

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION JANUARY 29, 2020

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- Two Orders of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- A Report of Investment Activity for the quarter ending December 31, 2019 was submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's Revised Monthly Report for November 2019 would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for December 2019 would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Reappointment to the North West Utility District Board of Commissioners would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 220-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 220-6 through 220-11 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 220-2 through 220-5 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

0:42 PRESENTATION – MEDAL OF HONOR MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTER

Chairman of the Medal of Honor Board of Trustees Retired U.S. Army Major General William (Bill) Raines invited everyone to attend the grand opening of the Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Museum and Heritage Center on February 22nd at 10:00 AM in the Aquarium Plaza. He introduced Executive Director Keith A. Hardison and Director of Education Hannah Sher who were present at today's

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meeting. Major General Raines presented details regarding the grand opening and the purpose of the heritage center, which aims to memorialize the history of our nation's highest military award for valor from the first medals presented in 1863 to the present day. He reported Governor Bill Lee, City of Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke, Mayor Coppinger, and 20 Medal of Honor recipients would be attending the grand opening, including Charles H. Coolidge and Kyle Carpenter, the oldest and youngest living Medal of Honor recipients. He noted the letter of intent for the heritage center was signed in September 2017 and the organization has raised \$6.7 million in 2.5 years. He commended the Chattanooga community for its patriotism. A copy of the presentation was filed in the Clerk's Office.

11:32 Several Commissioners thanked Major General Raines for his presentation as well as his service to our country and community.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized District 1 City Councilman Chip Henderson in the audience at today's meeting.

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18:30 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 220-2**

This Resolution appoints Sandra Adams to the Hamilton County Health and Safety Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of George Maffett, Jr. ending February 6, 2023.

18:57 Commissioner Martin reported Mr. Maffett passed away on November 11, 2019. He commended his service on the Health and Safety Hearing Board.

19:38 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 220-3**

Commissioner Geter spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$2,500.00 from general fund travel discretionary funds as allotted to District 5 to the Glenwood Neighborhood Association, Inc. to assist with scholarships and programming.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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20:28 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 220-4**

Commissioner Martin spoke regarding this item, which amends the protocol (expense allowance policy) for the members of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners as previously amended by Resolution No. 1118-14. He explained currently any expense allowance not used by a Commissioner in a fiscal year is carried over to the following fiscal year and becomes available for use by that Commissioner as discretionary funds. He reported this item would change the policy so that any funds not expended within that fiscal year would not be carried over and instead returned to the general fund.

Commissioner Smedley voiced her support for this Resolution.

22:15 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 220-5**

Director of Emergency Management Chris Adams spoke regarding this item, which waives the procurement rules and authorizes the County Mayor to transfer one surplus vehicle to Volunteer State Rescue Squad (also known as Hamilton County Marine Rescue Squad). Director Adams stated the vehicle is a 1993 Chevrolet Suburban with 109,322 miles on it that the rescue squad would sell and use the proceeds to purchase additional necessary equipment.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

24:29 Commissioner Martin thanked Commissioner Baker for the presentation that took place Monday evening at the Erlanger Children's Hospital regarding youth mental health.

25:21 Commissioner Baker stated Commissioners should have a copy of the youth mental health presentation from Monday night. A copy of the presentation was filed in the Clerk's Office. He highlighted several points from the handout including youth suicide rates, vaping, and the opioid epidemic. He thanked Erlanger Children's Hospital CEO Don Mueller and all those who attended the presentation.

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30:11 Commissioner Sharpe also referenced the youth mental health presentation and noted that suicide among ages 10 to 44 is now the second leading cause of death behind drug overdoses.

31:13 In response to Commissioner Smedley's question, Commissioner Baker stated suicide rates for males vs. females are broken down in the presentation, with the rates being higher in females. He noted the presentation revealed while treatment has proven to be 99% effective, 67% of mental health issues go untreated.

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34:01 **DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Fairbanks asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

02-19-20



Date

Clerk's Initials