

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION AUGUST 12, 2015

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- An Amended Trustee Excess Fee Report for June 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- A Second Amended Trustee Excess Fee Report for June 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's Unaudited Financial Report ending June 30, 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's 2014 Unpaid Property Tax Levy Report would be submitted for the record.
- Quarterly Fee Office Reports for the period ending June 30, 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 815-34 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 815-38, 815-39, and 815-43 through 815-45 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolution Nos. 815-40 and 815-46 were not used.
- Resolution Nos. 815-35 through 815-37, 815-41, 815-42, and 815-47 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Fields stated that Resolution Nos. Resolution Nos. 815-35 through 815-37, 815-41, 815-42, and 815-47 would now be heard by the Committee of the Whole.

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1:01 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 815-35**

This Resolution reappoints Leroy Grant and Lamar McDaniel to the Hamilton County Industrial Development Board for a six-year term beginning August 19, 2015 and ending August 19, 2021.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

1:47 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 815-36**

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which reappoints Dean Moorehouse to the Hamilton County Beer Board for a three-year term ending August 15, 2018. He added that Mr. Moorehouse has been a stellar performer on the board and asked that the Commission confirm his reappointment.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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2:26 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 815-37**

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which reappoints Deborah Noel-Maddox, Greather Tinker, and Heather Bruggink to the Scenic Cities Beautiful Commission for three-year terms ending August 17, 2018. It was noted that the board uses grant money to make improvements in Hamilton County.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

3:16 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 815-41**

Commissioner Bankston spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$4,000 to the Soil Conservation District from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to District 9. The Soil Conservation District is a sponsor of the annual Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts Convention in Chattanooga. Commissioner Bankston added the funds would be used to assist with the cost of the Convention.

3:48 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Albert Kiser, administrator of finance, noted that the Soil Conservation District was allotted \$120,635 in the 2015 - 2016 budget.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

4:19 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 815-42**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the reimbursement of \$22,370 from discretionary bond funds, as allotted to District 4, to the Hamilton County Department of Education for a sign at Brown Middle School.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

4:54 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 815-47**

5:27 Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which would approve an Interlocal agreement between Hamilton County and the City of East Ridge for the partial funding of certain infrastructure improvements to be made at and around the exit one interchange of Interstate 75. It was noted these improvements would assist in facilitating Bass Pro Shoppe and other major commercial development that is in negotiation for the area. Mayor Coppinger added that Bass Pro Shoppe will be investing more than \$25 million dollars and will employ more than 200 people.

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8:51 In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Mayor Coppinger clarified that Hamilton County and the City of East Ridge would be investing up to one million dollars of their respective funds over the next two fiscal years (2016 and 2017). The County would be investing up to \$500,000 on Phase One of the project, which would make improvements around Camp Jordan Road in East Ridge, and up to \$500,000 on Phase Two of the project at Exit One.

10:18 Commissioner Graham added that Hamilton County would see a one hundred percent return on the investment within two to four years. He specified that the Interlocal Agreement was not a PILOT agreement. He also pointed out that the school system would benefit from the increase in sales tax and property tax. Commissioner Graham added that he was in favor of the investment and would be supporting this Resolution.

12:13 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mayor of East Ridge, Brent Lambert, and Marc Gravitt, Vice Mayor of East Ridge and a State Representative, explained that they had worked with an engineering firm and TDOT to get a cost analysis, and did not anticipate the need for additional funding to complete the project.

 Commissioner Smedley thanked Mayor Lambert and Representative Gravitt for being at today's meeting. She added that this development would significantly boost property values in the East Ridge area.

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13:43 In response to Commissioner Haynes question, Mayor Lambert clarified that the Bass Pro Shoppe construction project should be completed in late spring or early summer of 2016.

Commissioner Graham, Chairman of the Finance Committee announced that the Finance Committee would be meeting in the Commission Room immediately after the Agenda Session.

15:37 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

15:44 Commissioner Boyd thanked members of the Commission for their consideration in the East Ridge development project. He also thanked developers John Healey and the Wood brothers, Mayor Lambert, and Representative Gravitt for their hard work on making the project become a reality.

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17:43 Mayor Coppinger reminded members of the Commission of the Memorial at the McKenzie Arena honoring the five service members that were killed in Chattanooga on July 16th. It was noted that Vice President Joe Biden would be attending the memorial, as well as many other elected officials. The service will take place Saturday, August 15th at 2:00 pm and is open to the public.

DELEGATIONS

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

Being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, August 19th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

09-02-15
Date



Clerk's Initials