

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
April 28, 2008

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on April 28, 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, Tom Cates, Inspector Frank Hester, Pat McConnell, Pam Beasley, Bo Mills, Michael Stoll, Butch Eder, Ralph Gabb, Lisa Piefer, and Michael Saddler.

Invocation

Rev. William Spink from Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church will give the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Palazzolo will lead the Pledge.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

Citizens to be Heard

Mayor Goldsworthy asked staff to report on answers to the questions from the last meeting.

George Brogdon stated staff had taken a good look at the question asked about Cone Park and the question of not having a fence to guard the children playing in the park from traffic. He stated there was a curb, a split rail fence and then a berm, pathway, and trees before you get to the street. He had spoken to several of the neighbors and will speak to the neighborhood association regarding the issue of a danger to children. He felt the park met its standard of care and there had not been a track record of any incidents.

Mayor Goldsworthy stated this issue was brought by a citizen and not by any neighbors of the park.

Mr. Brogdon stated he had been before the Arts Alliance and they were very concerned about the cuts in funding through the grants. He planned to go before the Chamber of Commerce sometime in the next two weeks.

Alderman Palazzolo suggested inviting the groups receiving the grants to the budget work session. They could gain insight on the budget process and why the cuts are proposed.

Alderman Uhlhorn felt it was a good idea and it would give the recipients the chance to ask questions and make their case and let them understand why the Board is reacting in this way.

Patrick Lawton stated that staff had planned to make the presentation and recap the budget and any changes that had been made. At the end the presentation they could recap, discuss the intent and then open it up for comments. He announced that the FAC had endorsed the budget.

Mayor Goldsworthy stated the groups who have received grants would be invited to the meeting and express the expectations of the Board as an opportunity to discuss the Board's proposed policy.

Proclamation – National Nurses Week

Mayor Goldsworthy will read a proclamation honoring the registered nurses in the United States and proclaiming May 6-12 as National Nurses Week.

Beautification Business Award

Mr. Warren Travis from the Beautification Commission will present the award to recognize the Ezon building.

Resolution 08R05 – Railroad Crossings

Andy Pouncey stated this resolution was to consider the elimination of two existing private railroad crossings in favor of a public signalized crossing. One is to the west of Southern and Poplar Pike Railroad crossing. This will be about two years until it will be available for closure and the second would be the crossing at the Cloyes home. The resolution explains the life estate with the City and the Cloyes.

Acceptance of Property Transfer

George Brogdon stated the City of Germantown had requested a property transfer of Riverdale Park 10.8 acres, Farmington Park 9.41 acres, and Red Devil Field 6.99 acres to the City of Germantown approved by the Shelby County Conservation Board in October of 2004. The County had finally resolved issues on their part and is prepared to move forward with the transfer at this time. The City had been doing improvements to these parks since 1983.

CONSENT AGENDA

Recognition of Donations – Parks & Recreation

July 4th Fireworks

Library Janitorial Services

Recognition of Summer Reading Donations

Athletic Club Concession Contract - DEFERRED

Germantown Athletic Club Entranceway Renovation – Change Order Number One

Mayor Goldsworthy announced she had appointed Laura Hendrix to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of the person who had resigned.

The Board unanimously agreed to move item 7- Resolution 08R05-Railroad Crossings and item 8- Acceptance of Property Transfer to the consent agenda.

Adjournment

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