

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JANUARY 13, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Keith Stone

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Retterbush

WELCOME: Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Retterbush

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro Tem Billy Retterbush, Aldermen Antonio Carter, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Paul Stagner, Tina Ward, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Chief Chuck Edwards, Paul Stagner, Henry Yawn, and Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pearlene Daniels, Keith Stone, Allen Davis, Bryan Shaw, Margie Tygart, Kyle Pearson, and Brenda Thomas.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING- Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the minutes and the public hearing from the previous meeting. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Pro-Tem Retterbush asked the Council to strike item number five from the formal agenda. Alderman Carter made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the change. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominations for the Historical District- Bryan Shaw the Historic Commission Chairman told the group he received the report from the Georgia Historic Preservation Division regarding our Nashville Historic Division regarding our Nashville Historic District Nomination. Leigh Burns, preservation planner and CLG coordinator, indicated that the material we sent contained all of the essential elements needed for their review. Their review supported the designation of the district and encouraged the Mayor and City Council to proceed with the designation. She also encouraged the Council to include the presentation on the City Website. The next step is to draft a Designation Ordinance which defines the boundaries and historic properties as well as all properties within the district.

2. Setting Forth the Geographic area for the Designation Ordinance- Mitchell Moore told the group the Ordinance the Council has already adopted was drafted to include the geographic area and descriptions which what was suggested by the Historic Commission. Mitchell also The recommend and proposed schedule for the creation of Nashville Historic District are:
January 13th- City Council receives Designation Ordinance and schedules hearing date and time.
January 22nd- First hearing notification posting in the Berrien Press, City Hall, and Perry Library,
January 20th-24th- Mail hearing notification letters certified mail, February 6th- Hold hearing on Designated Properties and Boundaries, February 10th- Preservation Commission to present resolution on Historic District, and First reading of the Designated Properties and Boundaries Ordinance, February 24th- Second reading of the Designated Properties and Boundaries Ordinance, February 25th-28th- Mail certified letters informing all property owners of the finalized Nashville Historic District. Bryan Shaw told the group that trough the hearings the Commission will present a Resolution to the Council to approve the Ordinance that has been created to include the properties. At that point if a property needs to be removed then we can do the removal and still keep the Ordinance in place. Bryan told the group that the notification letters from the State were modified and formed for Nashville. These letters need to be sent out certified mail by next week at the latest. Alderman Stalnaker asked if the notification letters must be sent out certified mail. Bryan stated according to the State division the letters must be mailed certified mail. Alderman Stalnaker suggested another letter be added to the formed letter from the State explaining what the Designation Ordinance is and what will happen after the Ordinance is passed. The group discussed who would form the letter and who will send out the letters.

3. Amending the Ordinance to add a Special Event or Catering Permit- Mayor Pro-Tem Retterbush stated at the last Council meeting the City Council asked Mitchell Moore to look into amending the Ordinance to allow for a catering permit or to allow for the serving of alcohol at special events. Mayor Pro-Tem told the group he would like to postpone this request for a later date or until a full Council is present. Mitchell Moore told the group his understanding was he was to look into amending the Ordinance so this will not be a first reading. The only thing Council asked me to do was to work toward is amending the Alcohol Ordinance to provide for a Catering permit. Mitchell explained the concept was if someone had an existing alcohol license depending on what type of license they have would determine if they were to be allowed a catering permit. Mayor Pro-Tem Retterbush stated again we need to postpone any action on this item until we have the entire Council present. Alderman Stalnaker concurred and added we need to have a work session on this to discuss the matter further.

4. Name Change on the Beer and Wine Application for Nilay A Patel d/b/a Sucho 0908 LLC- Mayor Pro-Tem Retterbush told the group this beer and wine application was approved at the last Council meeting all fees were paid and a criminal back ground was completed with no record found. The only change Mr. Patel is requesting is to change the name from Pap's III to Sucho 0908 LLC. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to approve the name change. Alderwoman Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for a Street Light at West Smith Ave. - Keith Stone told the group that a street light needs to be placed on the part of Smith Street that was made out to Edgewood. That portion of the road has no street light and it needs one. Paul Stagner told the group he looked into this request and the light will be placed at 803 Edgewood. Alderwoman Watson made the motion to allow the light at 803 Edgewood. Alderman Gaither asked Chief Edwards if a light would help that area. Chief Edwards replied absolutely. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Alderman Stalnaker stated that he is for the request for a light but he added that the request needs to be researched further to see if the City has an existing light that can be moved before we put up an additional light.

6. Ratify the decision to allow Mayor Harper and Alderman Carter to attend The Mayors conference in Atlanta- Mayor Pro-Tem Retterbush told the group on December 12th Randy Lane polled the Council in reference to allowing the Mayor and Alderman Carter to attend the Mayors conference in Atlanta. According to the poll taken five of the six Councilmen contacted voted yes. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to ratify the decision. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Qualifications and Qualifying fees for 2014- Mayor Pro-Tem Retterbush told the group that per Christina Allen the Supervisor of Elections the qualifications and qualifying fees for the 2014 election must be read in open session and published in the local organ the first week of February. Although the City does not have a seat open this year the Qualifications are as follows: Have been a resident of the City for at least twelve consecutive months, be a qualified voter in the City, be at least twenty-one years of age, have been a freeholder in the City for at least two years. The qualifying fees are set at three percent of the seat holder's annual salary. Post one through post six fees will be \$144.00 and the Mayor's qualifying fee will be \$288.00. Alderman Gaither made the motion to accept the qualifications and qualifying fees. Alderwoman Watson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Beer Application from Pizza Hut- Mayor Pro-Tem Retterbush told the group Pizza Hut applied for a beer license. All fees were paid and a background history was completed with no records found. Alderman Gaither made the motion to approve the beer application for Pizza Hut. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

9. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report- Mandy told the group she handed them a handout with the total revenues and expenditures so far this year. The City auditors will be through with the City's audit by the end of this month. We should receive a report within the next couple of months.

10. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore updated the group on the water and sewer improvements at the industrial park or Chaparral. He said Kimberly Hobbs is looking into some possible grants for the project and it is taking some time to move forward because we are waiting to hear from Ms. Hobbs. Mitchell also updated the group on the Gas line to Alapaha. He said there was some concern before about the company or DuPont using the burn system

and they are using the burn system on some of kilns but they will be using natural gas for at least two kilns. DuPont will also double their employment once the gas line is in place. We are still waiting to hear from the EDA Grant we applied for as well. Mitchell also updated the group on the tennis courts. He said he contacted the Superintendent and told him to contact Mandy Luke. Mitchell wanted to revisit the letters that are to be sent out to the property owners for the Historic Preservation District. He suggested that the employees at City Hall generate the letters and send them out because it would be better cost wise for them to handle this. Mandy indicated that Dawn Morrison volunteered to send out the letters. Bryan Shaw added the City website needs to have a link which will link inquiry's to the Historical Preservation District so they can view the whole presentation. Mitchell Moore stated the geographic boundaries have been set forth in that proposed Ordinance.

12. Department Head's Report- Chief Edwards told the group the concerned citizen at the last Council meeting asked that we make sure the golf cart rules and apply to the UPS golf cart he had seen driving around town without any caution lights or signs. This situation was resolved the very next day. Paul Stagner made contact with the UPS driver and they were in compliance that day. Also the question about the Golf Cart Ordinance as far as if it applies to private and commercial golf carts. The Ordinance is good for both and no amendments need to be made. Paul Stagner told the group in Randy Lane absence he asked me to bring a couple of thing before the Council. First, the street department has a 1991 bulldozer which is beyond repair and we would like for Council to deem it as surplus property. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to deem the 1991 bulldozer as surplus property. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Paul stated the street light requested for the parking lot behind the old DA's office has been installed and is fully operational. Paul also updated the group on Beetree Park. The roof on the pavilion has been completed and the swing set was repainted. The delay of the completion was due to the contractor being pulled off the project to complete another project. Alderman Carter asked Paul what is the time line on the completion of the Beetree Project. Paul replied he was unsure of the date. Also the property manager of the trailers on MLK has started to disassemble the trailers. He also stated that Colquitt EMC has requested that the City put up some guard rails around the large drainage ditch located at their new facility off of Day Avenue. The project will be completed soon and Colquitt EMC is assisting with the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL

Margie Tygart told the group the lights at West View cemetery are not operational and have not been operational for a few months. Mayor Pro-Tem asked Peter Schultz to look into fixing the lights at West View cemetery.

Paul Stagner was asked why McDonalds was closed during tonight's meeting. Paul said McDonalds is closed because they had to install a baffle in their grease trap to comply with the City grease trap ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.m. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST

Tina Ward, City Clerk