

# *City of Red Bank*

Joe Glasscock  
Mayor

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

Minutes  
January 19, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

Christopher J.  
Dorsey  
City Manager

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Glasscock called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – City Manager Dorsey called the roll. Mayor Glasscock, Vice-Mayor Millard, Commissioners Jenó, Jones and Pierce were present. Also present were Attorney Arnold Stulce, Police Chief Larry Sneed, Fire Chief Mark Mathews, Public Works Director Wayne Hamill, City Recorder Ruth Rohen and those listed on Exhibit “A”.
- III. **Invocation – Reverend Jeff Lambert, Red Bank United Methodist Church,** gave the invocation.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance – Sergeant Michael Ray,** led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **Consideration of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting of January 5, 2010 for Approval or Correction**

Commissioner Jenó made a motion to approve the minutes as printed; Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved with all Commissioners voting “Aye”.

### **VI. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Dorsey reported the Chamber lunch was nice today. He stated Mayor Glasscock did a good job giving the State of the City speech. He advised the installation of the courtroom sound system was just about complete, the projector and screen has been installed and will be used during the public hearing. He stated he and Chief Sneed went to Nashville to hear the legislator's discuss our traffic cameras and traffic cameras all around the state, and this subject will be discussed later in the agenda.

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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input from the public on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects that are going on throughout the city.

- Resurfacing of Dayton Blvd. from Signal Mountain Road to Memorial Drive.
- Resurfacing of Easton Avenue / Newberry Street from Dayton Blvd. to our city limits on Easton Ave.
- Greenway sidewalk maintenance, which includes the Lyndon Ave. greenway from E. Midvale Ave. to E. Newberry St. with part of the sidewalks going down Dayton Blvd. Also deals with sidewalk ornamental lighting on Dayton Blvd. and Gateway entrances on Ashland Terr. at Crestview Dr., Dayton Blvd. at Gadd Rd., Morrison Springs Rd. at Corridor J and Dayton Blvd. at Stringers Bridge south end of Dayton Blvd.
- Signalization upgrade on Dayton Blvd. at Newberry St., Dayton Blvd. at Leawood Ave., Dayton Blvd. at Martin Rd., and Dayton Blvd. at Browntown Rd.
- North Greenway, which deals with sidewalk reconstruction and extension from Browntown Rd, to Greenleaf St., consists of new sidewalks from Daytona Dr. to Browntown Rd. and reconstruction of existing sidewalks to make them ADA accessible.

City Manager Dorsey advised that TDOT has unexpectedly moved up the deadline for the submission of completed designs to January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. He advised the deadline date has now been moved up several times. Project priorities are the sidewalks on Dayton Blvd., signalization upgrade and paving.

Greg Wilson with CTI Engineers gave a power point presentation on the Northern Greenway Project, the four Gateway Entrance locations and the Lyndon Avenue Greenway Project.

**Harry Stone, 2016 Lyndon Ave.**, has concerns about large vehicles trying to get out of their driveway if Lyndon Avenue is made a one-way street. He thinks the area will become a haven for skateboarders and in-line skaters. Also concerned that there is no lighting or landscaping planned for the sidewalks. He is worried that his property value will go down if the west side of Lyndon Ave. becomes a one way street.

**Bill Doss, 3307 Redding Rd.**, suggested the city purchase the old Chattanooga Corporation building, on Lyndon Ave. and put the sidewalks there. He also stated concerns about bicycle riders on Dayton Blvd., if the lanes are narrowed.

**Connie Fisher, 2108 Lyndon Ave.**, asked what would happen to the side of Lyndon Ave. that does not have the sidewalks and had comments about no sidewalk lighting or landscaping. She asked if the sidewalks will be handicap accessible.

**Briley Potts, 3401 Redding Rd.**, wanted to know if Dayton Blvd. would be damaged during the projects.

**Ed Lecompt, 2528 Lyndon Ave.**, Would like to see street lights on Lyndon Ave., not just the portion where the sidewalks will be located.

**Pam Stone, 2016 Lyndon Ave.**, Concerned about the possibility of her homeowners insurance going up and difficulties in getting a home mortgage on her property, if Lyndon Ave. becomes a one-way street. She believes the City is moving too fast on the projects.

**Richard Glover, 2007 Lyndon Ave.**, as a real estate agent he stated there would be no problems getting a mortgage if Lyndon Ave. becomes a one-way street. He believes property values will go up because prospective home buyers are looking for properties close to parks and walkways. He thinks motorists looking to by-pass Dayton Blvd. by using Lyndon Ave. will not do this any longer, thereby cutting down on traffic and speeders in the area.

There were no other comments and the public hearing was closed.

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## **VII. Commissioner's Report**

### **A. Vice-Mayor Millard**

- Vice-Mayor Millard welcomed everyone present.
- Mr. Millard advised he volunteered to head up Red Bank's 2010 Census Complete Count Committee. He has met with Vincent Joy of the Census Bureau, along with City Manager Dorsey and Jimmy Mathis. He advised mailings will be sent to homes in Red Bank and if they are completed and sent in no other contact from the Census Bureau is necessary. Vice-Mayor Millard gave names of the members on the committee and is looking for a couple more people to volunteer for the committee and hopes to have a meeting before the end of January. He stated it is very important for residents to fill out and return Census forms. He stated the Census is required by law and is not citizenship count but a resident count.

**B. Commissioner Jenó**

- Commissioner Jenó welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their comments during the Public Hearing
- Mrs. Jenó stated there were 32 Red Bank Seniors and 27 senior visitors from Soddy Daisy that attended the program yesterday. She thanked Charlotte Thompson for all her help with the senior programs.
- Mrs. Jenó thanked Mayor Glasscock for his speech at the Chamber Lunch; she stated he did a great job.
- She thanked all city employees for their dedication and hard work.
- She stated the Chamber has started plans for the Jubilee. The Chamber business seminar will be held in March and area business owners, realtors, investment brokers, real estate developers, and new business owners will be invited to attend.
- Mrs. Jenó stated Mr. Neighbors, owner of the old Esquire Cleaners building, received the Beautification Award this month. She said the owners of Five Guy's Burgers and Fries has shown interest in renting the building and she encouraged the City Manager and Commissioners to write a letter to encourage them to move into the Red Bank area.
- Mrs. Jenó said that Northside Neighborhood House opened a thrift store on Signal Mountain Rd. and encouraged everyone to take donations to them.

**C. Commissioner Jones**

- Commissioner Jones welcomed everyone present and thanked everyone for coming to the Public Hearing to be a part of the discussion of some of the things proposed to improve our city.

**D. Commissioner Pierce**

- Commissioner Pierce welcomed everyone present tonight.
- Mrs. Pierce stated she understands the concerns about the proposed projects. She stated she thinks the changes will be an asset to the community and there are a lot of exciting things taking place in our city and she is very hopeful about the future of the City.

**VIII. Communication from the Mayor**

- Mayor Glasscock welcomed everyone in attendance.
- He stated he understands, from a builder's point of view, the homeowner's concerns about their property values going down. He stated his main concern is the cost of the ARRA Projects and the potential to lose money on the projects if they are not submitted properly and on time. He stated he is concerned the City is moving at too fast a pace on these projects and is not convinced the money spent will be reimbursed.
- Mayor Glasscock stated he also spoke with Mr. Neighbors, who said he has turned down several people that have inquired about renting his building, because he didn't like the quality of their business.
- Mayor Glasscock said he spoke with representatives from the Drivers Testing Station; they will break ground this spring.
- Mayor Glasscock congratulated Chief Mark Mathews on his 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary working with the City.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

City Manager Dorsey advised there is no unfinished business.

**X. New Business**

**A. RESOLUTION NO. 10-751- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO GARBAGE TRUCK FROM CHEROKEE TRUCK EQUIPMENT**

City Manager Dorsey advised during the last budget cycle the purchase of a garbage truck was postponed. He stated the City has an automated and a semi-automated garbage truck with two back ups. He said since July the City

has spent over \$11,000.00 fixing the trucks. The concern was brought before the commission at the last agenda work session. The City has located two semi-automated garbage trucks for sale at \$116,000.00 each. After checking around it was learned that the City of Chattanooga is preparing to purchase 2010 garbage trucks for approximately \$148,000.00. Mr. Dorsey stated if approved the first payment for the trucks would be in next year's budget.

Arnold Stulce stated the City needs to take bids on the trucks. He said the amount can be pre-approved and if a lower bid comes in it would need to be brought back before the Commission.

Commissioner Jenó made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-751 subject to the bid process and to pre-approve the \$232,000.00 purchase price, if that is the correct bid. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Resolution No. 10-751 was approved with all Commissioners voting "Aye"

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 10-752 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINANCING OF GARBAGE TRUCKS WITH TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL BOND FUND**

City Manager Dorsey advised he received several quotes from local banks and Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund, the rate from the TML Bond Fund is 2.9 percent and substantially lower than those received from local banks.

Mr. Dorsey stated the resolution is a standard form resolution from Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund for financing.

Vice-Mayor Millard made a motion to pre-approve Resolution No. 10-752 subject to the bid process. Commissioner Jenó seconded the motion. Resolution No. 10-752 was approved with all Commissioners voting "Aye"

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 10-753 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE REQUESTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY STATE LEGISLATION DELEGATES WORK TO REVISE T.C.A. 68-221-601 TO PROVIDE THAT EACH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY ONLY ONE (1) MEMBER AND THAT SUCH MEMBER SHALL HAVE A VOTE EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF WWTA CUSTOMERS IN THE AREA REPRESENTED BY SUCH MEMBER.**

City Manager Dorsey stated Public Works Director Wayne Hamill is Red Bank's representative to WWTA and asked him to explain the voting process of WWTA.

Mr. Hamill stated the board consists of 12 members, 5 members appointed by the County Mayor and 7 members appointed by the Executive Officer of each participating governmental entity. He stated that no matter how many customers are represented by the participating governmental agencies that each member only gets one vote. He stated the county votes are weighted votes which encompasses Red Bank and other local municipalities.

Vice-Mayor Millard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-753. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion. Resolution No. 10-753 was approved with all Commissioners voting "Aye"

**D. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10-726 - EXTENSION OF THE TRAFFIC CAMERA CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS**

City Manager Dorsey stated he, Chief Sneed and Lt. Jay Lamance went to the Transportation Committee Hearing in Nashville. The hearing dealt with issues concerning traffic camera enforcement throughout the state. City Manager Dorsey stated the committee would be studying these issues and sending proposals to the State Legislature. One of the proposals is to place a moratorium on any new or renewed traffic camera contracts until July of 2012. Mr. Dorsey stated the current contract the City has with American Traffic

Solutions will come up for renewal in January 2011 and if there is a moratorium placed on renewing contracts the City would not be able to renew the contract and this would place a hardship on the City and its police department and their ability to perform other duties while the cameras assist with traffic enforcement.

City Manager Dorsey stated he wants the Commission to consider extending the contract for a (12) twelve year term with a termination clause after every three years. He stated the City has negotiated lower rates for Traffic Camera Program.

Mayor Glasscock stated 70 percent of drivers favored traffic cameras and the technology allows us to have officers in the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Jenó asked Chief Larry Sneed if the contract was not extended, how many officers he anticipates having to hire to cover the call load. She stated she approves of the traffic cameras and that thinks they save lives. She stated she has a duty to the citizens of Red Bank to make decisions she believes is best for the City and its residents.

Commissioner Jones voice concerns about any legal ramifications for the City if they approve the contract and the legislature outlaws the Traffic Camera Program. He stated he approves of the cameras as long as the City is using them correctly. He said he is concerned about the negative feedback the City will receive if they approve the extension of the contract.

Vice-Mayor Millard said the negative feed back is a big concern of his, He stated he feels Red Bank has suffered because we are the second city in the State of Tennessee to put in traffic cameras.

Commissioner Jenó made a motion to approve Agenda Item No. 10-726 to extend the traffic camera contract with American Traffic Solutions, subject to approval of the forms and the Extension Agreement by the City Attorney. Mayor Glasscock seconded the motion. Mayor Glasscock asked if there was further discussion on the traffic cameras.

Commissioner Pierce stated the cameras have helped with safety issues and she is pleased to have police in the neighborhoods. She stated she is in favor of the cameras.

City Manager Dorsey called the roll for a vote with Mayor Glasscock voting "Yes", Vice-Mayor Millard voting "No", Commissioner Jenó voting "Yes", Commissioner Jones voting "Yes", Commissioner Pierce voting "Yes". Agenda Item 10-726 passed with a 4 to1 vote.

#### **E. AGENDA ITEM NO. 10-727 - BUMPUS HARLEY-DAVIDSON CONTRACT**

City Manager Dorsey stated this was a contract to lease 3 police motorcycles from Bumpus Harley-Davidson. He advised the lease is budgeted in this year and there has been discussion about it at the agenda work sessions.

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve Agenda Item No. 10-727. Commissioner Jenó seconded the motion. Agenda Item No. 10-727 was approved with all Commissioners voting "Aye"

### **XI. Citizens' Comments**

**Robert Rentzell, 252 Hedgewood Dr.**, Requested that the right hand lane, northbound on Dayton Blvd. at Ashland Terr. be converted to a right turn only lane.

**Harry Stone, 2016 Lyndon Ave.**, said Red Bank has the best Police Dept., Fire Dept. and City services around. He stated that Red Bank is not a speed trap and

that he would not live anywhere else.

**Bill Doss, 3307 Redding Rd.**, Mr. Doss voiced complaints about odorous fumes coming from the detail shop located on Dayton Blvd. He wanted to know if anything can be done about the odor.

**Allen McJunkin, 3312 Dayton Blvd., owner of the detail shop**, Mr. McJunkin said he has had the Air Pollution Control Board come out and they told him he is in compliance. He stated he is ready to go to court over the matter, if that is the next step.

**Cathy McJunkin, 3312 Dayton Blvd.**, said she feels she has been harassed by all the complaints over the fumes.

**Mr. Noel Crawley, 514 Westwood Lane**, requested the City repaint the stripes on Crestview Dr. and Bitsy Ln. He also reported a large dip on Bitsy Ln. at Ely Rd.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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City Recorder