

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
June 9, 2008

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on June 9, 2008, 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, Jerry Cook, Tom Cates, Chief Richard Hall, Pam Beasley, Bo Mills, Michael Stoll, Butch Eder, Ralph Gabb, Tim Gwaltney, Chief Dennis Wolf, Lisa Piefer and Melody Pittman.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Palazzolo noted on page 6 of the regular minutes under Shelby County Trustee Real Estate Tax Sale the word pursues was misspelled.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2008-4 – An Ordinance to Adopt the 2008-2009 Budget – Second Reading

Mayor Goldsworthy noted this would be a public hearing. There had been discussion after the first reading about the allocation to GHSTV and there had been some interest from some Board members to move the GHS TV budget to \$220,000.00. If that was the will of the Board then it should be made a part of the motion. These changes will be made in the ordinance for the third and final reading. It was a consensus of the Board to add the \$20,000.00 since this was what had been allocated to GHSTV the year before.

Alderman Hinely asked about security cameras at the two parks on Wolf River.

Chief Richard Hall gave statistics of break-ins over the past five years. He stated the cameras can be a deterrent but the quality of the camera and the lights in the area make the difference in quality images.

A discussion followed on different types of cameras and how they could be used in park areas.

Ms. Hinely asked staff to come back with more specific information and a proposal for the park security before the third and final reading of the budget.

Patrick Lawton stated Mr. Julius Moody, chairman of the FAC would be present at the Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2008-5 – Real and Personalty Property Taxes – Second Reading

The recommended property tax rate on first reading for the FY09 Budget is \$1.54 per \$100.00 of Assessed Valuation.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2008-6 – An Ordinance for Year-End Budget Adjustments – Second Reading

At the end of the fiscal year, a number of year-end budget adjustments are required to be made to avoid budget and fund overruns in the various funds.

Alderman Uhlhorn asked that an agenda item that was on consent be put on the regular agenda because he had a direct interest in it and will recuse himself. The item was Project Development Contract No. 1168, Taco Bell. The Board unanimously agreed.

Resolution – 08R06 – Adoption of Park Master Plan

There had been a work session on this item and Josh Whitehead is to make the presentation.

Design Supplement for Mimosa Garden Neighborhood Drainage Improvements

Oak Manor Sewer Extension

Court Corridor Renovation

Municipal Roof Repairs

Kristen Geiger explained there had been four bids and the contractor will pay the City market value for the copper materials that are being removed and discarded from the project.

Municipal Exterior Lighting Upgrade

Alderman Palazzolo stated that the Board, after the retreat, had given administration the direction to start looking at the long-term vision of moving City Hall and reconfiguring Municipal Square which could be anytime down the road. He questioned if there was a need for lighting if City Hall would be moved.

Kristen Geiger stated there had been numerous complaints especially with Court since they are here after dark. The area is not lit well enough and is a security issue. In keeping with the park lighting, all the lighting would match and if City Hall were to move, the lights could be moved also. The lighting would include Development and Fire Station 3.

Fire Department Turnout Gear

Write-off of Uncollectible Accounts

In response to a question from Alderman Chism, Ralph Gabb stated the City contracts through the Mendelssohn Law Firm for the collection of bad checks. Many of the checks were past the statute of limitations on personal property. He stated there were several different methods being used by the City in pursuing the collections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Project Development Contract No. 1136 – Lakepoint Plaza

Project Development Contract No. 1168 – Taco Bell – Moved to Regular Agenda

Audit RFP

Mr. Lawton commented and thanked Kristen Geiger and Ralph Gabb who had worked very hard on the RFP.

Purchase – Cement Treated Base

Automatic Security Gate

Council Chamber Carpet

Amendment to Design Contract – Germantown Athletic Club - DEFERRED

Appointment to Germantown Centre Advisory Commission

Disposal of City Property

T-1 Line Upgrade

Front Counter Glass Installation

Germantown Fire Department – Acceptance of Grant from Sam’s Club Foundation

Recognition of Donation – Germantown Community Library

Appointment to Senior Citizen Advisory Commission

Appointment to Historic Commission

The Board unanimously agreed to move Fire Department Turnout Gear, Court Corridor Renovation and Municipal Roof Repairs to the consent agenda. Decorative Street Signs and the amendment to design contract – Germantown Athletic Club, were both deferred.

Alderman Hinely commented that Safety City was held this past week from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There were 128 – 5 and 6 year olds for the full week. The Public Safety Education Commission, under the guidance of Lily Kay Mitchell, did a fantastic job.

Alderman Palazzolo complimented Alderman Hinely for helping out each and every day for the full time.

Adjournment

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