City of Red Bank

Hollie Berry
Mayor

Tim Thornbury
City Manager

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA WORK SESSION

Minutes
April 6, 2021
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a public and duly advertised Agenda Work Session on April 6, 2021 at 5:00 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 Jeno, 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 Vice Mayor Dalton is running behind. The meeting was called to order with a quorum. Vice Mayor Dalton arrived a short time later.

Commissioner Jeno advised that there is a group of ladies that would like to do a “Shoe Box”, like the “Library Boxes” at the playground. They will stock, clean and maintain the box. This would be a way for them to help the children in need that use the playground.

Mayor Berry advised that the local chapter of the Tennessee Bluebird Society has selected White Oak Park as the next location for a bluebird trail. It is considered an ideal nesting location for bluebirds because of the available wide open spaces and water. They have volunteered to build, monitor and maintain the bluebird trail. They asked if the City would consider providing a small allowance for the volunteers to use for materials.

1. Discussion of location of future meetings was tabled until Wi-Fi is available at the Community Center.

2. Discussion of the RFP Resolution – Vice Mayor Dalton , referencing TCA 13-4-104 and referring to the Planning Commission approving proposed construction, recommends that proposals effecting any real property of the City and public streets be routinely referred to the Planning Commission prior to votes by the City Commission. Vice Mayor Dalton proposes to convert the Resolution to an Ordinance format. A period of discussion ensued specifically addressing the mandatory referral requirements of the statute and notification to properties adjacent to the property in question. City Attorney Stulce advised he will incorporate the suggested revisions and redistribute in Ordinance format for further review by the Board.

3. Discussion of the Chicken Ordinance – Mayor Berry went over the recommendations of the Planning Commission, which have been circulated to the Commissioners. Discussion of the requirements and allowances / limitations in the proposed Ordinance ensued. The Planning Commission’s suggestions will be incorporated into the draft Ordinance for further consideration.

4. Awards & Presentations – Commissioner Jeno will be presenting a plaque honoring Coach “Skipper” Fairbanks later in the regular meeting.

5. Formalizing Agenda Work Session Meetings – Commissioner Jeno would like to have a Special Called Work Session to discuss ideas and projects and to get an update from beginning to present on the Red Bank Middle School property and the National Park Service land conversion. City Manager Thornbury advised he would send out a list of available dates and times. It was agreed among the Board that it would help all gain a more complete understanding of the several issues.

6. Amendment to Transportation Improvement Project – City Manager Thornbury advised the project was applied for and approved in 2015 with a cost estimate. We are in the construction phase now, and the estimate from 2015 does not match projected costs at present. TDOT requires an updated cost estimate. Discussion ensued.

7. Public Hearings – The two zoning and one Special Exception Permit applications come recommended by the Planning Commission. Vice Mayor Dalton recommending adding to the conditions on 303 & 305 Hedgewood Drive that the stormwater component be reviewed by a Professional Engineer. No further discussion on the Public Hearings.

8. Other business – Mayor Berry brought up Commissioner Phillips' wish to discuss the Alcohol Ordinance. Discussion ensued, which led to an agreement to change the start time of the April 20 Work Session from 5:00 PM to 4:30 PM to allow it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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Mayor Hollie Berry Date

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City Recorder Tracey Perry Date