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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: September 26, 2019

Time: 6:30

Place: City Hall

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Tim Ellis, Audra Cherry, Jeff McCormick, Addam McCormick, Ken Reeves, Allison Baker, Mary Laine Hucks, Kimberly Lynn, Amy Mitchell, Larry DiOrio, Julie High, Jan Lanus, and others.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order. Toby Swager 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 present, and Commissioner Young present.

Consider minutes of the September 12, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Jawad Mir of 118 Marshall Greene Circle stated he had been working with Tim Ellis and Warren Garrett regarding an issue with a drainage easement that has caused a landslide in his backyard. He wanted a resolution as this has been going on for two years. City Manager Ellis stated the soil that is involved is not suitable for what it is used for and we are working through that. He asked Mr. Mir to stay after the meeting to talk.

Janice Thomas of 116 Garrett Drive addressed the Board regarding her neighbor running a business out of his house. She stated she had been to Codes and talked to members of the Board with no results. She said there is a lot of traffic and that people use her drive way if they get blocked in his drive way. There was additional discussion. She said there are new people moving into her neighborhood and they think they can get away with anything because there are no consequences. She said there is a half-way house on her street as well as chickens. Mayor Duncan said we will work with our Codes Department and City Manager to make sure everything is being done the way it is supposed to be done.

City Manager Tim Ellis announced we had received Notice to Proceed to Construction for our traffic signal improvements on Long Hollow Pike and Conference Drive. He also announced that on October 1st the Police Department will host the National Night Out Against Crime on the grounds of City Hall from 5:00pm-9:00pm.

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. Halloween at the Park will be Saturday, October 26th

from 1:00pm-3:00pm and that evening will be the Ghost and Lantern Tour hosted by the Tourism Department from 6:00pm-8:15pm.

Commissioner Young promoted the Hootenanny on Sunday, September 29th from 1:00pm-5:00pm at Thistletop Inn and said the proceeds will benefit Rachel's Garden, the first all-inclusive playground in Davidson County. There was additional discussion.

Consider old 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, second reading and public hearing. The public hearing was declared open. Barry Collins of 610 Yvonne Drive stated he has spent 12-14 hours looking through the April budget and commented on it. He said the City budget is in the red and was in the red last year. He said the City has drawn down fund balances to pay the amount above revenue and that it cannot continue. He stated the tax increase is estimated to bring in \$975,000 but even with the increase, the commissioners will have to find \$700,000 in cuts. He said the elephant in the room was the health insurance for employees. He talked about the City costs and the shares of the premiums. There was additional discussion. He thanked the Vice Mayor for going over the budget with him. He stated he knows the most difficult thing to look at is cutting employees and employee benefits. He said over the last two years the City has added positions without the tax base to cover those positions. He said there are several positions in every department that he thinks could be cut but that is up to the Commission. There was additional discussion. He said if there are no cuts in positions then expenses need to be cut. He said we need to change the culture in town to make sure we can afford it before we buy it. The public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor Duncan made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-951. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Commissioner Young said he will never reduce pay or benefits for our employees that we ask so much of and do so much for the City. He said we absolutely must maintain happy employees and recruit the best. He said the only question for him is how much to raise the tax because we have operated too long by digging into those reserves. He questioned whether the \$.15 increase was enough because as public servants there is a duty to be fiscally responsible. He said for a long time the City has relied on a sales tax base and that is why property tax rates have been so low. He said that as we have become larger and as sales tax wane as retail trends are moving away from brick and mortar, we have become more dependent on property tax. He encouraged the body to be open to small incremental increases in the future to balance out expenses. There was additional discussion. He said we need to make sure we are planning long term and he wholeheartedly supports the \$.15 increase and would even entertain a higher increase. There was additional discussion.

Mayor Duncan clarified the general fund is made up of administration, planning and zoning, police, fire, public works, parks, and debt service. He said we have other funds and they have direct funding sources. He said with the proposed motion on the floor, we will have to lean in to our professional staff to do the best they can to reduce the 5% that is needed in the general fund. He addressed the health care expenditures and said we are in a difficult time as an employer. He said our employees are good and they love our City. There was additional discussion. He said our workforce is the backbone of the City. He said we are asking for an increase on the revenue side and will reduce the expenses side with good management and some changes of policy.

Vote was then taken which resulted in a 3-2 vote to approve Ordinance 19-951 with Vice Mayor Tinnin and Commissioner Bell 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, second reading. City Manager Ellis recommended deferral to coincide with Resolution 19-874. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-952. Mayor Duncan seconded the motion. Commissioner Young made a motion to amend Ordinance 19-952 to take effect on January 1, 2020. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve the amendment. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 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, second reading. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 19-953. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 19-953.

Consider new business.

Consider Resolution 19-873, a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee and PATH Company, LLC as it relates to streetlight energy evaluation services. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Resolution 19-873. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Young asked if we could amend to only issue a notice to proceed for phase 1 and then come back for a vote before issuing a notice to proceed for phase 2. City Manager Ellis said he was not sure if the company would be willing to do that. Commissioner Young questioned if we approved this tonight and authorized the agreement, we are essentially authorizing the expenditure of \$37,500.00 and where it would come from. City Manager Ellis said this item would come out of our street light line item. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-873.

Consider Resolution 19-874, a resolution establishing fees for bulk item curbside pick-up. City Manager Ellis recommended this be deferred to coincide with Ordinance 19-952. There was additional discussion. Mayor Duncan made a motion to defer Resolution 19-874 for two meetings. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to defer Resolution 19-874 for two meetings.

Consider Resolution 19-875, a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee adopting the Goodlettsville, Tennessee Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Resolution 19-875. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-875.

Consider Resolution 19-876, a resolution designating Pinnacle Bank as the depository for Municipal Funds for a period of four years as was previously established by Ordinance 05-658 in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 6-22-120. City Manager Ellis stated this is a requirement now of the State of Tennessee's Comptrollers Office. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a

motion to consider Resolution 19-876. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-876.

Consider Resolution 19-877, a resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding between the City of Goodlettsville and the Cumberland River Compact as it relates to Moss-Wright Park streambank stabilization. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Resolution 19-877. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Mayor Duncan clarified that this item was budgeted for out of the Stormwater budget. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 19-877.

With no further business, Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m. with a 5-0 vote.

City Recorder

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