

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE
October 6, 2005

AGENDA

- A. Discussion with Representative Philip Pinion

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David James on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 6:30 in the South Fulton Municipal Complex.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by Recorder Debbie Beadles. Present were D James, R Haskins, W Kane, T Pettigrew, K Dillon, C Martin. Also present were Philip Pinion, Representative, four residents and one media personnel.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVE PHILIP PINION

Commissioner Kane stated he has requested Mr. Pinion meet with the city commission to discuss options for city.

Mr. Pinion stated he was proud of the municipal complex for the citizens of South Fulton and was instrumental in getting inmate help during construction of the complex. He stated he understood the dilemma that South Fulton faces by bordering Fulton, Ky. He stated it is unconstitutional to do something for one part of Tennessee and not all of the state. He stated residents of South Fulton have the best of both worlds – live in Tennessee and purchase groceries in Kentucky with no tax on food products, don't pay an income tax, have good school system. Mr. Pinion stated South Fulton needs restaurants and clothing stores.

Ms. Dillon stated that South Fulton does not have a large populace of commercial businesses; therefore, the tax base is low. She also stated the state lowered property assessment overall in South Fulton. Ms. Dillon stated the city has a \$2.059 million dollar deficit in the general fund and outstanding loans of \$1.2 million dollars as a result of the renovation of this complex. She stated that city is looking into a taxable bond over thirty years. She stated all reserves were spent during past administration. She explained that previous administration was under assumption that grant would help pay for renovation of the building, but grant did not go through. She stated the present administration is facing some great challenges. Ms. Dillon also stated the city has two bridges in town that have to be replaced at a large cost to the residents.

Mr. Pinion stated he was not aware that South Fulton had applied for a grant. He also stated that Troy built a city hall larger than was needed and rents out space. He

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stated he was not aware of South Fulton's situation. He stated he would arrange a meeting with City Manager, Mayor, John Tanner and Roy Herron in Mr. Tanner's office to see what can be done to help South Fulton. He stated there are USDA monies available, CDBG, lots of things that can be done. Mr. Pinion stated he chairs TDOT committee and he would speak with the chief engineer, set up a meeting and get some numbers on those bridges.

Mr. Pinion stated he would bring in the governor if necessary and that the city needs to have all their records together. He stated he would do everything that could be done to help South Fulton. He also stated if the city is providing services outside the city limits, they need to annex those areas.

Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, stated the fire department has applied for FEMA/Homeland Security grant. Mr. Pinion stated to notify his office when the city applies for any grants and he will "bird dog" them.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor James moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED BY: _____
RECORDER MAYOR