

August 10th, 2021

Mayor Samantha Rector	P
Commissioner Ronnie Lancaster	P
Commissioner Matt Stone	P
Commissioner Cheryl Kellermann	P
Commissioner Allison Buchanan	P

The Board of Mayor and City Commissioners met in a regularly City Meeting on August 10th, 2021.

A **Motion** was made Commissioner Stone, **seconded** by Mayor Rector, to **approve the minutes of the meetings on July 13th, 2021**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Comments from Mayor:

Mayor Rector extended a “Thank you” to Public Works crew and local businesses for helping with the “SummerTime Social” event.

Mayor Rector also advised The City will be doing a Trunk or Treat this year for Halloween, details to be announced.

Comments from Vice Mayor Lancaster:

n/a

Comments from Commissioner Kellermann:

Commissioner Kellermann commented that herself, the City Administrator, and 2 of the Public Works Crew meet with Urban Forester to learn proper ways of cutting and preserving the Downtown trees.

Commissioner Kellermann discussed the Moore Park updates, will be applying for a grant to cover new equipment for Moore park. A survey will be added to the City’s Facebook and webpage for community input on the Moore Park updates.

Commissioner Kellermann advised the the Downtown Fountain repairs are still in the works and are closed to being finished.

Comments from Commissioner Buchanan:

Commissioner Buchanan wanted an updated of repairs being done at Playground Paradise, new cameras setup at the Park and advised the Bathrooms need to be open for use.

Commissioner Buchanan advised she is work on getting an event “Christmas in the Pitt” for Christmas for the Community.

Comments from Commissioner Stone:

After a request from Commissioner Stone **to hire – Mark Hisner, as an on – call Partime Engineer for the City at a rate of \$110 an hour**, motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

City Administrator Gene Vess:

A recommendation to Hire a Parks and Recreation Laborer was tabled for further discussion.

After a request was made by City Administrator Vess, a motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to **donate the Gazebo from Playground Paradise to the Cornbread Festival Committee after a request is submitted. The Committee will then have 30 days to move the Gazebo.** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A recommendation for Pay rates for the Public Works department was Tabled for further discussion at a future workshop.

City Administrator Vess advised to the Board that the 2021-2022 Budget was accepted by the Tn Comptroller’s office.

City Administrator advised that he will be sending out an RFP for the Christmas Lights.

After a recommendation from the Beer Board, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Lancaster, seconded by Mayor Rector to **approve the change of ownership of the Citgo at 2021 S Cedar Ave to Jitendrakumar Chaundhari DBA Amaya Inc.** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Reports were given from Street Dep't, Police Dep't, Fire Dep't, MNG, Library, Building Inspector, Princess Theatre

New Business

A motion was made by Mayor Samantha Rector, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann to Table - **Ordinance 820 - An Ordinance of The City Of South Pittsburg To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of South Pittsburg To Prohibit The Establishment Of Tobacco, Vape And Convenience Retailers In The C-3 Central Business District Zone** for further discussion at a future workshop. Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve 1st Reading- **Ordinance 821 – An Ordinance to Amend South Pittsburg Municipal Code Title 7 Chapter 2 To Require A Fire Prevention and Evacuation Plan Prior To The Issuance Of A Certificate Of Occupancy For Commercial And Multi-Family Structures.** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve the 1st Reading - **Ordinance 822- Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for The City Of South Pittsburg, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2021-2022.** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve, **Resolution 1015- Adding Juneteenth to Paid Holiday Schedule.** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve **Resolution 1016 – A Resolution of the City of South Pittsburg Board of Mayor and Commissioners Authorizing an Application For Funding Under The Bluecross Healthy Place Grant.** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann to approve, a refund to **In the tax sale held on November 9, 2018, the property located at 210 Hamburg was sold for delinquent City property taxes to Shannon Ball. Ms. Ball paid a total of \$1,441.51, with \$1014.78 of that payment going to the City and the remainder going to the County Trustee for the County's 2018 taxes and expenses of the sale. During the one-year redemption period after the sale, the property owners filed bankruptcy, which required that the sale be set aside and all monies be refunded to the purchaser. By law, Ms. Ball is entitled to a refund of her purchase price plus 10% interest on that amount through the date of the refund. That refund must be approved by the Board of Mayor and Commissioners even though it is a relatively small amount. Based on my calculations, the total amount due to Ms. Ball from the City is \$1,294.73, which is the original payment amount of \$1,014.78 plus interest of \$279.95. calculated through August 13, 2021. meeting, and I will be glad to explain the process and**

answer any questions. The remainder of Ms. Ball's refund will come from the County. Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Citizens Comments

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Four voted ayes.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Samantha Rector

Heather Pickett, City Recorder