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DURING COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA
OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 6, 2007
5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE - Mayor Pro Tem Al Mattingly, Jr.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- “National Home Care Month” – November, 2007
- “American Music Month” – November, 2007
- “Homeless & Hunger Awareness Week” – November 11-17, 2007

PRESENTATIONS:

- Homeless Awareness Event – Father Ed Bradley, Executive Director of the Daniel Pitino Shelter and the Shelter for Women and Children
- Imagination Library – Tracy Marksberry, The Learning Community
- Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation – Nick Brake, President
- Owensboro Works – Nick Brake, President, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
- City Projects Video – City Manager Bob Whitmer

BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of minutes dated October 16, and October 25, 2007
2. Consider appointments
 - **Cable Advisory Board** – Reappoint Michael Peacock, Lora Waters and Jack Wilson to two-year terms effective November 8, 2007
 - **Wrecker and Vehicle Storage Advisory Committee** - Appoint Todd Inman to fill the remainder of an unexpired term of Grant Talbott, III, whose term expires October 19, 2009; appoint Rev. Anthony Cobb to a three-year term expiring October 19, 2010; and reappoint Larry Cambron to a three-year term expiring October 19, 2010.
 - **Owensboro Area Shelter and Information Services (OASIS)** – Reappoint Cornelia Glenn to a three-year term expiring November 30, 2010.

ORDINANCES - 1st reading:

3. **Ordinance No. 40-2007** - Consider on 1st reading Ordinance No. 40-2007, closing a second portion of East 7th Street right of way and closing a portion of a 10 ft. and 12 ft. wide alley right of way at the request of Wendell Foster Campus for Developmental Disabilities, Inc. , provided that the entire area to be closed shall be retained as a permanent easement for the use and benefit of all public utilities and telecommunication providers.

Background: Wendell Foster Campus for Developmental Disabilities, Inc. petitioned the City to close a portion of East 7th Street, to close a public 10-ft. wide alley right of way beginning at the south margin of East 7th Street, and to close a portion of a 12-ft. wide alley east of East 7th Street. The Wendell Foster Center owns all of the property immediately adjacent to the portions of right-of-way proposed to be closed. No objections were noted to the closing. However, OMU (electric and water), ATMOS, AT&T, Time Warner, RWRA and the City have existing utilities situated in East 7th. OMU (electric) and the Wendell Foster Center have an easement agreement that will be recorded with the Ordinance for closure. AT&T has existing utilities situated in the 10' to 12' wide alley. Therefore, if closed, both the East 7th Street portion and the said alley portions of right-of-ways will be retained as Public Utilities Easements.

Recommendation: Introduce and publicly read ordinance on first reading.

MUNICIPAL ORDER – one reading

4. **Consider Municipal Order No. 36-2007** authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a construction loan agreement with the Green River Housing Corporation (GRHC), a recognized Community Housing Development Organization (CHDC), to facilitate the construction of one new home within the Old Germantown District neighborhood, using Federal Home & Home CHDO set aside funds.

Background: This Municipal Order authorizes the Mayor to sign documents establishing a construction loan to the Green River Housing Corporation (GRHC). Federal HOME CHDO & regular HOME Funds will be loaned to the GRHC at 0% interest to construct a “Signature Series” home at 418 East 7th Street. This home will be located within the Old Germantown District. Community Development staff estimates that the loan amount will not exceed \$107,300. This is a short-term construction loan that will be repaid to the City once the home is sold to a low to moderate income homebuyer.

Recommendation: Adopt Municipal Order No. 36-2007

5. **Consider Municipal Order No. 37-2007** authorizing the City, by and through the Community Development Department, to provide Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) and HOME funds not to exceed \$85,000 to purchase building materials, in consideration for which World Changers shall provide free labor to make needed repairs to residences owned by low to moderate income homeowners.

Background: World Changers, a Christian-based organization affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and working in conjunction with the North American Mission Board, requested an opportunity to bring a group of volunteers to Owensboro the week of June 7-14, 2008, to partner with the Community Development Department in making improvements to local residences owned by single parents or families with low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 or less) that are in need of repair. Under this proposed partnership, Community Development will allocate approximately \$85,000 of CDBG and/or HOME funds to purchase materials and World Changers will provide qualified, free labor to perform the actual repairs. The estimated cash value of the volunteer labor is around \$105,000. The new economic impact to the community is approximately \$190,000. It is anticipated that this group will bring approximately 350 young adults to Owensboro who will participate in making badly needed repairs to about 26 homes owned by low to moderate income persons or families. The Community Development Department will determine eligibility of the homes based on the condition of the property, location, and income of the owner/occupants.

Recommendation: Adopt Municipal Order No. 37-2007

6. **Consider Municipal Order No. 38-2007** authorizing the Mayor to execute an application with the Governor’s Office for Local Development requesting a no-match grant in the amount of \$111,739 to be applied toward purchase of body armor, specific weapons and ammunition for the Owensboro Police Department.

Background: The Owensboro Police Department intends to file an application with the Governor’s Office for Local Development for a no-match grant in the amount of \$111,739 for the purchase of body armor, weapons and ammunition. The application is being filed in conjunction with the Kentucky Body Armor Program and will purchase equipment that will enhance the safety of the police officers and the public at large. This municipal order authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the application and any and all other documentation necessary and appropriate to implement and administer the grant.

Recommendation: Adopt Municipal Order No. 38-2007

7. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS:

- A. Consider the financial report for the period ended September 30, 2007.
- B. Consider the probationary full-time Civil Service appointment of **Bradley Smith** to the position of Recreation Supervisor with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective November 12, 2007; the regular full-time Civil Service promotional appointment of **Amy Young** to the position of Maintenance Equipment Operator with the Street Department, effective November 13, 2007; and the regular full-time non-Civil Service promotional appointment of **Joycelin Hall** to the position of Secretary with the Police Department, effective November 27, 2007.
- C. Consider the retirement resignation of John M. Kazlauskas, Police Chief with the Police Department, effective November 30, 2007, after 41 years of service.
- D. City Manager's comments.

8. 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. Since the item is not on the agenda, 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 place the item on a future agenda for discussion.

City Commission meetings are held to conduct City business for the benefit of Owensboro citizens. The meetings are not intended to serve as public forums for candidates who are campaigning for political office. However, the City of Owensboro traditionally allows and welcomes local organizations who wish to utilize the Commission Chambers as a site for political forums. Political candidates, like any citizen, may address any item on the City Commission's agenda. During the open public forum, any citizen of Owensboro may address a specific city-related issue not on the agenda, but candidates for any political office will not be allowed to use the Commission meeting to promote his/her candidacy for public office.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

10. ADJOURNMENT