

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**March 10, 2008**

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on March 10, 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, Tom Cates, Captain Mike Berkes, Pat McConnell, Bo Mills, Chief Dennis Wolf, Michael Stoll, Ralph Gabb, Tania Moskalenko, Lisa Piefer, Melody Pitman and Michael Saddler.

**Invocation**

Rev. Donald Ester from New Bethel Baptist Church will give the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Chism will lead the Pledge.

**Approval of Minutes**

There were some grammatical corrections to the minutes.

**Citizens to be Heard**

**Resolution 08R02 – LPRF Grant: Assurance of Match**

Patrick Lawton stated this was a resolution that needed to accompany the grant application that Parks and Recreation had been working on. We will not know until fall if we have been awarded the grant. However, when preparing the FY09 Capital Improvements Plan, the other \$500,000.00 had to be identified to go toward the match for the purchase of the Ocean View property.

There was a brief discussion on the purchase of the property and how the negotiations were going. Mr. Cates stated he and Jerry Cook had talked with the owner of the property and with the Board's approval had offered \$1 million for the property. The appraisal had been done at \$1.3 million and the owner was not willing to sell for \$1 million. Mr. Cates told the owner there were some improvements that had to be made and he could not offer any more than what the Board had approved.

A discussion followed on the improvements that would be needed to the property. It was decided by consensus that the City Attorney should be given clear and precise instructions to offer only \$1 million for the property.

**BEER BOARD**

**Request for Temporary Beer Permit for Germantown Festival Association**

Alderman Drinnon stated as he had for the past thirteen years that he felt alcoholic beverages should not be served or sold on city-owned property or at city functions.

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**Vehicle Purchases – Police, Fire & Water Departments**

Mr. Lawton commented that last year staff, in the various departments, looked at what automobiles were to be replaced for a variety of reasons. A new police vehicle was requested this year because of the new area that was created. There were six bids received and all were low bid with one exception. The low bid on the Police Department two-wheel drive Sport Utility Vehicle was a Dodge Nitro but in the interest of standardization of parts and equipment the next low bid was from Alexander Ford for a Ford Explorer. All the vehicles are replacements except for the new squad car.

Alderman Uhlhorn commented that with the gas prices what they are we need to buy vehicles with the price of gas in mind.

Mr. Lawton stated that was being looked at and how the fuel was being purchased. Bio fuel was being used in several of public works' vehicles with much success.

**Recognition and Acceptance of State Grants**

Mr. Lawton stated the Board was asked to recognize a Community Enhancement Grant of \$85,000.00 to be used for General Government type projects. The application included two additional grant requests, one for GPAC who received \$75,000.00 in additional funding this year, and the Community Television Foundation that requested \$20,000.00. Some additional paperwork had to go back to the State and they should receive that grant shortly.

**Trailer Mounted Generator**

This funding will come from the State for the purchase of this generator.

A discussion followed on how the City disperses scrap materials.

The Board agreed to put this item on the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Amendment to Subdivision Development Contract No. 476 – Lakepoint Plaza – Extension of Completion Date**

**Amendment to Subdivision Development Contract No. 481 – NOHAPA – Change of Developer**

**Employee Recognition – DEFERRED**

**Transfer of Ownership of Steinway Piano**

The City will transfer the ownership of the existing Steinway to the Foundation in order to trade for a new piano.

**GPAC Grant**

GPAC Foundation had a fund-raising capital campaign and the City had an opportunity to purchase the middle "C" for \$25,000.00 for a new Steinway Piano. The Foundation raised over \$100,000.00.

**Acceptance of Grant for Lifepak 12**

**Appointment to Vacancy – Public Safety Education Commission**

Mayor Goldsworthy stated that the City had been advised that the County Commission Charter Committee would be conducting meetings this coming week on different aspects of Charter change proposals such as constitutional offices.

There was a consensus of the Board, for the Mayor to represent the Board before the County Commission Charter Committee, and that all five offices should be elected and not appointed.

**Adjournment**

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