

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE
APRIL 20, 2006

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Blackbirds – Update

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report from Citizens Advisory Committee on Voting Process
- B. Request for Parking from Fulton High School
- C. Request for Assistance with Baseball Field (Twin Cities Youth Summer Program)
- D. Resolution #2006-2 (Property Taxes – Partial Payments)
- E. First Reading of Ordinance #2006-5 (Establish Court Costs and Fines)
- F. First Reading of Ordinance #2006-6 (Preservation of Funerals the Funeral Processions)
- G. Natural Gas – Minimum Charge/Turn-On Fees

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner R.K. Kane, in the absence of Mayor David James and Vice Mayor Charles Moody, on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the South Fulton Municipal Complex.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by City Recorder Debbie Beadles. Present were R.K. Kane, R Haskins, T Pettigrew, K Dillon, K Ivey, C Martin. There were about twenty citizens and two media personnel in attendance.

MAYOR'S WELCOME

Commissioner Kane welcomed all those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve minutes of meetings from March 10, 16, 17 and 27, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF MARCH DISBURSEMENTS

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve March disbursements as presented. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET

City Manager Dillon stated city is 75% into current budget. She stated all inter-fund transfers have not been made, General Fund has made up about \$50,000.

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve Department Reports as presented. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.\

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

There were no questions, comments, suggestions from citizens.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON BLACKBIRDS

Ms. Dillon stated she has no report regarding the blackbird situation.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE – VOTING PROCESS

Mike Beadles, spokesperson for the Advisory Committee – Voting Process, stated the committee (consisting of Charles Clark, Debbie Culver, Peggy McConnell, Joe Clark, Major Martin and Joe Glasgow) met numerous times, reviewed the city's charter regarding the voting process, met with David Angerer from MTAS. He stated there are unlimited options the commission could choose, but three options the committee recommends would be to 1) keep elections as they are presently being done, 2) return to at-large elections by doing away with the wards, or 3) reduce the number of wards from 5 to 4 and have an at-large election for the seat of Mayor. Mr. Beadles stated there is a certain order in which this would be done – a referendum would have to pass to change the Mayor election from commission choice to vote of the people and an ordinance would need to be adopted to reduce the number of wards from five to four. He thanked the commission for the opportunity given the committee.

Ms. Dillon thanked the committee for a job well done.

Commissioner Haskins moved to table this item until all commissioners are present. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REQUEST FROM FULTON HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Dillon stated a request from Fulton High School Senior Class President Jaclyn Acree to use the parking lot across from Pontotoc on East State Line on May 6, 2006 on the night of their prom. She stated a concern is that the city has spent a lot of money on the property and she doesn't want to see the improvements damaged.

Commissioner Haskins moved to permit the Fulton High School to use the lot for parking during their prom on May 6, 2006. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REQUEST FROM DAVID GLISSON

Ms. Dillon stated a request has been made by David Glisson, employee of the city, to borrow the Ford Tractor from the city to do work on the baseball field for Twin City Youth Summer Program.

Commissioner Haskins moved to allow David Glisson to use tractor and box plate for one day. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION #2006-2 (PROPERTY TAXES – PARTIAL PAYMENTS)

Commissioner Haskins moved to remove this item from the agenda. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #2006-5 (ESTABLISH COURT COSTS AND FINES)

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2006-5 (ordinance to establish court costs and maximum fines). Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #2006-6 (PRESERVE SOLEMN NATURE OF FUNERALS AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS)

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2006-6 (ordinance to preserve the solemn nature of funerals and funeral processions). Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

NATURAL GAS - MINIMUM CHARGE/TURN ON FEES

Ms. Dillon stated minimum fee for natural gas is \$7.00 for usage of zero to 300 cu. ft. She stated customers are turning gas off for the summer and there is no fee when meters are locked. She stated the current turn-on fee is \$15.00. Ms. Dillon stated her recommendation is to charge turn-on fees and turn-off fees in addition to a nominal fee as meter reader reads all meters.

Commissioner Haskins moved to table this issue until the next meeting. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

There was no report.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

Ms. Dillon stated the website for the city is online. She stated the address is www.cityofsouthfulton.org. She stated minutes would be posted on the website back to the summer of 2003. She announced the Chamber Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 22 to begin at 5:30 p.m. She stated there are a couple of dogs in the kennel that need homes. She stated the

