

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
June 23, 2008

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on June 23, 2008, at 6:15 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal Center.

Vice Mayor Ernest Chism was present and presiding.

The following Aldermen were present: John Drinnon, Carole Hinely, Mike Palazzolo and Frank Uhlhorn. Mayor Goldsworthy was absent. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Andy Pouncey, George Brogdon, Kristen Geiger, Jerry Cook, Tom Cates, Deputy Chief Rodney Bright, Pam Beasley, Pat McConnell, Bo Mills, Michael Stoll, Butch Eder, Ralph Gabb, Tim Gwaltney, Chief Dennis Wolf, Lisa Piefer and Derek Chaput.

Vice Mayor Chism announced there were four add-on's to the consent agenda.

Patrick Lawton explained that the surplus property at the Germantown Athletic Club was for the removal of two pool tables that will be replaced by new fitness equipment. The Saddle Creek Planned Unit Development: Outline Plan and Warrants is for the Poag and McEwen property. One of the requirements was that the Board set a public hearing to consider outline plans for this property.

The Board unanimously approved of adding the four items: 11m – Annual Maintenance – SunGard Public Sector, Inc and New World Systems; 11 n – Recognition of Donations – Germantown Community Library; 11o – Surplus Property Germantown Athletic Club; and 11p – Saddle Creek Planned Unit Development: Outline Plan and Warrants, Set Public Hearing Date.

Approval of Minutes

There were several corrections: Page 7 of the Board minutes, first paragraph the word “of review” should be replaced with “for review”. Page 8, first paragraph, third sentence the word “not energy” replaced with “non-energy”. On page 11 under the Motion for the Municipal Roofing Repairs – the word “than install” should be replaced with the word “and install”.

Presentation of Beautification Award

This will be presented by members of the Beautification Commission. Ms. McFarland of the Commission is to present the award to Susan Sharp, Barb Parsons and Mike McIntyre representing Germantown High School.

Ordinance 2008-4 – An Ordinance to Adopt the 2008-2009 Budget – Third Reading

Mr. Lawton commented that there had been changes to the Budget. There had been no change to the budget in terms of the dollar amount but there had been a change to the CIP. At the work session that had been held a few weeks prior, the Board had discussed cameras for the Greenway. When looking back at the policy agenda the Board had developed, the safety and security plan was dominate in the focus areas.

When staff went back and looked at the CIP, they found the traffic signals at Forest Hill-Irene and Poplar Ave. were not going to happen in FY09 so the City's share of that for decorative poles was moved to the Oakleigh/Poplar traffic signal installation. Monies were then moved to the Parks and Recreation Department to help fund the parks trails and open space security plan.

The Board unanimously agreed to move the funds to Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Lawton stated staff had identified areas in the budget where additional cuts could be made in the Operating Budget without compromising business plans that had been developed or increasing expenditures over the City's budget. If the Board was interested in funding another project it could be done without changing the ordinance.

Mr. Lawton read a letter from Standard and Poor's which cited the City of Germantown for its positive margin in terms of excess revenues over expenditures in the all funds budget. They like the idea of having a cushion in place.

Mr. Lawton stated if the Board wanted to amend the budget without increasing the ordinance, staff was ready to recommend some cuts to the budget and movement of those funds into Civic Support. A couple of aldermen had discussed partial funding of \$25,000 for the Shakespeare Festival.

At a later date a proposal or contract would come back to the Board for release of the funds. The Shakespeare Company would have to come back to the Board with documents to support the request for funds. At the end of the year all the 501C3 groups must furnish a budget of how the City's money is spent.

Ordinance 2008-5 – Real and Personalty Property Taxes – Third Reading

Mr. Lawton stated there had been no change since the second reading.

Ordinance 2008-6 – An Ordinance for Year-End Budget Adjustments – Third Reading

Kristen Geiger announced there were some changes since the second reading. She stated that in order to increase or adjust the budget there have to be three readings and a public hearing, but to move money across projects or across cost centers or funds it must go before the Board. Because of changes in staffing, etc., there were amendments to realign the budget.

Resolution on Revenues – 08R08

Chief Dennis Wolf gave an explanation for the changes in the fees the Fire Department charges.

Derek Chaput commented on the fees charged at the Athletic Club for services, membership and meeting rooms.

CIP Resolution – 08R09

Mr. Lawton stated with the passage of the Budget, the Board will have authorized funding for FY09 for the Capital Projects but consistent with City Policy, staff also goes in and does an additional four years to the year 2014 that anticipates major capital expenditures. This resolution also identifies the funding sources.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of TDOT Railroad Crossing Approaches Adjustment Agreement for improvements to the Poplar Pike/Southern Avenue RR Crossing

Approval of TDOT Railroad Crossing Approaches Adjustment Agreement for improvements to the Hacks Cross Road RR Crossing

Ethics Training

In response to a question from Alderman Palazzolo, Mr. Lawton stated around \$20,000 had initially been spent and this additional cost should take care of all the present employees.

Appointments to Education Commission

Alderman Palazzolo asked this item to be moved to the regular agenda because he wanted to recuse himself from the vote.

Mr. Lawton stated an application had come in late for the Education Commission and since there was still a vacancy, he suggested placing that name on the slate of appointments. He distributed her bio. The Board unanimously agreed to add the name to the list.

Appointments to Youth Commission

Decorative Street Sign Contract

Germantown Athletic Club & Germantown Performing Arts Center Signage

Carpet Replacement – Germantown Athletic Club

Lisa Piefer stated they were using the carpet tiles in order to replace them individually when they begin to show wear.

Approval of Contract for Printing of FYI Newsletter

Repair of Well No. 9

Competitive Sealed Bids – Web Site

Recognition of Donations – Germantown Animal Shelter

Annual Maintenance – SunGard Public Sector, Inc. and New World Systems

Acceptance of Donations – Germantown Library

Alderman Drinnon stated during the Planning Commission meeting they had discussed the Smart Growth Plan and the Poag and McEwen development. During the course of discussion, one of the members of the Planning Commission wanted to poll the delegation as to whether or not they wanted to close their street. Alderman Drinnon stated the development staff should be the ones to help make this decision, not the Planning Commission. The Board had received a petition signed by members of the neighborhood asking their street be closed. He asked it be referred to the development staff and let staff handle this, not the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The Board unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the Council Chamber for the regular meeting.