

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

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**INVOCATION:** Mr. Klinessmith

**PLEDGE:** Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the City Council present included Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton, Billy Retterbush, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward, Eric Gaither.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Peter Schultz, Jackie Jordan, Nancy Pesce, Police Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn (RC), Fire Chief Clay Davis, Mitchell Moore

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(s):**

Regular City Council-February 8, 2021 and Called Meeting-February 11, 2021: Eric Gaither made a motion to adopt the minutes. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:**

Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1- Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance Amendment-1st Reading – Mitchell Moore, City Attorney:** Mr. Moore explained the amendment to the current section 12-21 (l) and (m) of the mobile food vendor Ordinance. This constitutes the first reading of the Ordinance.
  
- 2- Nashville Historical Preservation Commission (NHPC) Nominations – Mayor Pro-Tem John Clayton:** Three (3) applications were received as a result of the advertisement for the NHPC: Keith Stone, Theodore Herrera and Guthrie Groh. Eric Gaither stated he wanted to nominate Gregg Ray and Tyler Stone. There was a discussion regarding the updated Ordinance on residency requirements and the recent advertisement for applicants. Antonio Carter made a motion to nominate the three (3) individuals (Stone, Herrera and Groh) who submitted applications. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Antonio Carter, Walt Steward and Billy Retterbush voted yes; Eric Gaither voted no. The motion carries three (3) to one (1). Together with Jeff Wilson and Michael Acree, this provides five (5) members on the Commission. Eric Gaither made a motion to remove Jeff Wilson because of the condition of his business building on the square. Attorney Moore advised in fairness to Mr. Wilson, who has volunteered his time and worked diligently with the Commission, it would be appropriate to afford him the

opportunity to address the matter with him before taking action. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

- 3- **Executive Session/Personnel Matter – Mayor Scarbrough:** Walt Steward made a motion to table the Executive Session due to the Mayor’s absence. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  
- 4- **Format of Next Regular Council Meeting {March 8, 2021} – Mayor Scarbrough:** There was a unanimous decision to continue with the same format of strongly encouraging face masks and social distancing, RingCentral teleconference, if available, and Facebook live stream via The Berrien Press, if they wish to do so. At this time, Mayor Scarbrough is the only one with control of or access to RingCentral. Mayor Scarbrough pays the monthly fee and the City reimburses him for the payment. Since the RingCentral is unavailable when the Mayor is unable to attend, Walt Steward made a motion for the City to convert it or set up a new RingCentral account in the City’s name. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **City Manager/Finance Director Report:**

Peter Schultz reported on the payment for the generator for the Waste Water Treatment Plant discussed at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting explaining the purchase order number issued on October 14, 2020 for the generator was from the Water/Sewer Fund instead of the SPLOST account. Eric Gaither made a motion to ratify the vote for payment of the generator from the Water/Sewer Fund instead of SPLOST. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schultz reported Elaine Kent of Local Government Consulting Services and Brenda Norton of Norton Consulting Services began work today to make preparations for the FY2020 audit to be done.

Mr. Schultz reported he and Attorney Moore researched the status of the BiLo Building lease and found no payment had been made since April 2020. Mr. Moore contacted them and S. E. Grocers promptly submitted payment of \$20,000 for the arrearage. They will make the next two (2) lease payments and it will then be determined if the lease will be renewed.

Mr. Schultz provided information on the Advanced Disposal waste contract renewal that is currently through July 31<sup>st</sup>. The item will be added to the next Agenda.

#### **City Attorney Report:**

Mr. Moore reported he and Chief Davis had continued work on the matter of the violations from the recent inspection of the Wiregrass facility and the architecture modification submitted to the State Fire Marshal was accepted and approved without a requirement for further submission but a reinspection is needed at which point a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued in connection with the Wiregrass lease.

Mr. Moore reported more information may be needed in connection with the railroad crossing project by D.O.T. and he will get with Mr. Schultz regarding those questions.

Mr. Moore also reported he continues to work on the inconsistencies within the Charter and the Ordinances.

#### **Department Head’s Report:**

Nancy Pesce reminded everyone of the Chili Cook-off on Saturday-February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Council Comments:**

Walt Steward inquired on the slum and blight property located at 506 College. Chief Edwards and Peter Schultz gave an update the property is currently in the process of being cleaned and brought up to code.

Billy Retterbush asked Mr. Schultz to contact the three (3) NHPC applicants to let them know they have been nominated to the Commission

Antonio Carter said he had received the COVID vaccine with minimal side effects and encouraged everyone to get it.

Eric Gaither asked Attorney Moore about the City Manager advertisement and Mr. Moore said he is currently working with GMA and it would be posted on the City's website and other sites for maximum exposure once completed and approved

John Clayton extended his appreciation to the NHPC nominees for the participation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. .

*February 22, 2021.*

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Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

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Alderman John Clayton

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Walt Steward

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Eric Gaither

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk