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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: April 23, 2020

Time: 6:30

Place: Held Electronically via Zoom

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Tim Ellis, and Julie High.

Mayor Jeff Duncan called the meeting to order.

City Manager Tim Ellis stated Governor Lee issued Executive Order #16 on Friday, March 16th. This order was issued to ensure that government continued to function openly and transparently during the COVID-19 emergency while taking the appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of our citizens. In the order, the Governor recognized guidance from the White House and the Center for Disease Control that states Americans should avoid social gatherings in groups more than 10. The Governor also emphasizes limiting the spread of the COVID-19 by asking all governmental entities of all type to eliminate gatherings by conducting business by electronic means to the greatest extent possible. The order provides that the governments may meet to conduct essential business by electronic means when the governing body determines in doing so as is necessary to protect the citizens. Sadly COVID-19 is still spreading in our State and in our City, therefore, the City of Goodlettsville has determined that in the interest of health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans and the residents of the City of Goodlettsville it is necessary for the Board of Commissioners to meet electronically instead of in person. The City has advertised publicly a link to view and listen to this meeting and has posted the same on our website.

Mayor Duncan stated that summed up why the meeting was being held in this way.

City Manager Tim Ellis offered prayer. Mayor Duncan asked the other Board members if they had any issue with meeting in an electronic manner. There were no objections from the Board.

Assistant City Manager Julie High called the roll: Mayor Duncan present, Vice Mayor Tinnin present, Commissioner Anderson present, Commissioner Bell present, and Commissioner Young present.

Consider minutes of the March 12, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. As part of the digital meeting, all votes had to be conducted by roll call. Assistant City Manager High called roll: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, yes. Minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote.

City Manager Tim Ellis thanked the employees, the elected officials, and the citizens for being such good stewards of our community by observing the social distancing requirements. We will have to ride this out and we will be great when we are done.

He stated Assistant City Manager High chairs Goodlettsville's Economic Recovery Task Force and they held their first meeting today and she wanted to address the Board.

Assistant City Manager High stated it was a good meeting with good input. She said there was a recommendation that came out of the meeting, and that is to request the City to adopt one unified plan for the re-opening. The recommendation was to adopt Mayor Cooper's 'RoadMap to Re-Opening.' They thought it would be beneficial and would be confusing to businesses and citizens to have to deal with following two different counties' plans. She explained to the task force there were issues with that but this is the recommendation from the group to bring before the Board.

City Manager Ellis stated he has talked with Assistant City Manager High and she understands this body doesn't have the authority to adopt one or the other. Unfortunately, Davidson County, with the exemption the Health Department has, control what's going on in the Davidson County side and the other 89 counties in the state, the Governor's plan would apply including Sumner. Assistant City Manager High asked if there could a recommendation from this body that businesses follow one. City Manager Ellis stated it is not an action item at this point unless the Board wants to make it one.

Commissioner Bell stated he didn't believe the Governor was going to release his plan until tomorrow unless City Manager Ellis has seen a preview of it. City Manager Ellis confirmed the Governor would release his plan in the morning.

Assistant City Manager High relayed the information and stated the biggest concern of everyone's is there is so much confusion and felt like this would be something the City could do. Our ECD representative who was there suggested it because Metro's roadmap was probably more stringent than what the Governor may have for the other counties and would be a good way for us to approach it.

Commissioner Zach Young asked if we could reach out to Unified Command or the Governor's office about our particular situation because he knows there are several cities in Tennessee in two counties but the chances of another city being in two counties where one of them is one of the counties that has their own health department is unlikely. He is curious if the Governor would have some advice or leeway. Commissioner Young understands the recommendation and agrees with it. He likes Mayor Cooper's plan and thinks it is focused and is making decisions based on the data as it changes instead of focusing on arbitrary dates. He asked for Mr. Ellis to reach out to the Governor's office about some guidance or leeway.

City Manager Ellis said we would do that. At this point it would probably have to take an Executive Order from him. He doesn't know and will have to depend on our City Attorney's opinion on that matter. He said as we sit tonight, we would be looking at two different sets of rules for two different counties. He stated they may come close to aligning but he doesn't expect that to happen.

Mayor Duncan stated it was his understanding they would release something first thing in the morning and the Board may need to get together next week for a Special Called Meeting to have some kind of backing either way as a Board.

Mayor Duncan asked the general public that is watching that when the restrictions are lifted to please be cognizant of your hygiene practices and CDC guidelines. He stated we are not out of the woods and we are going to try to get the economy on track. We still need to have good health as we go through that and do everything you can to continue to practice these good safety measures that have been outlined by the CDC.

Consider old business.

Consider Ordinance 20-968, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code Title 11, Chapter 8 by creating a new Section 5 entitled "Suspended or Expelled Minors.", second reading. City Manager Ellis recommended tabling. Commissioner Young made a motion to table Ordinance 20-968. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Assistant City Manager High called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, yes. Ordinance 20-968 was tabled by a 5-0 vote.

Consider new business.

Consider Ordinance 20-969, an ordinance amending Ordinance 17-887, as it relates to those serving as the designated Public Record Request Coordinators for the City of Goodlettsville, first reading. City Manager Ellis stated the original ordinance was adopted in 2017. Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson was the secondary person as the custodian and she has left employment of the City and Mrs. Rachel Hoover will be taking her place. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Ordinance 20-969. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Assistant City Manager High called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Ordinance 20-969 was approved on first reading by a 5-0 vote.

Consider Resolution 20-914, a resolution authorizing the application for funding from the Governor's Local Government Support Grants Program for the purpose of road maintenance during fiscal year 2020-2021. City Manager Ellis stated he had not seen the application as they had not been issued yet at the time of writing the resolution. He was recommending this be used for road repavement funding. In the application that would fall under capital maintenance instead of road maintenance. He asks this resolution be adopted and amended to read capital maintenance. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Resolution 20-914 as amended to read capital maintenance instead of road maintenance. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Assistant City Manager High called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-914 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Consider Resolution 20-915, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to make an application for a Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program Grant (TAEP) and assuring matching funds. He stated this is for a tree planting grant and the application would be for only half of what we have had done in the past to be conservative. The matching funds would come out of the existing budget. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Resolution 20-915. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Assistant City Manager High called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-915 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Consider Resolution 20-916, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to make application for any federal or state funding, not requiring a local match of funds, as it relates to the COVID-19 response and economic recovery. City Manager Ellis stated that as different funding measures are becoming available, it would be in the City's best interest for us to be able to move very quickly in making applications. We had a situation regarding cyber security that came out today that we will not be able to make applications for since timelines are moving so quickly. In the resolution it states if the City Manager makes application for any funding that he makes the Board aware of it within three days of the application. Commissioner Bell asked about the caption in the resolution summary cover sheet and it stated about a cost to the city and asked why it was there. City Manager Ellis stated that was on there in error. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Resolution 20-916. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Assistant City Manager High called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-916 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Consider Resolution 20-917, a resolution designating the Director of Human Resources as the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer for the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee. City Manager Ellis stated this is coming as a request from TDOT. He said this is a federal requirement coming down that someone who receives funding has this designee. Commissioner Bell made a motion to consider Resolution 20-917. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Assistant City Manager High called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-917 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Consider Resolution 20-918, 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 20-918. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Assistant City Manager High called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-918 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

With no further business, Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m. with a 5-0 vote.

City Recorder

Mayor