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May 05, 2015

7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Randleman Board of Aldermen was held at the St. Paul’s Museum on the above date with the following members present:

- Bucky Jernigan) Mayor
- Melissa Blalock) Mayor Tempore
- Ray Hudson, Jr.) Aldermen
- Mike Dawkins)
- Cliff Bowman)
- Nick Holcomb) Interim City Manager
- Zack Hewett) Finance Director
- Ron Niland) Consultant

Reverend Pat Dixon, Bethany United Methodist Church gave a prayer before the meeting was called to order.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Jernigan called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes of the April 7th, 2015, Investments, and Department reports

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes, department reports, and investments.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Rick Lanier, a representative of “The U.S. Motto Action Committee”, spoke to the board explaining the purpose of their organization. This organization

promotes the public display of the national motto of the United States, “In God We Trust”, on City and County buildings.

Mr. Lanier explained that no cost would be incurred by the City, and their organization is funded by private donations. He listed several cities and governmental organizations that display the motto.

The Mayor thanked him for his time and advised him that the Board would consider the proposal.

Ms. Vickie Newsome, a former educator, spoke to the board concerning her new venture, Randolph Community Arts, “A not for profit organization for the children of our community.”

She is applying for her 503C status and her website and domain is in process. She hopes to apply three phases, Phase one: community choirs, Phase two: strings programs, and Phase three: keyboard lab.

Several ideas to get the word out were suggested and the Board was interested in helping her with her project. It was noted that our children are our greatest resource.

Property Purchase – TASS – Animal Sanctuary

The Green’s Kennels property which includes their home has been made available for purchase. The negotiated price for the property is \$200,000.00. This property could be leased to the Animal Awareness Society. This would insure the Cities investment would be secure and provide a more suitable environment without going through the process of building. The Mayor, City Manager and others commented that this would provide an excellent location for the TASS. All the rental agreements would be specified at a later date.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of the property.

Ordinance to Amend Capital Project – Animal Shelter – and Budget Amendment No. 4

Initially the dedicated amount for the shelter was \$75,000 and was earmarked from the \$975,000 BB&T Loan. Now the recommendation is to use the \$75,000

to cover the overages on Commerce Square Phase II, and the \$200,000 for the Animal Sanctuary would come from fund balance.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried to approve the Ordinance to amend the Capital Project, and the transfer of funds to amend the general fund budget.

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Budget Presentation and Approval – Public Hearing Date

The 2015-2016 Budget will be presented to the Board of Aldermen and Public on May 21st, 2015. A copy of the Budget will be located at City Hall and at our Public Library for citizens to review. The required Public Hearing will be held at our regular June 2nd, 2015 Board meeting. The Board will entertain questions and concerns from the citizens at this time.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried to set June 2nd, 2015 as the Budget Public Hearing.

Budget Amendment No. 5 and Budget Amendment No. 6

Budget Amendment number 5 will move general fund expenditures in the Fire Department from one line item to another.

Budget Amendment number 6 will appropriate revenues to amend the Powell Bill fund balance.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve Budget Amendments number 5 and 6.

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Manager's Report

Interim Manager Holcomb, spoke to the Board and advised them that the budget procedure is almost complete and that 99% of the job classification studies were finished. He also noted that the group insurance premiums would show a small increase of approximately \$3.00 per plan.

He also provided an update on conditions at our new Public Library noting that the parking lot still needed sealing and striping and the statue was sent back to add more life to the limbs.

He stated that the Commerce Square Phase II amendment of \$50,000 was being used to upgrade public restrooms at old library, build a retaining wall behind the Timken Farmers Market, resurface the parking lot between City Hall and Council Chambers, and improve the loading docks behind the Council Chambers.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderwoman Blalock, seconded by Alderman Dawkins, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Celebration of St. Paul's Volunteers

Many of the North Randolph Historical Society were in attendance. Mayor Jernigan provided refreshments and the group celebrated Nancy Henderson's birthday. A good time was had by all.

Mayor Bucky Jernigan

Melody R. Hancock, CMC-NCCMC

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