

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**January 8, 2007**

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on January 8, 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, Carole Hinely, Mike Palazzolo and Frank Uhlhorn. Alderman Drinnon was absent. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Andy Pouncey, Tom Cates, Jerry Cook, John Dluhos, Chief Richard Hall, Pat McConnell, Chief Dennis Wolf, Bruce Tillman, Josh Whitehead, Michael Saddler, Butch Eder, Ralph Gabb and Michael Stoll.

**Approval of Minutes**

There were no corrections to the minutes.

**Citizens to be Heard**

**Youth Excellence Award**

Ms. Margaret Joyce will be the recipient of this award.

**Teacher of the Month Award**

Ms. Allison Rogers, a former student of Germantown High School and now a teacher there will receive this award.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 2006-8 – Amendment to Chapter 23 of the Zoning Ordinance – Adding Hotels as a Permitted Use in the “C-2” Commercial District – Second Reading**

Jerry Cook stated there had not been any changes in the substance of this ordinance.

**Sale of City Owned Property – 6535 Poplar Avenue – south side of Poplar Avenue, adjacent to the west side of Fountain Square Condominiums**

Tom Cates stated, in Tennessee, there is no requirement for bidding the acquisition or the disposition of real property. John Walker had expressed an interest in buying the property. The City had the property appraised under the hypothetical set of facts that it could be rezoned for office use. Presently it is zoned for multi family. We have a contract with Mr. Walker, and if the sale is approved, it will give him thirty days to make an inspection of the property. If he decides to buy the property, he would have until October 1, 2007 to get the property rezoned and get all the land-use permits needed. The City had not made any promises about the rezoning; he must go through the process. If he does all this, he must put up \$50,000.00 earnest money and then close on the property fifteen days after this. The total appraised value of the property is \$515,000.00.

Alderman Uhlhorn stated he might have an interest in this at some point in the future and he would not participate in the discussion or vote.

Mayor Goldsworthy stated this article dealt with only the sale of the property and there had been no commitment made regarding rezoning or future land use.

**Ordinance 2007-1 – Amendment to Purchasing Ordinance – First Reading**

Patrick Lawton distributed the agenda sheet and the ordinance. There were three levels staff was asking the Board to change. The top level would be for purchases above \$10,000.00 would still require competitive sealed bids, and then would be presented to the Board for consideration. The next level would be for purchases between \$4,000.00 and \$10,000.00 and would required 2 to 3

competitive quotes and approval by the department, City Administrator and the Mayor. The third level would be for purchases up to \$4,000.00 and would require approval by department head and the City Administrator.

At the third and final reading on this proposed ordinance, the City Attorney and the City Administrator will present to the Board a resolution regarding the process necessary for purchases made under \$4,000.00.

A discussion followed on the City's purchasing process and how it had changed.

Mr. Cates stated that with the new policy there would be a report to the Board each month on the purchases made under \$4,000.00.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Subdivision Development Contract No. 485 – the Preserve**

#### **Project Development Contract No. 1146 – Lot 9, Forest Hill Commercial Subdivision**

#### **Project Development Contract No. 1150 – Lot 7, Forest Hill Commercial Subdivision**

#### **Project Development Contract No. 1151 – M & F Bank, Lot 6, Wolf River Center Subdivision**

#### **Project Development Contract No. 1152 – Grading Permit for Forest Hill Heights Planned Development**

#### **Tennessee One-Call System Membership**

#### **Water Plant Control System Repair**

#### **Purchase of Dräger Sentinel II Pass Devices**

#### **Maintenance Agreement - Fire Department Monitor/Defibrillators**

#### **Overhead Door Controls – Fire Station No. 3**

#### **Fire Lieutenant Promotional Testing**

#### **Audit – Germantown Community Television Foundation**

In response to a question from Aldermen Palazzolo, John Dluhos stated the City had hired Watkins Uiberall to do the independent financial audit of the Germantown Community Television Foundation.

#### **Light Bulb Inventory**

#### **Recognition of Grant – Germantown Community Library – Germantown Arts Alliance**

Sue Loper stated the Children's Department of the library will receive the matching funds grant to provide a visual arts program entitled "Creative Connection: An Artwork in Progress" for the caregiver and the child.

#### **Police Department Donation – Sam's Club**

This donation will be used in the Crime Stoppers Program.

#### **Appointment to Environmental Commission**

Mayor Goldsworthy stated the Board had previously discussed inviting the County Commissioners to a get acquainted event. It was recommended the event occur on March 31, which is a Saturday

evening, and have a dinner and invite them to be the City's guest to the Ramsey Lewis concert at GPAC if this would meet with the Board's approval. The Board unanimously approved.

Alderman Palazzolo stated he had received several letters regarding the wooden floor in the Pickering Center.

Mayor Goldsworthy stated she had discussed this with Pam Beasley. She felt in consideration of the amount of time the Pickering Center is used for dance programs in comparison with the wide range of other activities in which large numbers of people use the Center, it was not in Parks and Recreation's view, very practical to use wood floors. Pam is talking with Tania about the use of the Black Box for its use for dancing. The other possibility was to have the Tai Chi classes in the lower room of the Centre because it has wood floors and a full wall of mirrors.

They decided to look at where there was already wood flooring and under what circumstances could dance programming be moved to a different location.

Alderman Palazzolo asked for an update on the Miller Farms Ditch project.

Butch Eder stated it was presently under design and should be finished by the end of April and brought to the Board in May, to be done this year.

In response from a question from Alderman Hinely, Mr. Eder stated the median on Hacks Cross Road was in the process of being designed.

A discussion followed on the telecommunications bills and how they would affect the municipalities.

Mayor Goldsworthy reported that Chief Wolf had been working with other Fire Chiefs to put together information on all the options on the ambulance service. The information will be presented to the Board for the discussion the following week. The contract deadline is February 1 so any changes must come by that date.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned to the Council Chamber for the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m.