

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
December 17, 2008

A Special Called meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on December 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room of the Municipal Center.

Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy was present and presiding.

The following Aldermen were present: Mark Billingsley, Ernest Chism, John Drinnon, Carole Hinely, and Mike Palazzolo. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, George Brogdon, Kristen Geiger, Andy Pouncey, and Dotty Johnson. Others present: Lela Garlington (Commercial Appeal), Lisa Parker (citizen).

Alderman Drinnon asked that in the selection process if there was a policy, understanding or rule that no one alderman would serve on more than one commission from the Department of Development, specifically the BZA, DRC or the Planning Commission.

The Mayor restated that the consensus of the Board was that an alderman shall serve in no more than one of the three Community Development Commissions that make recommendations for quazi judicial decisions (BZA, DRC, Planning Commissions).

The Mayor stated that in the past liaisons to commissions were chosen in order of seniority on the Board and in rotation. There had been a couple of exceptions to this order when the rotation was reversed.

Alderman Hinely stated she would like to change that order this year and go alphabetically.

Alderman Drinnon stated at a previous time a change had been suggested and he had suggested the senior alderman go first which had worked out well and he felt that way. He felt that seniority had some significance and should be respected.

Alderman Hinely stated it had been changed three years ago and they wanted the juniors to go and she would like a change where it would go alphabetically.

Alderman Billingsley stated that for some diversity he would support the alphabetical order.

Alderman Chism stated he was in agreement.

Motion by Alderman Drinnon that the rotation be in seniority.

There was a disagreement between Alderman Hinely and Alderman Drinnon.

The Mayor suggested that if this was the tenor in which the meeting begins, she suggested the meeting be adjourned to another time. If the Board could not accommodate the difference of opinions then this would not bode well for this Board.

The Mayor restated the motion by Alderman Drinnon, seconded by Alderman Palazzolo to select the liaison alderman by rotation of seniority.

Alderman Chism stated this was his fourth time to do this selection and it was done several different ways. Last year in Alderman Drinnon's absence the Board let him have the commissions he wanted without him even being present. He stated he had been last, and first and it never made any difference to him.

Alderman Palazzolo stated that in order to build a consensus, if there was a goal to give the newcomer Alderman Billingsley to make a selection and not be the last, it could be looked at from a junior status and that would accommodate that goal.

Alderman Drinnon stated that if there was an election and an Alderman that had an agenda and he chose first and he chose the BZA, this is one of the most difficult commissions. If he got on board it would not be good logic. He felt the selections should be based on some logic.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–no, Chism– no, Drinnon–yes, Hinely–no, Palazzolo–yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Alderman Hinely that the selection be made alphabetically, seconded by Alderman Billingsley.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes, Drinnon–no, Hinely–yes, Palazzolo–yes. Motion approved.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR FOR 2009

Alderman Hinely nominated Alderman John Drinnon.

Motion by Ms. Hinely, seconded by Mr. Chism, to appoint Alderman John Drinnon to serve as Vice Mayor for 2009.

In response to a question from Alderman Billingsley, Mayor Goldsworthy gave the sequence in which the Alderman had been chosen.

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

Alderman Drinnon stated he accepted reluctantly.

Alderman Palazzolo suggested there be some housekeeping done on the ordinances.

LIAISON ALDERMEN

The following aldermen chose the commission they would like to serve as liaison to:

Beautification Commission –	Mike Palazzolo
Board of Zoning Appeals –	Carole Hinely
Design Review Commission –	Mike Palazzolo
Economic Development Commission	Carole Hinely
Education Commission -	Carole Hinely
Environmental Commission –	Mike Palazzolo
Financial Advisory Commission –	Ernest Chism
Germantown Athletic Club Commission –	Ernest Chism
Historic Commission –	Carole Hinely
Neighborhood Preservation Commission –	Mark Billingsley
Parks & Recreation Commission –	Mark Billingsley
Personnel Advisory Commission –	John Drinnon
Planning Commission –	John Drinnon
Public Safety Education Commission –	Mark Billingsley
Retirement Plan Administration Commission –	Ernest Chism
Senior Citizen Advisory Commission –	John Drinnon
Telecommunications Commission –	Ernest Chism
Youth Commission -	Mike Palazzolo

ATTORNEY APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Mr. Chism, to appoint Tom Cates as City Attorney; Alan Strain, Robert McLean, David Harris, and Lisa Krupicka as Assistant City Attorneys; Joe Lee Wyatt as Senior Prosecuting Attorney; Mark B. Miesse, Gary Wilkinson and Emily L. Parker as Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys and Joe Lee Wyatt as Police Advisor for 2009.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Mayor appointed the following members to the Planning Commission for 2009:

William Bacon, Rick Bennett, Susan Burrow, Mike Harless, David Klevan, Lisa Parker, and Forrest Owens.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Mayor Goldsworthy recommended Patricia Sherman to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion by Ms. Hinely, seconded by Mr. Drinnon, to approve the appointment of Patricia Sherman until 2011.

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

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Alderman Palazzolo asked to approve the following appointments to the Beautification Commission:

Motion by Mr. Palazzolo, seconded by Mr. Billingsley, to approve the following appointments to the Beautification Commission:

Emily Bader, Victoria Bruns, LeAnn Byrum, Jane Carter, Kathleen Edelmuth, Lana Fowler, Ann Frogge, Selby Horton, Deborah LaChapelle, Betty McFarland and Trudy Simpson.

Alderman Hinely stated there were twelve applications and she wanted all the positions filled.

Alderman Palazzolo stated he was happy with his appointments.

It was the will of the Board if there were additional or different nominees than what the liaison presented.

Alderman Billingsley stated that when there were vacancies in the past the replacements were done at the regular board meetings. The Board should go ahead and vote on Mr. Palazzolo's nominations and let Ms. Hinely make a motion for an addendum and add Mrs. Smith to the list. It was agreeable with the Board.

Motion by Mr. Palazzolo, seconded by Mr. Billingsley, to approve the following appointments to the Beautification Commission:

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

Motion by Ms. Hinely, seconded by Mr. Billingsley, to add Pat Smith to the list for the Beautification Commission.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–yes, Chism– yes, Drinnon–yes, Hinely–yes, Palazzolo–no. Motion approved.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

Alderman Palazzolo nominated the following citizens to the Design Review Commission:

Paul Bruns (Landscape Architecture), Robbie Pahlow (retail business), Keith Saunders (citizen), Neil Sherman (citizen), Ralph Smith (urban planning), John Walker (retail business), Parker McCaleb (engineering), and Greg Marcom (citizen).

Alderman Hinely stated she had a problem with John Walker in that he had a problem with a conflict of interest because he had property that went before the DRC while he served on the DRC. She asked to remove John Walker.

Alderman Billingsley felt the same as Ms. Hinely. He felt Mr. Walker was “too close to the fire” to serve on the DRC. He also questioned the appointment of Mr. Marcum but would not vote against him just as long as the City staff and the Mayor were comfortable with Mr. Marcum because of his capacity and his business.

Mayor Goldsworthy felt the Board should recognize, particularly with the DRC, that when there are identifiable professions, it would be very limiting and how do you identify people who will never have any business to come before the Board.

Andy Pouncey stated there were only two candidates that were named that would not have any professional connection and not have anything to come before the Board.

Alderman Drinnon stated that Mr. Walker still owned the old Wall Mart property that was to be developed and he felt there would be potential for a conflict of interest. He felt the Board would be ill advised to be in that position of conflict of interest.

Alderman Palazzolo withdrew Mr. Walker’s name and added Steve Landweir.

Motion by Mr. Palazzolo, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Design Review Commission:

Steve Landweir - architecture, Parker McCaleb - engineering, Paul Bruns – landscape architecture, Ralph Smith – urban planning, Robbie Pahlow – retail business, Greg Marcom - citizen, Keith Saunders - citizen, and Neil Sherman - citizen.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion by Ms. Hinely, seconded by Mr. Drinnon, to approve the following appointments to the Economic Development Commission:

John Wagner – bus. redev., Charles McCraw – retail, Chris Harrison – gen. bus., Dr. Lyle Muller – medical, Rocky Janda – home bus. off., Jerry Klein – home bus. off, Thomas Parzinger – finance, Brian Pecon – homeowner, James Danelick – homeowner, Jane Clark res/non res. dev.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Palazzolo, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Environmental Commission:

Clyde Davidson, Jimmy Davis, Andy Foster, Linda Kaplan, Craig Lazarov, Brandy Miller, Tim Sauter, Joe Skelley, David Thorpe, Susan Threlkeld.

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

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Chism, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Financial Advisory Commission:

Paul Bryan, Eddie Cox, Robert Dallstream, Bill Dudley, Clinton Hardin, Juliet Klein, Mark Kooker, Howard Lasley, Frederick Miller, Julius Moody, Frank SanPietro, Lynda Smith, Harold Steinberg, Richard Wagoner, John Gregory, Lou Paris, Paul Mosteller.

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

GERMANTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Chism, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Germantown Athletic Club Commission:

Rob Ayerst, Clinton Hardin, Laura Jaggar, Paul Mosteller, Walker Uhlhorn, Stephen Wilensky, Teresa Rando, Garth Thompson.

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

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Motion by Ms. Hinely, seconded by Mr. Billingsley, to approve the following appointments to the Germantown Historic Commission:

Louise Bagby, George Browder, Lucie Calvin, Joy Cook, Elaine Dudley, Paula Kay Fleming, Florence Krug, Roma Sailors, Jim McGehee, Barbara Schneider, Kay Shelton.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Billingsley, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Neighborhood Preservation Commission:

Bonnie Blair, Rebecca DeRousse, Larry Farabee, Sandra Hayne, David Jackson, Elizabeth Jackson, Sidney Kuehn, Hope Pittman, Andrea Vu, Stanley Weinrich.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Billingsley, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the appointment of Jerry Gee, Mary Ann Gibson, and Angela Sorensen to serve until the year 2011.

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

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo, to approve the following appointments to the Personnel Advisory Commission:

Carla Donati, Bill Minderman, Eileen Cassini, David Knox

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

PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Billingsley, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Public Safety Education Commission:

John Arth, Charles Baker, Jerry Ferguson, Jonathan Frase, Nikki Gast, Susan Hirsch, Suzanne Jackson, Lillie K. Mitchell, Ron Roberson, Scott Sanders, Dorothy Stagich, Donald Nobert.

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

RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Chism, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Retirement Plan Administration Commission:

Dick Vosberg, Kirk Riggan, Julius Moody.

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

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the following appointments to the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission:

Wynn Bellerjeau, Dick Carvel, Helen Dickson, Nick Dunn, Barbara Fisher, John Hicks, Walter Krug, Edward Price, Alice Wallace, Earl Fritts

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

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Alderman Drinnon felt a decision should be made about the letter Ms. Newman wrote. He felt she was very honest in her approach and the Board should either redefine the function of the Telecommunications Commission or she would not serve.

Alderman Chism stated he also felt the ordinance should be looked at and changed. If this is what the Board is going to do then she would be willing to serve. He was concerned about the web site and how much the Board voted to spend. He felt the Commission could be a very productive and contributing commission if the Board would decide exactly what they were supposed to do.

Mayor Goldsworthy stated this would be added along with the Parks and Recreation Commission, Design Review, and the selection of aldermen liaisons, to be looked at and amended. The Board will reexamine the commissions and to what degree staff expertise makes volunteer help necessary or unnecessary.

Motion by Mr. Chism, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo, to approve the following appointments to the Telecommunications Commission:

Sandra Abel, Bill Brody, Tony Fischer, Glenn Murry, Donna Newman, Jack Parnell, Rik Ditter, Danish Siddiqui.

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

Mayor Goldsworthy stated the appointment of the chairmen is at the discretion of the Mayor and requires no board action and she will go over all the appointments and will notify the Board at a later date of the chairmanships.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.