

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
OCTOBER 25, 2010**

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 Mayor Travis Harper, Aldermen Bill Turner, Michael Richbourg, Dick Perryman, Darrin Davis, Scott Stalnaker, and Billy Retterbush.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Clayton, Tina Haughton, Peter Schultz, Mandy Luke, John Reynolds, Dawn Morrison, and City Attorney Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Milton, Joe Black, Allen Davis, Cheryl Bonham, Klim Nessmith, Antonito Carter, James Richards, John Black, and Fern Turner.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adopt the Minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper wanted to remove item three from the formal agenda and add Prorate the cost of beer and wine license for new businesses. Also add as item four, the date for the Councils Work Session, as item five, advertisement for an Assistant City Manager, and as item six, Campaign signs. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to approve the formal agenda with the changes. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution for the Farmers Market Grant- Mitchell Moore presented the Council with a Resolution. Dawn Morrison is applying for a Farmers Market Grant

through USDA and per USDA all grants must have a resolution. This Resolution will give The City of Nashville the legal authority to carry out the purposes of the proposed Rural Business Enterprise Grant for the Federal Government. The City of Nashville's Council gives Mandy Luke or the City Manager, and Dawn Morrison permission to execute all necessary forms and agreements involved with USDA REBG Grant process and the Grant Resolution. Alderman Perryman made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderman Retterbush and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution for the Amended FY 2009-2010 Budget- Mandy Luke told the group a Resolution for the Amended FY 2009-2010 Budget is completed. The purpose for this resolution is to provide appropriations for the General fund by transferring budgeted money within the General fund departments. Alderman Richbourg made a motion to accept the Resolution for the Amended for the Amended FY 2009-2010 Budget. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Prorate the cost of beer and wine license for new businesses- Mayor Harper requested that the Council look into prorating our beer and wine license for new business quarterly. He said a couple of new businesses brought this matter to his attention and wanted the Council to consider this proposal. Mayor Harper asked Mitchell Moore to look into either rewriting the Ordinance or amending the Ordinance to allow for this prevision. Mayor Harper asked if the new businesses could pay the amount of a prorated license so they could begin selling or will they need to wait until the Ordinance is rewritten and passed before Council. Mitchell said the businesses will have to wait for the new Ordinance to pass before City Council.

4. Establish a date and time for Work Session- Mayor Harper asked the group to mark their calendars for a Work Session on November 15th at 6:00 p.m. The group asked the Mayor to email reminders of the meeting. The topics we are going to discuss are, Wells, Grease Traps, Bridges, Pants and several other items.

5. The Placement of Campaign Signs- Alderman Turner told the group due to the vast amount of campaign signs being placed throughout town, can the Council establish an Ordinance that would require permission from the land owner before setting up campaign signs. Mayor Harper said the City should not be concerned with this problem because most land owners can pull up any unwanted signs and if the signs are in the DOT right of way they will take them down. Mrs. Fern Turner added the old Nashville grocery which is the City's property has an over

abundance of campaign signs. Mayor Harper said we could notify DOT to check the right of way, as well as ask the campaigners who have signs on the City's right of way to remove them or move them off the City's right of way. After some discussion the group decided to add this item to the work session agenda.

6. Advertising for an Assistant City Manager- Mayor Harper told the group since he was elected as Mayor in 2007 Mandy Luke has been the City Manager and the Finance Director. She was appointed by Council a few years before I was elected and she does an excellent job of balancing these two jobs. Lately, I have notice how many hours Mrs. Luke puts in to do these two jobs. She comes to work and never gets to leave her office. She takes work home with her almost every day. Mayor Harper asked the Council to consider hiring an Assistant City Manager to assist Mandy Luke with the day to day operations in the City such as, personnel matters, dealing with the public, and help keep up with our City Supervisors. This will allow Mandy more time to do the Financial Officers job she was originally hired to do. Mayor Harper elaborated by saying, Mandy was originally hired as the City's Financial Director over five years ago and shortly after was appointed the job as City Manager. He said she has done an excellent job but it's time for us to give her some help so she can enjoy her children and her home life without taking City work home with her. Alderman Turner made a motion to advertise in the local organ for an Assistant City Manager. Alderman Richbourg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

7. City Manager's /Finance Director's Report- Mandy Luke told the group the City's Auditors will be here the second week in November.

8. City Attorney's Report- Mitchell Moore told the group John Hunkley contacted him today and Georgia Power has decided to hire their own surveyor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mitchell added this is not a problem and there should be no delays. He said John Hunkley also informed him that the City's loan applications are to be considered this week.

9. Department Heads' Report- Dawn Morrison asked that the group add the Farmers Market Grant to the agenda for the Work Session on November 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Klim Nessmith wanted to clarify his intentions at the previous meeting he attended with the Council. He said he did not want to extend the hours of operation at the VFW in order to sell alcohol. He simply wanted to have more time to get everyone out of the facility once the establishment closes down. He also asked the Council about prorating a wine license for the VFW. Mayor Harper explained the Council has already discussed that issue and cannot prorate any license until the Ordinance has been modified. This process usually takes two weeks. Mr. Nessmith also asked again about the hours of operation. He said the City has not modified or extended that Ordinance since October 2007. Alderman Richbourg concurred and said we extended the hours of operation 30 minutes at that time. Mitchell said his understanding is the Ordinance reads only three employees can remain up to 30 minutes past 12. Mr. Nessmith asked the Council to please consider extending the hours of operation on Saturday night one hour, or another thirty minutes. He assured the group no alcoholic beverages will be sold after 12 and the extended hour gives everyone time to leave the establishment. Alderman Turner made a motion to discuss this further in the work session of November 15th. Alderman Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. James Richards asked the Council to look at putting up a light on West Dennis between Tally Allie and South Berrien. Mayor Harper and Alderman Davis said they would check the area tonight and see what needs to be done. Mayor Harper thanked the Council for approving the Assistant City Manager position. He also reminded the group about campaign disclosures.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Richbourg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Bill Turner

Alderman Dick Perryman

Alderman Darrin Davis

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Haughton, City Clerk