

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
AUGUST 13, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Mayor Travis Harper

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Travis Harper

WELCOME: Mayor Travis Harper

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Aldermen Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Billy Retterbush, Michael Richbourg, Scott Stalnaker, and Mayor Travis Harper.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Tina Ward, Randy Lane, Henry Yawn, Tommy Davis, Peter Schultz, Chief Clayton, John Reynolds, Dawn Morrison, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Crissy Staley, Allen Davis, John Hunkele, John Black, Brenda Thomas, and Pearleen Daniels.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, WORK SESSIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Mitchell Moore wanted to correct the last sentence of the Attorneys report. The sentence should read “before they start work on phase one”. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings with the correction. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper asked the group to remove the swearing in of the new elected official. Due to illness Mellisa Watson could not be here tonight. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the change. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution For the July 31st Election Returns- Mayor Harper told the group the Resolution approving the July 31st Election Returns needs to be adopted by the Council. The results are for the post one seat that Dick Perryman resigned from on April 23rd, 2012. The winning candidate from this Special Election will fulfill the remaining term of this post. The results are as follows: Marvin Barker-224, Walt Steward-133, and Mellisa Watson 564. The final results declare Mellisa Watson as the winner. Alderman Retterbush made the motion to adopt the Resolution on the Election Returns. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Beer License Application for Shilpaben B. Patel- Mayor Harper told the group Mr. Patel has applied for a license to sell beer at the Lucky Corner convenience store. All fees were paid and a criminal history was completed with no record found. Alderman Gaither made the motion to approve the beer license for the Lucky Corner. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

3. First reading of the Grease Trap Ordinance- Mitchell Moore told the group this is an Ordinance to amend the code of Ordinances for the City of Nashville by amending article II, sewer use section 29-43, definitions deleting section 29-67, interceptors and adopting sections 29-74 through 29-83 to address commercial waste handling. Mitchell pointed out a few areas that are in need of tweaking and will have the revisions before the second reading. This will constitute the first reading of this Ordinance.

4. /5. Resolution to Describe Boundaries of Redevelopment Areas for the Redevelopment Plan, and the 1st Reading of the Ordinance for the Redevelopment Plan- Mitchell Moore informed the group this Resolution was completed in October 13, 2009 and revised modified and amended August 23, 2010, which included (Exhibit A), Highway 129 business corridor encompassing the 129 business corridor from the Southern City limits of South Davis to the Northern corporate limits of the City of Nashville; the Downtown area of the City of Nashville as designated by the Department of Community Affairs and the Better Hometown area as defined by the Better Hometown Charter, its board of directors, and City officials; the existing Industrial Parks lying in Southern portion of the City of Nashville East of Highway 129 as well as the Industrial Parks on the

Eastern side of the corporate City limits, lying North and South of Highway 76. The Resolution does not need to be adopted again.

The Ordinance for the Redevelopment Plan is an Ordinance providing for defining, establishing, describing, designating and adopting the City of Nashville Commercial Enterprise Zone Area. Crissy Staley told the group the main goal for the plan is to establish designated Urban Redevelopment areas within the incorporated boundaries. Enterprise Zones will enable the community to capitalize on potential incentives for businesses locating or expanding within these areas. With an Enterprise Zone designation, the City of Nashville is allowed to waive or reduce local regulatory fees within the Enterprise Zone area, such as occupation taxes, license fees, and building inspection and/or permitting fees for qualifying businesses. These areas in which to extend these incentives for businesses locating or expanding within the Enterprise Zone will be left up to the City of Nashville's Council. The incentives that are made available to new businesses that locate within the Urban Redevelopment Area, Enterprise Zone, cannot receive any of the incentives available unless all renovations are complete. This will constitute as the first reading of this Ordinance for the Redevelopment Plan.

6. Ratify the Purchase of the Security System for City Hall- Mandy told the group due to the relocation of the City's Police department, the City Hall needed a new security system similar to the banks. Randy Lane investigated prices for the new security system the lowest cost was \$6,000.00. Council was polled and with the exception of Alderman Retterbush and Alderman Richbourg the decision passed. Council needs to ratify this decision in the open meeting. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to approve the decision for the new security system for City Hall. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gaither and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Ratify the Purchase of the Dodge Truck for the Police department- Mandy told the group that Chief Clayton traded in a vehicle to purchase a 2004 Dodge Truck for \$10,742.00 for the Police department. Council was polled and now the decision needs to be ratified in open session. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2004 Dodge truck for the Police department. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

8. City Manager's/Finance Director's Report- Mandy Luke told the group she received the contract for the State prisoners. She polled the Council about entering into the contract for State prisoner's "work detail". Council needs to ratify their decision in the open meeting. Alderman Gaither made the motion to approve entering into the contract for State prisoner's "work detail". Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

9. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore told the group a question has been posed about the CDBG project. The owner of lot 58 where the old lift station is located has asked if Council would like to purchase the any of the property in which the old lift station is located. The Council instructed Mitchell to tell the owner the Council has shown little interest in purchasing the property but would like to know the price he is asking for the property.

10. Department Head's Report- Randy Lane told the group he received a contract from Watkins and Associates for the Hanna's Hope Park project. He asked Mitchell to read over the paperwork and Mayor Harper to sign the contract once Council has made the motion to approve Watkins and Associates as the projects Architect and Engineer. Alderman Retterbush asked the total cost of the project and Mitchell replied \$26,000.00 is the total cost of the project. Alderman Richbourg made the motion to approve Watkins and Associates as the Engineer and Architect for Hanna's Hope Park project. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stalnaker and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/COUNCIL

John Hunckele told the group the contractor for the new Waste Water Treatment Plant is still ahead of schedule and November 1st is the date for completion. The plant should be ready at that time to go on line.

Mayor Harper told the group he and a couple of the Council members met with the County two weeks ago in reference to the LOST negotiations. We think we came up with a good proposal which will address the concerns with 911 and parks and recreation. We are actually taking a cut of about \$160,000.00. Reassessments of properties should cover the \$160,000.00 and we would break even. However we did not take into consideration that Mandy Luke had already added estimated assessments of the property value back into the budget. After these figures were run we were left with around \$65,000.00 short in our current budget. Mayor

Harper informed the group that there will be a meeting held with the County, Enigma, Alapaha, Ray City and Nashville to sign the formal LOST agreement and Mayor Harper asked that Council make a motion approving the Mayor as the signer for the City of Nashville on the LOST agreement. This agreement will be in effect for the next ten years. He explained how the contract works, \$350,000.00 off the top for the next five years goes directly to the County and then it is broken down according to population. Then for the next five years the County will receive \$400,000.00 off the top and the rest is broken down by population. In the past the County receives nothing off the top and 54% went to the County and the rest to the City's, and now it is around 68% to the County and the rest to the City's. Mandy Luke told the group if we go into this at what the County has estimated which is 1.6 figures and we break it down by the month as to what we should get out of that 1.6 then 152,000.00 will be the difference. The first year will not hit us that hard because we have from August to December to get what we currently have which is 31%. In January to July of 2013 the figure will drop. Our current amount we receive monthly is around \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 per month and they are estimating will drop to \$26,200.00 per month. Alderman Retterbush asked if the dollar amounts have changed since the last negotiation meeting was held. Mayor Harper said the dollar amounts have not changed but the way they turn it into the department of Revenue is in percentages. Mayor Harper stated the problem we are facing; is the census numbers we are working from are from 1990. The census number has changed since then and the County has gained and our City has lost, so whoever the County Commissioners were in 2000 dropped the ball. Also we are not helping subsidize 911 or recreation. During the negotiations 911 and recreation was added to the amount the County will take off the top. The group discussed "what will happen if the 911 department is moved". They discussed renegotiating an agreement to subsidize 911 and recreation. They discussed hiring a mediator to help with the negotiations. The Council discussed a renegotiation with the County and signing a separate service agreement for 911 and recreation. They also discussed what will happen if the 911 center is moved and will those funds the County will be saving come back to the City. The group discussed different ways to renegotiate with the County. All agreed that the City of Nashville is the retail hub of the County and where the County receives most of its commerce. The group discussed hiring a mediator to negotiate LOST with the County. Alderman Richbourg commented that the City only wants what is fair for all involved. The group also discussed service contracts for 911 and the Recreation department for the County. After several minutes of discussion Alderman Richbourg made the motion to give Travis and Mandy the Authority to further negotiate the LOST and anything else that goes along with that, also talk to the County about a separate agreement for 911 and the recreation department and if they save money at any

time over that ten year period that they redistribute the savings to the Municipality's. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Retterbush told the group that he has served on the Planning Commission board for five to six years and now holds the Chairmen position, but due to his new employment obligations he will no longer be able to serve on the Planning Board. Alderman Retterbush asked the Mayor if he would like to take over that position on the board or nominate someone else for the position. They meet the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and since the board is a volunteer board the pay is zero.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Ward, City Clerk