

AGENDA

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2006

5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE - Commissioner Charlie Castlen

PROCLAMATIONS:

November 8-12 - "Homeless Awareness Week"
November - "National Hospice Month"

RECOGNIZE: Owensboro-Daviess County Tourist Commission

1. Consider approval of minutes of October 17, 2006
2. Consider appointments

ORDINANCES - 2nd reading

3. CONSIDER ON 2ND READING ORDINANCE NO. 43-2006, REZONING PROPERTY AT 309 EAST 16TH STREET

BACKGROUND: AMJ Properties, LLC, is seeking a zoning classification amendment from I-1 Light Industrial to B-5 Business/Industrial for a 0.147 acre tract of land located at 309 East 16th Street. The site is currently occupied by a small automobile repair garage and the proposed use for the property is the same. The use of

the property for automobile repair is permitted in both an I-1 and B-5 zoning classification. The B-5 zone requested by the applicant would allow general business or light industrial uses to occur, as long as sufficient on-site parking is provided for the intended use. By a vote of 8-0, the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission has recommended that the proposed zoning classification amendment be approved in that the proposal is in compliance with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance No. 43-2006.

4. **CONSIDER ON 2ND READING ORDINANCE NO. 44-2006, APPROVING AND ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE OWENSBORO METROPOLITAN ZONING ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR RETAIL SALES ESTABLISHMENTS AND HOME IMPROVEMENT CENTERS**

BACKGROUND: The Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission met in regular session on September 14, 2006, to consider text amendments to the Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance to reduce the number of required parking spaces for retail sales establishments and home improvement centers. The modifications would result in a requirement for retail sales establishments of one parking space per 300 square feet for buildings over 5,000 square feet and one space per 400 square feet for buildings 5,000 square feet and under. The parking requirement for home improvement centers with and without outdoor storage would be one space per 300 square feet. By a vote of 8-0, the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission has recommended that the proposed text amendment be approved in that the proposal is in compliance with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance No. 44-2006.

MUNICIPAL ORDER - one reading

5. **CONSIDER MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 23-2006, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GOLD UNDER THE TERMS OF WHICH GOLD WILL PROVIDE \$55,000 FOR THE RIVERPARK TO MARKET THE FIRST**

INTERNATIONAL MYSTERY WRITERS' FESTIVAL

BACKGROUND: In the State's 2006-2008 budget, the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) appropriated \$500,000 for the RiverPark Center, \$175,000 of which will provide funding for the first "International Mystery Writers' Festival" which will be held June 13-17, 2007. The festival will host national and international live theater, television and movie producers, directors, agents and critics. The festival will introduce twelve (12) new productions and bring major media coverage and recognition to Owensboro and the State of Kentucky. It will also greatly impact tourism and generate revenue for the State and the City through increased hotel occupancy, gasoline sales and restaurant sales. The festival is billed as an international event and will require a significant amount of marketing/publicity to promote it. The Governor's Office for Local Development has awarded the City of Owensboro an additional \$55,000 and earmarked the funds for advertising and marketing of the "International Mystery Writers' Festival." In order for the RiverPark Center to receive the funds, the City, acting on behalf and for the benefit of the RiverPark Center, must execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Governor's Office for Local Development. This Municipal Order authorizes the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the City.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Municipal Order No. 23-2006.

6. City Manager's items:

- A. Consider the probationary full-time Civil Service promotional appointments of Amy Young to Maintenance Equipment Operator, Street Department, and Charles Lanham to Refuse Truck Driver, Sanitation Department, effective November 13, 2006.**
- B. Consider the retirement resignation of Paul Wilson, Transit Mechanic, Transit Department, effective October 4, after 16 years of service.**
- C. City Manager's comments.**

7. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the audience are invited to address the City Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must come to the podium, state their name and address for the Clerk's record, and limit their remarks to under five (5) minutes. As an unagendized item, no response is required from City staff or the Commission, and no action can be taken; however, the Commission may instruct the City Manager to agendize the item for a future meeting.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

The elected officials will answer questions previously received from the general public and they will announce special events or activities of public interest occurring within the City.

9. Adjournment