

City Council Retreat - Monday January 21, 2008

Meeting called to order by Mayor Vann at 8:35 a.m.

Roll call - all present

Approval of Agenda - all approved

Discussion Items:

1. Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA) appointment.
 - a. Issue brought up before discussions began for Mr. Hadley to recuse himself. Mr. Hadley did not recuse himself but did participate in discussions.
 - b. It was agreed by City Council that this appointment would be kept vacant until proper procedures could be worked out.
 - c. City Council agreed that City Attorney, Steve McHugh would contact Mr. Sharp concerning his proposed resignation from the GMHA board; an emergency ordinance would be prepared to present at the next regular council meeting, Monday, January 28, 2008; a letter written for the reappointment of Cecil Brown to the board; and publicly clarify why these changes are taking place.
 - d. Councilman Martin would like to know what other cities have appointments on GMHA and how those appointments are made.
2. Charter Review
 - a. Appoint committee
 - b. Begin outlining process 2nd/3rd quarter of 2008
 - c. Advertise in May; appoint in June; finalize by January 23, 2009
 - d. Council to give the committee 2 topics/directions
3. Community Center - long range goal.
4. Public Works Director Retirement
 - a. City Manager will provide this recommendation from council by mid-summer.

- b. City Manager to have decision by July 1, 2008 to Public Works Director.
- 5. Question was raised concerning an IT department v. HCST contract.
- 6. Budget Process
 - a. Council would like to see a separate sheet with the budget breaking down the account numbers.
- 7. Labor Negotiations
 - a. 2 year contracts possible.
- 8. Organizational
 - a. Long term financial viability of golf course
 - 1) What is owed on bond?
 - b. This is a priority to look at the options.
- 9. Earnings Tax/Income Tax
 - a. Begin drafting citizens' survey to be administered 3rd/4th qtr 2008.
 - b. A 2nd survey will follow-up on results from 1st likely in 2010.
 - c. Survey topics (consultant will prepare).
 - d. Time frame - wording preferred - within 4 years.
- 10. Annexation/Merger/Succession
 - a. 2007 City Council Priority
 - 1) Succession
 - 2) Annexation
 - 3) Merger
 - b. Authorized by council to hire attorney to look at issues
 - 1) Costs
 - 2) Value to city
 - 3) Timeline

11. Code Enforcement

- a. Property maintenance chart - to be presented at council work session
- b. Chart to compare property maintenance
 - 1) Springboro
 - 2) Centerville
 - 3) Englewood
- c. Aggressive/Casual approach
 - 1) Complaint driven
 - 2) Police signs throughout city
 - 3) No overtime

Discussion presented by Mayor Vann

- 1. City Center property
 - 2. Leadership Academy
 - 3. Vision and Mission statements
 - a. Have they been adopted?
 - b. Publicize on website and in newsletters.
 - c. Discuss at work session - Jarrod felt both statements needed work concerning the wording
 - 4. Youth Council
 - a. Ordinance from 2004 was revised by last council last year (2007).
 - b. Bring new council members up-to-date on Youth Council.
- 4:20 p.m. Motion to adjourn - Vice Mayor Giambrone
Second - Jarrod Martin