brief presentation. There had been a work session the previous week on the budget and the numbers had not changed since the work session.

Alderman Uhlhorn stated he would like to have another work session on the budget to go over some of the CIP projects and the Board could review and get a consensus.

Ordinance 2007-7 – Real and Personalty Property Taxes, First Reading/set Public Hearing Date

Kristen Geiger stated the property tax rate would be \$1.54, which is the current rate. This would represent the fifth year since the increase was done in 2003. This rate will generate approximately \$20.8 million dollars for the general fund.

Ordinance 2007-8 – An Ordinance for Year-End Budget Adjustments – First Reading/Set Public Hearing Date

Ms. Geiger explained this was the end of the year budget adjustments that are done to make sure the transfers and overruns are adjusted, as are the requirements.

A transfer was requested to the Germantown Centre in the amount of \$860,000 to make that fund whole and to eliminate fund 15 which was a special revenue fund created for the Business Center and put it into Fund 42 as an accounting procedure and would not negatively affect the Germantown Centre, it would just make it all one.

There will also be some debt issuance, which was not budgeted, and we refunded \$5.5 million in general obligation bonds. The Board must authorize for this to be put into the budget.

Authorization from the Board is also requested to increase the State Street Aid transfer from \$700,000 to \$850,000 due to the rising costs of paving and asphalt.

The adjustment to the Drug Fund is because of the purchase of \$300,000 for the computer automation. Staff is asking authorization to increase the revenues to the Drug Fund and increase the authorization to spend the money.

Finance System Web Upgrade

Ralph Gabb stated this upgrade would allow staff to put the City's tax and water information on-line so that citizens and customers could view their information 24 hours a day and allow them to pay their bills with a credit card.

The Board unanimously agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Ordinance 2007-12 – Amendment to Germantown S/D Regulations – Add definition of subdivision to Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances – First Reading/Set Public Hearing Date

This item was deferred.

Sports Field and park Area Lighting

This item was deferred.

Ambulance Services

There was no action taken on this item. This item was deferred.

Germantown Centre Concession Center

Patrick Lawton asked the Board to approve an agreement with Atlanta Bread Company to operate the concession stand at the Centre and the pool concession. The percentage will depend on the monthly gross sales. The monthly gross 0 - \$3,000 the Centre will get 5%, \$3,001 - \$6,000 = 8%, \$6,001 - \$15,000 = 15%, and \$15,001 + = 20%.

Patrick introduced David Soren the consultant with Atlanta Bread. Mr. Soren stated that any equipment that would be needed on the inside would be at Atlanta Bread's expense. They will use the same menu as the restaurant. They plan to do espresso type coffees, frozen drinks, etc. They will be open in the mornings. The Bistro area will be the responsibility of the City such as plasma TV, chairs, etc.

The plan is to send a copy of the sales tax report, along with a commission check.

The Board unanimously agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Civic Support – Germantown Education Foundation

Mayor Goldsworthy welcomed David Baytos, Dick Leike, and Debbie Wiles members of the Germantown Education Foundation.

Patrick Lawton stated the Foundation was formed about one year ago and they had recently received the 501(c)(3) status as a "not for profit".

The Board had put \$100,000 into this year's budget to fund grants to the Germantown public schools. This action will move the money into the Foundation's account. Over the next few months, the Foundation members will discuss the status of bringing on new Board members and the distribution of the grant proceeds.

Mr. Baytos stated they will solicit resumes and would welcome any recommendations from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. It was their goal to review the resumes by the end of July and expand the Board in August. They must develop the grant application process and in August it will be sent to the schools and have an information setting for educational program for the principals or their representatives from all the Germantown schools.

Mayor Goldsworthy, thanked the Library Board, on behalf of the Aldermen, for all that had been required in getting all the legalities and the concept to get the Board started.

The Board unanimously agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Emergency Purchase - Aerial Truck Transmission Replacement

The work had already been done on the truck.

The Board unanimously agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

ADD-ON – Resolution – Litigation Settlement

The Mayor stated the Board had unanimously agreed to place this item on the agenda as an add-on.

CONSENT AGENDA

Amendment to Project Development Contract Number 1128 – Germantown Square Condominiums, Phase 2 – Change Developer and Effective Date

Project Development Contract Number 1153 – First Trust Bank – Phase 1, Stonecreek Centre

Purchase – Bulk Asphalt

Purchase – Limestone Gravel

Professional Services Agreement – Arthur, Moore & Riggs Road Neighborhood Planning Initiative Area – Engineering Design for Moore Road Improvements

Fire Fighter Turnout Gear

Decorative Street Signs

Recognition of Donation – Neighborhood Preservation Commission

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to the Council Chamber for the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.