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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: September 12, 2019

Time: 6:30

Place: City Hall

Present: Jimmy D. Anderson, Jeff Duncan, Rusty Tinnin, and Zach Young.

Absent: Harry Bell.

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Tim Ellis, Gary Goodwin, Jeff McCormick, Addam McCormick, Greg Edrington, Marilee Tice, Ken Reeves, Allison Baker, Mary Laine Hucks, Kimberly Lynn, Amy Mitchell, Larry DiOrio and others.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order. Socrates Holguin offered prayer. Mayor Duncan led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Allison Baker called the roll: Mayor Duncan present, Vice Mayor Tinnin present, Commissioner Anderson present, Commissioner Bell absent, and Commissioner Young present.

Consider minutes of the August 22, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and motion passed 4-0.

City Manager Tim Ellis recognized Assistant City Manager Julie High as the City of Goodlettsville received notice that it received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the sixth consecutive year. This has been done through her leadership that is provided from the Government and Finance Officers Association.

He also announced the city-wide Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 12th. There will be free drop off at the Public Works facility and this year there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off for the first time at the Visitor's Center. He announced Music at the Market that will be Thursday, September 19th from 5:00pm-7:30pm at the Goodlettsville Visitors Center and this will be around the Farmer's Market.

City Manager Ellis wanted to let the Board know that TDOT has signed a contract with Elliott to construct the high mast lighting at Exit 98. He also expressed his appreciation for everyone that came out to the grand opening of the Splash Pad on Labor Day weekend. He let the Board know that they had an envelope from the Rachel's Garden committee at their desk challenging each City Commissioner to sell 20 tickets to the Hootenanny to raise funds for Rachel's Garden.

Marilee Tice, President of the Goodlettsville Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board of Commissioners, Police Department, Public Works, Parks and Rec staff and everyone that came out to make the Salty Dog Festival a success. She said they are glad to have it at City Hall and are looking forward to having it here next year.

John Fey of 407 Moss Trail expressed appreciation to the Board for working hard on the short-term rental and Airbnb issues before it gets too bad.

Barry Collins of 610 Yvonne asked open questions to the Commission regarding raising the certified tax rate. He asked if they felt they had laid the groundwork with the taxpayers of Goodlettsville for a potential property tax increase. He said he looked at the budget and commended the City Manager for the presentation of the budget. He stated our revenue is fairly stable and our expenses are marginally higher. He said the level of our funding balances was alarming. He had notes about what he would do if he were in charge and mentioned the number of employees in the Tourism Department. He asked about the hotel fee and if it were restricted revenue to be used in the General Fund. He stated the amount of travel in the budget was significant for our city. He asked if we ever considered pay for performance for higher performing employees instead of across the board raises. He mentioned the healthcare cost increases and stated the taxpayers needed details. He then noted ways the State had dealt with budget issues in the past; there was a hiring freeze, no travel unless signed off by the Board, a plan for each department to reduce by 1%-2%, no capital projects, and no new computer purchases. He asked they treat the City budget like they would treat their household budget.

Frank Duncan of 3057 Patton Branch Road stated he was against any tax increase. He said his assessment from the county increased significantly. There was additional discussion. He mentioned the new development in the City. He stated he didn't think property taxes should ever go up.

Steve Tankersly at 1128 Kimberly Drive said he had some questions about our taxes going up and asked for someone to help him understand what he would be paying. There was additional discussion.

Consider old business.

Consider Ordinance 19-946, an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of Goodlettsville adopted per Ordinance 15-851 to change a Rivergate Drive property zoning classification from CPUDL, Commercial Planned Unit Development Limited to CSL, Commercial Services Limited, second reading and public hearing. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-946. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened. With no one speaking for or against the proposed amendment, the public hearing was declared closed. Commissioner Young asked if the property owner had been notified and Planning Director Addam McCormick stated a certified letter had been mailed and received but had not heard anything from the property owner. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-946.

Consider Ordinance 19-947, an ordinance to adopt the City of Goodlettsville Street Repair Policy and approving certain associated fees, as previously approved by Resolution 10-443, second reading and public hearing. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-947. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened. With no one speaking for or against the proposed ordinance, the public hearing was declared closed. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-947.

Consider Ordinance 19-950, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 3 by deleting Chapter 3 in its entirety as it relates to the Visitors and Tourism

Board, second reading. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-950. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Commissioner Young asked that when it transitions to the Advisory Board if a new slate of members would be appointed. City Manager Ellis stated that anyone that is in the hospitality industry and restaurant industry shall have a seat on the council as long as they are in good standing with the City in regards to payments and taxes. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-950.

Consider new business.

Consider Ordinance 19-951, an ordinance adopting tax rates for the City of Goodlettsville for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, thru June 30, 2020, first reading. The current ordinance reads the tax rate in Davidson County would be \$.91 and in Sumner County would be \$.79. Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-951. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Tinnin stated that until he does further notice his decision will be made off of that. Stated he needed more understanding on the financial parts of it. Mayor Duncan stated we are looking at the deficit in our General Fund. This does not encompass the Sewer Fund, Tourist Fund, Stormwater Fund or the Sanitation Fund. These items are funded through their own revenue streams and are not a burden to the General Fund. The Tourism Fund gets its revenue from the hotel/motel tax and that money is restricted by State law and may only be spent on Tourism related activities. There was additional discussion. He stated we have a very professional staff that has done a bang-up job. He said the City Manager recommendation shows a short fall of 1.7 million dollars and the proposed increase will only provide \$975,000. He said we will have to balance that if this \$.15 increase is approved. The General Fund includes Administrative costs, Police, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Fire and Debt. He stated we got here because this Commission has been extremely conservative by delaying an increase. He said we should have increased by a penny or two pennies other than asking for \$.15 at one time. There was additional discussion. Commissioner Young thanked the Mayor for going through all of that information. He said more revenue is needed than the \$.15 and said we need to do some digging and will decrease costs as well as increase revenue. There was additional discussion. He said we have increased employees by adding Police Officers and Firefighters and does not regret that. Commissioner Young mentioned the tax relief and tax freeze program for Sumner and Davidson County residents. Representatives will be at Goodlettsville City Hall on Friday, September 13th to sign up for relief. He stated he is proud of how this city operates and is not hesitant in that this is the right thing to do. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-1 vote to approve Ordinance 19-951 with Vice Mayor Tinnin voting in opposition.

Consider Ordinance 19-952, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Section 109 by deleting Section 109 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 109 entitled special pickup, brush service, and bulk rubbish, first reading. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-952. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Mayor Duncan said we need to get as much information out to the public as possible via newsletter or utility bill. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-952.

Consider Ordinance 19-953, an ordinance to abandon that portion of right-of-way known as Vecchione Drive, per Manskers Heights Section Two (2) Subdivision, located to the east and west sides of Fannin Drive, first reading. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-

953. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-953.

Consider Ordinance 19-954, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code Title 14, Chapter 2, Section 201 Subsection (3)(I) and (3)(zzzz), Section 202 Subsection (6) (s), and Section 213 Subsection (9)(H) by deleting Section 201 Subsection (3)(i) and (3)(zzzz), Section 202 Subsection (6) (s), and Section 213, Subsection (9)(H) in their entirety and replacing them with a new Section 201 Subsection (3)(i) and (3)(zzzz), Section 202 Subsection (6) (s), and Section 213, Subsection (9)(H) as it relates to Bed and Breakfasts, first reading. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-954. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Mayor Duncan said it is his understanding these clarifications are what the Commission asked for during the moratorium period to clean up the Bed and Breakfast information. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-954.

Consider Ordinance 19-955, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code Title 12 by creating a new Chapter 5, entitled Short Term Rental and Bed and Breakfast Homestay Facilities, first reading. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-955. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 4-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-955.

Consider Resolution 19-866, a resolution accepting the City of Goodlettsville Parks and Recreation Master Plan of 2019. *Commissioner Zach Young left the Chambers.* Parks and Recreation Director Amy Mitchell introduced HFR Design and Kimley Horn. They put together a comprehensive Parks Master Plan. The plan was then presented to the Board. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 19-866. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-866.

Consider Resolution 19-867, a resolution approving the creation of the Tourism Advisory Council for the City of Goodlettsville. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to approve Resolution 19-867. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-867.

Consider Resolution 19-868, a resolution officially requesting the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation to accept and maintain Conference Drive from Vietnam Veterans Parkway to Long Hollow Pike as a State Highway. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 19-868. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Mayor Duncan said we probably should have done this a long time before now but said this should help us in the long run. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-868.

Consider Resolution 19-869, a resolution authorizing the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee to participate in the James L. Richardson “Driver Safety” Matching Grant Program. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Resolution 19-869. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-869.

Consider Resolution 19-870, a resolution acknowledging the application for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation’s Healthy Places Grant. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider

Resolution 19-870. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Mayor Duncan said he is happy to have a Parks Department that is willing to go the extra mile to put in for this grant. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-870.

Consider Resolution 19-871, a resolution declaring certain property surplus to the needs of the City of Goodlettsville and calling for its disposal by online auction or any other reasonable manner. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Resolution 19-871. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-871.

Consider Resolution 19-872, a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Goodlettsville and the City of Hendersonville. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 19-872. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-872.

With no further business, Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m. with a 3-0 vote.

City Recorder

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