

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Reading and Public Input on Proposed Ordinance to Adopt Fiscal Year 2006/07 Operating Budget and Set Property Tax Rate

AGENDA

OLB BUSINESS

- A. Bond Committee Recommendation
- B. Action of Bond
- C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance #2006-10 (200607 FY Operating Budget and Property Tax Rate)
- D. Personnel Policy
- E. On/Off Fees - Utilities

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and Action on Natural Gas Appraisal
- B. Resolution 2006-05 (Establish Sewer Rate)
- C. Resolution 2006-06 (Call for Referendum on Popular Election of Mayor)
- D. Resolution 2006-07 (Round Property Taxes, Interest, & Penalties)
- E. Resolution 2006-08 (Policy on Shift Differential)

MINUTES

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor David James opened the public hearing on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the commission room of the South Fulton Municipal Complex. There were approximately fifteen residents present.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor James stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input on the proposed FY2006-07 budget ordinance and set 2006 property tax rate.

Ms. Dillon stated the total revenues are estimated to be \$3,224,581 and total expenditures are estimated to be \$3,055,570. She stated the property tax rate will remain at \$1.70 (same as last year).

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor James closed the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

OPEN REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David James on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 5:03 p.m. in the commission room of the South Fulton Municipal Complex.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by City Recorder Debbie Beadles. Present were David James, Ron Haskins, R K Kane, Thomas Pettigrew, Kathy Dillon, Karl Ivey. There were about fifteen citizens and two media personnel in attendance.

MAYOR'S WELCOME

Mayor James welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kane moved to approve minutes from previous meetings of May 18, 23 and 31, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

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

REVIEW OF YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET

Ms. Dillon stated year-end June 30, 2006 has not been completed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Kane moved to approve department reports as presented. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

BOND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Dillon stated the bond committee has made a recommendation in writing to the city commission. She stated the bond committee recommends the commission table any and all action toward securing bonds, continue with future annexation studies and table future action toward listing bids for the sale of all utility systems.

Ms. Dillon stated there is enough equity in the municipal building and she requested that the state allow the sale of equal shares to the water, sewer and gas departments. She stated the state has accepted this request and there are enough funds to negate the debt the general fund owes the other funds. She stated there is no need to bond with this proposal.

Ms. Dillon stated she had contacted state and federal representatives explaining the financial concerns of the city and requested that all monies owed by the city toward the two bridge projects be waived. She stated an inspection has been made on the bridges due to the safety concern and it has been reported that there are twenty years left in the two local bridges.

Ms. Dillon stated the bond committee agreed with city manager's proposal that property tax rate would remain the same at \$1.70, that utility funds would pay the general fund in lieu-of-tax for revenues collected based on equation from the state, water rates will remain the same, sewer rates will decrease from \$31.00 base to \$16.35. She stated rates will possibly go from \$19.20 to about \$15.50 effective November 1, depending on gas rates when city contracts.

#### ACTION ON BOND

Commissioner Kane moved to accept recommendation of bond committee. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

#### SECOND & FINAL READING ORDINANCE #2006-10 (FY2006-07 BUDGET)

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance #2006-10 (ordinance of the City of South Fulton, Tennessee appropriating funds, establishing a property tax rate and establishing spending limits for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007). Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners Haskins, Kane, Pettigrew and Mayor James voted aye. Commissioner Moody was absent. Motion carries.

#### ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL POLICY

Commissioner Haskins moved to table adoption of personnel policy. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. In discussion, the board requested that proposed policy be given to commissioner in advance as it is a lengthy document. All voted aye. Motion carries.

#### ON/OFF FEES – UTILITIES

Ms. Dillon stated fees for reconnecting utilities (when resident's utilities are disconnected), is so minimal that customers don't mind not paying their bills. She requested direction from the commission.

Commissioner Kane moved to table and directed Ms. Dillon to bring actual costs to the board. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS  
REVIEW & ACTION ON NATURAL GAS APPRAISAL

There was no discussion and no action taken on this matter.

RESOLUTION #2006-5 (ESTABLISH SEWER RATE)

Commissioner Haskins moved to adopt Resolution #2006-5 (resolution to establish sewer rate). Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. In roll call, Commissioners Kane, Pettigrew, Haskins and Mayor James voted aye. Commissioner Moody was absent. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION #2006-6 (REFERENDUM)

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt Resolution #2006-6 (resolution of the City of South Fulton, Tennessee, city commission calling for a referendum on the popular election of the office of Mayor). Commissioners Pettigrew, Haskins, Kane and Mayor James voted aye. Commissioner Moody was absent. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION #2006-7 (ROUND PROPERTY TAXES, INTEREST & PENALTIES)

Commissioner Haskins moved to adopt Resolution #2006-7 (resolution to allow city recorder to round property taxes, interest and penalties). Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. Commissioners Haskins, Kane, Pettigrew and Mayor James voted aye. Commissioner Moody was absent. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION #2006-8 (POLICY ON SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL)

Commissioner Haskins moved to adopt Resolution #2006-8 (shift differential policy for South Fulton, Tennessee). Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. Commissioners Kane, Pettigrew, Haskins and Mayor James voted aye. Motion carries.

Commissioner Kane expressed his gratitude to City Manager Dillon for hard work and tenacity to find a solution to city's financial situation without bonding.

James Pierce asked if the referendum passes, will the city go from five wards to four wards. Mayor James stated that was correct.

Glen Snow asked for clarification on the bond situation and if there is any chance of rural fire fee decreasing. Ms. Dillon stated the state had approved the plan she submitted so city won't have to bond. She also stated she requested a hardship for South Fulton and that monies owed for the bridges to date be waived. She stated an inspection was done and report states twenty-year life left on the bridges. She stated sewer rates were reduced. Ms. Dillon stated the rural fire fee is still at \$75.00 per year.

Bobby McCord asked if city is going to hire an animal control person. Ms. Dillon stated animal control person is not budgeted.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor James asked everyone to keep former Commissioner Johnny Bivens in their prayers as he fights a battle with cancer.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

Ms. Dillon thanked the bond committee for hard work they put into working out a solution for the city's financial situation.

Ms. Dillon stated Mike Akers, South Fulton Youth Football League, has requested a special meeting with the commission to be held on Wednesday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m. All commissioners were in agreement and meeting will be held in the Harvey Vick Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Haskins moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
RECORDER MAYOR