

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012

PRESENT

SCOTT FOSTER, MAYOR  
GARRY FORSYTHE, VICE-MAYOR  
STEVE BROWN, ALDERMAN  
ARLENE CUNNINGHAM, ALDERMAN  
TOMMY ELSTEN, ALDERMAN  
HAMILTON FROST, ALDERMAN  
CHRIS GALLAHER, ALDERMAN (left during Citizens Comments)  
JIM HOBACK, ALDERMAN  
JACK LONG, ALDERMAN  
SCOTT SPROUSE, ALDERMAN  
MATT STAMPER, ALDERMAN  
LISA WEST, ALDERMAN  
JOHN BRADLEY, CITY ATTORNEY  
KAY FRANKLIN, INTERIM CITY RECORDER

ABSENT

FRED QUALLS, ALDERMAN

AGENDA

Frost moved; seconded by Stamper for approval of the agenda as presented.

There was a unanimous vote for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to hear comments on whether or not a taxicab franchise should be granted to Johnny White.

Johnny White of American Music City Taxi addressed the Board stating his company has been in operation since 1989 and has grown to 95 taxis dispatched out of Nashville. He explained he plans to have seven taxis servicing Hendersonville including a wheelchair assessable taxi. He stated he is able to transport the elderly and disabled.

Foster explained the Public Safety Committee had deferred action until the next meeting on White's franchise request but since the public hearing had already been advertised for this meeting, it is being held. He further explained the Public Safety Committee will review this request at their next meeting.

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As there was no one else desiring to speak, Foster declared the Public Hearing closed.

MINUTES

Frost moved; seconded by Sprouse for approval of the February 14, 2012 minutes.

There was a majority vote for approval with Gallaher abstaining.

Foster declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Foster announced the appropriation for the Walton Ferry and Old Shackle Island Roads realignment is not on tonight's agenda if anyone desired to address this issue. He stated anyone could still speak on that subject if they desire.

E.P. Ausbrooks, 140 Fairways Drive, addressed the Board stating he hopes there will be a public hearing on the Walton Ferry and Old Shackle Island Roads realignment. He stated he does not oppose the project but wants to make sure complete information is available and the funding is in place.

Larry Graham, 105 Shady Drive, addressed the Board stating he worked for TDOT in right-of-way planning and acquisition and is well aware that obtaining grant money is very competitive. He stated he cannot recall a city turning down such money and to do so would hurt a city's credibility. He cited the pay back of the grant funds should the City default on the project.

Gary Ealey, business owner located at 176 Molly Walton Drive, addressed the Board stating it needs to know what it is spending money on and should wait on projects until the City's debt is paid off.

Patricia D. Collins, 139 Chiroc Road, addressed the Board stating the Board's vote on the Walton Ferry and Old Shackle Island Roads realignment is a vote against the safety and growth of the City. She stated she is willing to pay extra in taxes to fund services. She stated the costs of this project will continue to rise if it is delayed.

Jim Waters did not desire to speak at this time.

Steve Brown, 110 Meadow Lane, addressed the Board stating he did not vote against the Walton Ferry and Old Shackle Island Roads realignment project but against the timing and funding. He cited the Finance Committee Chairman's concern with the City's high debt and not using funds earmarked for paying down debt. He stated a delay on the project was requested but was told that was not possible. Brown stated he contacted TDOT and was told by the Local Transportation Coordinator that the project could be postponed for a reasonable period of time without penalty or payback. He read an email he had received verifying this information. He stated he feels it would be prudent for the

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Board to pass a resolution of intent to move forward on this project no later than June, 2014.

(Gallaher left the meeting during Citizens Comments)

REPORTS

Finance committee – no report.

General Committee – no report.

Public Safety Committee – no report.

Public Works Committee – no report.

Capital Projects Committee – no report.

Planning Commission – no report.

Mayor – reported his correspondence from the TDOT Commissioner indicated similar deadlines as reported by Brown but explained the Metropolitan Planning Organization controls the money. He stated the estimate to repay TDOT should the appropriation not be approved is \$350,000 and \$500,000. He stated the MPO will provide correspondence stating the money must be obligated by September 2012. Foster explained no local funds were used for the median improvement on West Main Street. He stated he hopes during the budget discussions, a way to fund some infrastructure improvements will be reviewed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The caption of Ordinance 2012-1 was read on second and final reading, an Ordinance appropriating and distributing insurance proceeds in the amount of \$6,519.47 for costs incurred as a result of storm damage in the park and Country Hills Golf Course. Brown moved; seconded by Cunningham.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-1 on second and final reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-2 was read on second and final reading, an Ordinance appropriating donations in the amount of \$3,524.62 for Kids Kingdom and park improvements. Brown moved; seconded by West.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-2 on second and final reading.

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The caption of Ordinance 2012-6 was read on second and final reading, an Ordinance appropriating funds for the purchase of a fairway mower for City golf course. Forsythe moved; seconded by Stamper.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-6 on second and final reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-07 was read on second and final reading, an Ordinance accepting a Safe Routes to School Grant in the amount of \$192,555.00 and appropriating these funds for the construction of sidewalks along Walton Ferry Road to Hawkins Middle School. Sprouse moved; seconded by West.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-07 on second and final reading.

The caption of Resolution 2012-3 was read, a Resolution ratifying the appointment of Don Spitters as the City's representative to the Sumner County Board of Equalization. Frost moved; seconded by Elsten.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Resolution 2012-3.

The caption of Resolution 2012-05 was read, a Resolution changing the name of Callender Lane from Vietnam Veterans Boulevard to Stop 30 Road to Drakes Creek Road. Frost moved; seconded by Elsten.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Resolution 2012-05.

Foster announced a special meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to consider first reading of Ordinance 2012-5, an Ordinance accepting federal funding proceeds in the amount of \$4,619,024.00 and appropriating \$1,154,776.00 for the Walton Ferry Road and Old Shackle Island Road realignment right-of-way purchase.

Upon motion and second and followed by a unanimous vote for approval, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Approved: Scott Foster, Mayor

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Attest: Kay Franklin, Interim City Recorder