

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
MARCH 9, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION: Blair Joiner

PLEDGE: Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

WELCOME: Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Taylor Scarbrough, Aldermen Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and John Clayton

STAFF PRESENT: Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn, Mitchell Moore, Steve Adams, Buck Warren

OTHERS INVOLVED: Blair Joiner, Wayne May, Lester Ross, Richard Klinesmith, Sara Luke, Kaitlyn Wise, Haylee Offermann, Earl Miles

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting(s). Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

John Clayton made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Introduction of New Patrol Officer (Kenta West) – Chief Edwards:** Chief Edwards introduced Kenta West as a new patrol officer with the Nashville Police Department.
2. **Georgia Forestry Issuing Fire Permits – Blair Joiner:** Blair Joiner with Georgia Forestry and the Nashville Volunteer Fire Department explained the Georgia State law which became effective in 1988 requiring burn permits although individual Cities were allowed to issue fire permits. He explained burning requirements and guidelines stating he had spoken with the Fire Chief, Buck Warren, and the Fire Department and their proposal is to discontinue this service through the City and refer these requests to Georgia Forestry Commission. Eric Gaither made a motion to use Georgia Forestry Commission for issuance of fire permits (toll free #877-652-2876) effective immediately. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Nashville Historic Preservation Commission (NHPC) – Mayor Scarbrough:** The Mayor explained there had been many issues and misunderstandings surrounding the Commission and

its purpose and asked Margaret Perry, currently serving as Chairperson of the Main Street Board, for more information. Mrs. Perry addressed the Council on the topic. That information is attached hereto. There was a brief discussion regarding the members of the Commission, member requirements, the guidelines and possible adjustments to the guidelines with a mention of a workshop to discuss further.

4. **Employee Appreciation Breakfast or Lunch – Mayor Scarbrough:** The Mayor discussed wanting to have an employee appreciation breakfast or lunch to meet with the employees of the City asking the department heads for ideas on the best way and best time to go about doing this.
5. **NURA/Lowcountry Housing Communities LLC/Havenwood Contract – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:** Mr. Moore presented and explained the Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement contract between Nashville Urban Redevelopment Agency (NURA) and Peach Way Holdings, LLC, the successful bidder, to be executed in order for Peach Way Holdings to carry out the terms of their bid proposal. Billy Retterbush made a motion to allow the Mayor to execute the contract presented by Mr. Moore to allow Peach Way to proceed with the application process. John Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **Executive Session – Eric Gaither:**

At 7:10 p.m., Eric Gaither made a motion to go into Executive Session. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:10 P.M. – 7:33 P.M.

At 7:33 p.m., John Clayton made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

REPORTS:

City Manager's/Finance Director's Report – Mandy Luke:

None.

City Attorney's Report – Mitchell Moore, Attorney:

Mr. Moore presented an addendum to the Hay Harvest Contract as requested by the Mayor and Council upon discussion at the previous meeting. After brief discussion, the Mayor and Council requested additional information to be included in the addendum regarding possible future liability and insurance requirements.

Department Head Reports:

Jill Wise reported on the success of the Chili Cook-off that took place on February 29th. She reported the addition to Our Place Hotel had opened. She mentioned the Happy Kids Consignment Sale taking place on the square this week, Tuesday (March 10th) through Saturday (March 14th), and reminded everyone of the Cotton Blossom Rodeo scheduled for March 20-21.

Henry Yawn updated on an issue mentioned at the previous meeting as an abandoned house that the owner removed the portion that had not been completed and would begin additional work on the house within approximately sixty (60) days.

Peter Schultz reported on an issue mentioned at the previous meeting regarding the four way stop sign intersection of Jefferson and Hazel near Hardee's that he has a pavement contractor crew scheduled to paint the stop bars and has ordered four reflective post covers to cover the stop sign posts to illuminate them more. He said he also has the invoices together for the recent repairs to the tennis courts to remit to the Board of Education for their half of the costs.

Chief Edwards reported successful discussion with the Sheriff regarding joint response effort to the Schools should there be an event of an active shooter situation and the Sheriff has invited them to the next round of active shooter training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Klimesmith (Smith Avenue) expressed concerns of conflict of interest in business owners serving on the Preservation Commission. Mrs. Perry explained the intent of the Board is to encourage business as it brings more people down town which helps all the businesses on the square. Wayne May (Cecil Avenue) asked about audio speakers at the Council meetings.

Sara Luke (Diane Avenue) spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding a problem in her yard where her drain tiles are located explaining she thought it was a problem of the City.

Kaitlyn Wise and Haylee Offerman addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of the High School's FCCLA club on their project regarding Human Trafficking.

Earl Miles (Smith Avenue) expressed concerns of the Corona Virus and the schools and community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Antonio Carter asked the group to be considerate of the City employees at the adjournment of the meeting asking them to vacate the building so it could be locked up as most of the employees present had been at work since 7:30 or 8:00 that morning.

John Clayton mentioned the Cotton Blossom Rodeo to take place March 20-21.

Mayor Scarbrough mentioned a free support group for diabetes, Spring Into Action, taking place on March 25th at 315 Marion Avenue from 12:00-1:00.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to conduct, John Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Walt Steward

Alderman John Clayton

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk

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