

City of Red Bank

Hollie Berry
Mayor

Tim Thornbury
City Manager

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA WORK SESSION

Minutes
April 20, 2021
4:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a public and duly advertised Agenda Work Session on April 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The date, time and location of the meeting were advertised in the Chattanooga Times Free Press and on the City of Red Bank website together with instructions and an internet link to enable virtual attendance by the public. The purpose of the meeting was to receive information on upcoming business items. Those in attendance were Mayor Hollie Berry, Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton, Commissioner Ruth Jenó, Commissioner Ed LeCompte and Commissioner Pete Phillips. Also present were City Manager Tim Thornbury, City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Jr., City Recorder Tracey Perry and those listed on Exhibit A.

City Manager Thornbury advised that City Attorney Stulce is running behind. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM. City Attorney Stulce arrived a short time later.

Commissioner Jenó made a proposal to change the order of business to discuss the recent letter of resignation by City Manager Thornbury to allow the board to be more prepared to answer questions posed by employees and the public. Mayor Berry suggested a Special Called meeting on April 26 or 28 and to have MTAS make a presentation covering how they can help with the City Manager issue. Discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Dalton suggested that the topic be discussed in the "Any Other Business Section" of the meeting. City Attorney Stulce advised that the Board, as an entity, has the ability to change the order of business by consent. Commissioner Jenó made a motion to move "Item IX. Any other business to discuss" to the beginning of the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

IX. Commissioner Jenó would like to see City Manager Thornbury stay. We need to have MTAS move fast to put a new City Manager in place. She would like to see someone placed with experience and a degree. When MTAS comes, we need to be able to say "This is what we want in a City Manager". Commissioner Phillips would like to have MTAS find and bring us the candidates. Commissioner LeCompte agreed that we should have MTAS send out our requirements, however he wants the board to review those requirements before they are sent out. Commissioner Jenó advised that MTAS will handle advertising for the position, along with everything else involved in the process. Commissioner Phillips would like to see a clear, concise job description for the position of City Manager. Commissioner LeCompte also suggested a breakdown of the job description as well as the Charter to ensure a clear picture of the expectations.

I. The presented Ordinances only address the requested change of and/or the removal of restrictions from the original Ordinance that would allow qualified businesses to expand their services. Commissioner Phillips stated that his end goal with this change was to allow Red Bank to have more eateries that could maximize their earning potentials without the current restrictions while adding to the City's tax revenue, mentioning roof-top bars and live entertainment specifically. City Attorney Stulce advised that live entertainment cannot be audible to any neighbors, residential or business. He also advised that the current writing will not allow for a stand alone "watering hole". Sight distance was discussed. Commissioner Jenó suggested 100-150 ft. Commissioner Phillips, Vice Mayor Dalton and Mayor Berry spoke in favor of 0ft. Vice

Mayor Dalton spoke of many conversations with citizens expressing interest in this topic. Commissioner Jeno proposed conducting a survey on the matter. The Board decided to table this discussion for now, give City Attorney Stulce their concerns and notes and re-address at a later date when there is a satisfactory draft of the Ordinance.

II. City Manager Thornbury plans to present the budget to the Commission at the regular Commission Meeting on May 4, 2021. The budget will need to be voted on no later than June 30, 2021. He presented 4 possible dates and times for the budget hearings. Thursday May 13 was changed to Wednesday May 12 and all times were changed to 4:15.

Vice Mayor Dalton made a motion to move "Item VII. Presentation by Emily Akins" to now, and the rest of the items can be discussed at the regular meeting tonight, seconded by Mayor Berry.

VII. Emily Akins advised her presentation would be 5-10 minutes. She provided hand-outs to the Board and made her presentation. Commissioner Jeno asked for 2 weeks to consider the project before the Board makes a decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hollie Berry

Date

City Recorder Tracey Perry

Date