

MINUTES

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI January 22, 2008

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri met for a work session in the Fishbowl Conference Room of the City Hall on January 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present:

Mayor Raeanne Presley presiding, Jack Purvis, Sandra Williams, Bob McDowell, Dick Gass and Stephen Marshall present. Absent: Stan Barker.

Also present from the City were: Acting City Administrator Frank Schoneboom, City Clerk Lisa Westfall, City Attorney Paul Link, Director of Communications Jerry Adams, Director of Engineering David Miller, Police Chief Caroll McCullough, Director of Finance Ferris Brown and Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder.

Mayor Presley called the meeting to order.

REGULAR AGENDA

Frank Schoneboom provided the Administrator's Report. He reported on the TanStone project and Chris DeJohn of TanStone spoke concerning general issues with the Development Agreement, CID and TDD.

The following information relating to the setting of an agenda for the regular business meeting of January 28, 2008 was discussed:

Presentation of the final Financial Report for the Branson Landing and Convention Center by Ferris Brown.

Presentation of quarterly report on the Convention Center/Parking Garage by Mark Hartman.

Approving the petition for and establishing the Forsythe Road Community Improvement District and containing a severability clause. (A Public Hearing will be required.)

Approving an assignment of the agreement between the City of Branson and William E. Forsythe for design of improvements to Forsythe Street. Chris DeJohn, TanStone spoke regarding the contract with Great River Engineering and stated that they were working with Mr. Forsythe.

Authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. pertaining to the Water Facilities Master Plan Report.

Authorizing the expenditure of funds from the City's Tourism Tax Contingency Fund to the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce to be used for marketing for the Billboard World Song Contest Awards Show, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Awarding the bid for signs for the Colored Route System for the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contracts.

Also discussed was:

Approving a contract with the Historic Downtown Branson Business Owners Association regarding the Walk of Fame and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. Angela Walker representing HDDBOA stated they were still checking into how the process will work. They are looking at starting at Commercial St. and working to Main St.

Expenditure of funds from the City's Tourism Tax Contingency Fund to the Ozark Mountain Rowing & Kayak Club. Eric Ferris outlined the request and explained his goal of expanding paddle sport in the Branson area. He spoke of this being a first event of possibly many in the future. Additionally he spoke of developing a partnership with City for a permanent boat dock for the sport's use in the future. Larry Thompson discussed the budget for this request. He also discussed events that other cities host and how this event could evolve for the city of Branson.

Approving a Municipal Code amendment to Chapter 78 by adding Section 78-68 pertaining to required minimum improvements regarding development of existing property. (Add to 1/28/08 agenda.)

Accepting the proposal pertaining to State Lobbying Services.

A resolution approving the City of Branson's Legislative Agenda for the year 2008. (Add to 1/28/08 agenda.)

Review of the options for the improvements to the Taneycomo Bridge. Alderman Marshall moved to fund the Lake Taneycomo Bridge by funding \$1,000,000 for interest, \$400,000 already committed for the roundabout and an additional \$1,100,000, seconded by Purvis. Voting aye: Purvis, McDowell and Marshall. Nays: Williams. Absent: Barker. (Add a Resolution for 1/28/08 agenda.)

Review of the proposed job ad for City Administrator.

Mayor's Report.

Dave Edie spoke, stating he would like to see the building height issue move forward and asked the Board not to let the fear of a lawsuit help make these decisions. [HCW proposed 300 foot building where Branson Inn is currently located.]

Board of Aldermen requests for agenda items to be placed on future agendas. (Add update on BAFOL by Ross Summers to 1/28/08 agenda.)

ADJOURN

Mayor Presley asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Purvis so moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall. Voting aye: Purvis, Williams, McDowell, Gass and Marshall. Nays: none. Absent: Barker. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Raeanne Presley
Mayor

Lisa K Westfall
City Clerk