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REGULAR MEETING  
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: August 13, 2020

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, Gary Goodwin, Allison Baker, Julie High, Addam McCormick, Sarah Jennings, Larry DiOrio, and Ken Reeves.

Mayor Jeff Duncan called the meeting to order. Pastor Harry Yates 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 July 23, 2020 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.

City Manager Tim Ellis stated we anticipate the high mast lighting project to be turned on at Exit 98 and Highway 41 and Highway 31 in the next week. There has been a lot of discussion between the contractor and NES and it is ready to be turned on. They are trying to work through why it has not at this point. It has met all of TDOT's requirements so stay tuned. He also made the Board aware of the Ministerial Alliance's 9/11 Remembrance Service that will be held at Gazebo Park at 7:00pm on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works is working through the possibilities of hosting a Fall Cleanup Day and free drop off at Public Works. There are still concerns with COVID so they are working on a plan. City Manager Ellis stated with as much has been dropped already this year, he is not sure what anyone would have left to throw away.

Mayor Duncan asked City Manager Ellis about an announcement regarding the Parks Director.

City Manager Ellis stated he sent a release to this Board at the end of last week that he has appointed Mrs. Sarah Jennings as the permanent Parks Director. Sarah has served in the interim for the past six months and has demonstrated great abilities in that position not only with her skills in Parks and Recreation but also with her ability to work and relate with a broad range of people and personalities. He stated she is soon to be a resident on Loretta Drive. Mayor Duncan congratulated her.

Commissioner Young stated Walmart's charitable arm made a \$5,000 donation to Rachel's Garden and that was in time for the matching funds. He said at this point Rachel's Garden has now raised six figures. There is still a ways to go but that puts the project at a major milestone that will hopefully attract some other institutionalized giving. He said we appreciate the Walmart on Gallatin Road for making that possible.

Consider old business.

Consider Ordinance 20-972, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code Title 7, Chapter 7 by deleting subsection 5 of section 703 in its entirety; by deleting section 708 in its entirety and replacing it with a new section 708; and creating a new section 709 as it relates to Fire Prevention Rapid Entry, second reading and public hearing. City Manager Ellis stated this ordinance remains unchanged since first reading and has to do with gate entries into controlled access apartments and to private roads. One in particular would be Bella Vista in our community. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 20-972. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Duncan opened the public hearing. With no one speaking in favor or against the proposed amendment, the public hearing was declared closed. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 20-972.

Consider Ordinance 20-973, an ordinance to establish an updated occupational safety and health program plan, devise rules and regulations, and to provide for a safety director and the implementation of such program plan, second reading. City Manager Ellis stated this has to be updated every seven years and our Human Resources Director will serve as Safety Director. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Ordinance 20-973. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 20-973.

Consider new business.

Consider Ordinance 20-975, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 06-674 as amended, the zoning ordinance of the City of Goodlettsville, to remove the Auto Servicing and Vehicular Craft and Related Equipment Sales Uses from the permitted uses of the Commercial Services Limited and Commercial Planned Unit Development Zoning Districts, first reading. City Manager Ellis stated this was approved by the Planning Commission unanimously. Commissioner Bell asked if this will have any effect on any business that is already in business. City Manager Ellis stated everything is grandfathered in and even if it ceased to operate under that there would be a 30-month time period in which someone could still use the same land use. Planning Director Addam McCormick stated non-conforming uses are protected by our ordinance and State law. Typically, if they go out, they have 30 months to re-establish. They can expand on the property, if it burned down they could rebuild but they could not expand onto additional properties. There is one that has been approved on South Dickerson and it is referenced in the ordinance and the Planning Commission discussed it. It would be protected by the State's vested rights for the permits since it has been approved. This amendment would remove that approval from that zoning district but their site plan will still be valid for a short period of time. Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 20-975. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 20-975.

Consider Ordinance 20-976, an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 5, Section 502, Subsection 2 of the Goodlettsville Municipal Code by deleting Subsection 2 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Subsection 2, as it relates to Commercial Vehicle Parking, first reading. City Manager Ellis stated we have an ordinance in place that prevents semi-tractor and semi-trailer parking in certain commercial classifications. We have been inundated with other commercial

vehicles, mostly aerial bucket trucks that have come in to the community and parking in locations where other businesses have expressed concerns. In looking back at this, we have no way to control that and for that reason we would be adding ‘any other commercially operated vehicle that is longer than twenty feet in length.’ Commissioner Young made a motion to consider Ordinance 20-976. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Commissioner Young stated this would also pull in big coach’s and bus’s and asked if we had issues with the coach’s as he stated there may be a bit of a gray area as to whether those are commercially operated or not. City Manager Ellis stated we have never really had an issue with it. We do have some that park on occasion but the continued parking has not been an issue. Mayor Duncan asked if this particular ordinance would apply for vehicles within the right of way or if this is private property also. City Manager Ellis stated this falls under our property maintenance standards so this would fall not in the right of way. There is another ordinance in place that talks about parking in residential neighborhoods and other things of that nature. Mayor Duncan said he is just thinking of private property rights and don’t private property owners have the right to do this kind of activity if it relates to their business? City Manager Ellis stated that further in the code it permits it if it is their business. The only thing we are changing is those that are parking there that have nothing to do with the business at all. Commissioner Young stated for example we put this into the code and Kmart closed shortly after and it was turning into a semi lot. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 20-976.

Consider Resolution 20-933, a resolution authorizing an application for the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation Grant as it relates to the construction of a new playground. City Manager Ellis stated this would require no funds from the City. Parks Director Sarah Jennings addressed the board regarding the changes to this grant application and the direction we are taking. Parks Director Jennings stated in the past this grant has been a free for all where you could say, “I want a playground, I want tennis courts,” anything you would want. This year is their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary so they have changed it and want to do ten parks across the state. They have selected ten different options for us to choose from for the development of the park and we had to choose one. We have chosen the Community Hub as we thought this one would service everyone in the area surrounding Brooks Park. It will get the seniors with the walking, the children for using the playground and it has fitness equipment. Commissioner Bell asked if it was at Brooks Park, how would it accommodate the parking traffic? Parks Director Jennings stated we would eventually have to look into doing some type of parking as a capital project. We have couple of spaces there and there is some room for addition within that grant but not much wiggle room so it is something we would have to navigate. Commissioner Bell made a motion to consider Resolution 20-933. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 20-933.

Consider Resolution 20-934, a resolution authorizing the City of Goodlettsville’s participation in the State of Tennessee Local Government COVID-19 Assistance Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute any needed documents associated with such participation. City Manager Ellis stated this is direct funding from the federal government to the State of Tennessee. The amount that the City of Goodlettsville would receive is approximately \$250,000. It has been a challenge to get everything set up to this point and we have not fulfilled anything to this point. He wanted the board to pass this resolution to make sure the board is on board with this. At the next meeting he

will probably be recommending an employee hazard pay program in which these funds would be distributed into from March 1<sup>st</sup> to a date in the future. It may be December 1<sup>st</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>. The timing on their program is not very precise at the moment. He asked them to keep in mind other personnel expenditures, overtime to back fill positions that were out due to COVID, that will actually be paid by the FEMA federal assistance program. He said because of the exposure that a lot of our staff has had, especially the public safety side, this would be applied. At the very least if there is issue with the idea, we still need to approve this so that we can figure out what else we can use it for. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 20-934. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. Commissioner Young asked if the Tennessee Local Government Assistance Program was State money or if it was money the State got that they are looking to distribute? City Manager Ellis stated this money was the money the State got from the federal government and this is the portion going to local governments. He stated Davidson County and Shelby County are not eligible since they received a direct appropriation per capita. City Manager Ellis stated that on our work leading up to this, this would not equal the hazard pay Metro employees are looking at receiving but it would be a nice gesture. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 20-934.

Commissioner Young said that back during the budget process, it was discussed that later in the year, once we got closer to having more information to look at whether or not we could do anything for employees since we did not. From the numbers he has seen, we are really hemorrhaging some dollars, but wanted to know when we were going to be able to say yay or nay if we would be able to revisit that or not. City Manager Ellis stated we do not even know what our sales tax numbers are for the month of July yet. He would like to get at least two months to see where it is trending. He said in October is when we need to have this conversation so that would give us a couple of months and possibly do something around November/December. He said he feels encouraged about how it is trending, but there are other funds that are suffering significantly. Commissioner Young said he knew it was soon now but wanted to make sure it was still on everyone's minds when we will have that discussion.

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

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City Recorder

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Mayor