

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
January 28, 2008

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on January 28, 2008, at 6:00 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, and Mike Palazzolo. Alderman Frank Uhlhorn was absent. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Kristen Geiger, Andy Pouncey, George Brogdon, Tom Cates, Josh Whitehead, Chief Richard Hall, Pat McConnell, Bo Mills, Chief Dennis Wolf, Michael Stoll, Tim Gwaltney, Lisa Piefer, Ralph Gabb Melody Pittman and Derek Chaput.

There was a short presentation by Shelby Farms Conservancy on the Shelby Farms Master Plan.

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order.

Invocation

George Brogdon will give the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 248 from St. Bridget Catholic Church will lead the Pledge.

Approval of Minutes

There was one correction to the minutes. Alderman Drinnon was present at the meeting.

Proclamation – Open Meetings

This was a follow-up from the retreat where the Board took the position to support the existing Sunshine Open Records Legislation rather than what had been proposed by the committee.

Police Medal of Valor Award

There will a special presentation at the Board Meeting. Chief Hall will make a presentation to Officer Herndon and the Board is invited to step down from the podium for the presentation.

City Beautification Award

Germantown Plantation Senior Living will receive the award.

Emergency Generators – Municipal and Southern Avenue

Patrick Lawton stated that over the past several years when a major storm moves through, the Municipal Center loses power. We have tried to address our emergency generator needs throughout the City. The sewer lift stations have been updated with portable generators. This purchase will replace two 25-year-old generators in the Municipal Building and at the Southern Avenue water plant. The one at the Southern Avenue plant was left out of this year's budget; however, because of the difficulty relocating the Johnson Road sewer lift station there was an opportunity to move money from those funds to the purchase of the generators.

Fire Chief Wolf, the City's Emergency Management Director, commented on the need from an emergency management standpoint. He stated that during a crisis City Hall is critical for the City's government to continue its mission. It is imperative to have Dispatch running at all times.

Germantown Athletic Club – Entranceway Renovation Project

Mr. Lawton stated the Board had allocated money in this year's budget funding for a variety of projects at the Athletic Club to make it more attractive and user friendly. Archimania was hired to design the area around the kiosk. There were seven bids on the project and one was very low. Butch Eder, the CIP Manager and Lisa Piefer, the Purchasing Officer talked with Descon who gave the low bid and after talking with the principals in the firm, they were satisfied that Descon could do the work with the low bid.

Derek Chaput, the Club's Director, and the architect gave a presentation on what the design was going to look like and how it would enhance the entrance.

Smart Growth Development Sewer Impact Study

Mr. Lawton stated in order to understand what the City may have to provide with the Smart Growth Development, the City needed to understand what was our capacity and what would be the capacity based on the Smart Growth projects throughout the area and how it will impact our sewer system. We are also doing the same thing with water and drainage. This study will help us make intelligent capital improvement decisions.

Professional Service Contract – Ethics Policy Awareness Training

Mr. Lawton explained that a pilot program had been done with Union University in the fall of this year with 25 of the employees based on the curriculum developed by the Director of Extended Learning and Professional Development at Union University. It was well received by the employees and consisted of a preassessment and then a post assessment after each of the three modules. Based on the feedback, the City would like to do awareness training with the rest of the employees. Also included in the price will be awareness training for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the appointed officials ethics policy.

Alderman Drinnon had introduced Patrick to the administration at Union University and knew they would be help in administering the program. Ashley Blair was the lady who designed the program and had done an outstanding job.

Sale of City Property – 6535 Poplar Ave. – Formerly City Water Pumping Station

Mr. Lawton stated this item had been before the Board with Poplar Station LLC, which did not happen. They are back again and there is a reduction in the price. Previously the sale was based on the appraised value of the property and now this price is based on the actual square footage that Poplar Station LLC will provide. Mr. Pouncey distributed a list of the principles involved in Poplar Station LLC.

There was a considerable discussion on the sale of the property. It was the consensus of the Board to have an independent appraisal of the property.

Tom Cates stated the contract and motion would have to be changed. The Board agreed to pay for an independent contractor to survey the property and if the survey was correct to accept the contract.

CONSENT AGENDA

Project Development Contract Number 1167 – Alzheimer's Assisted Living Center – Forest Hill Professional Plaza, Phase II, Lot 1

Concrete Mix Purchase

Recognition of Donations – Germantown Community Library

Civic Support Grant – Germantown Education Foundation

It was the consensus of the Board to move #10 - Smart Growth Development Sewer Impact Study, to the Consent Agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the Council Chamber for the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m.