

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Millington, Tennessee met in special session at Millington City Hall on September 13, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and was opened with a prayer by Mr. Brown. Mayor Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

The following members were present:

Mayor Linda L. Carter
Keith D. Barger
James O. Brown
Michael E. Caruthers
Donald L. Lowry
Brett A. Morgan

Mr. Ford and Mr. Pike were absent. A quorum being present, the following proceedings were held:

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 33-2012

The first order of business was the public hearing on Resolution 33-2012, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REFERENDUM OF ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE LUCY COMMUNITY INTO THE CITY OF MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE. Mayor Carter announced that the hearing was open and asked if there were any comments or questions.

The persons listed below addressed the Board regarding questions and concerns about the possible annexation of Lucy into the City of Millington:

Donald Gosnell
Pat Allen
Brian Woelm
Stella Gosnell
Larry Brown

Questions were asked about storm water fees, whether Memphis can annex the Lucy community if the Lucy residents vote not to be annexed by Millington, what Millington offers to Lucy residents, trash and debris removal and the effect on property values. In response, Mayor Carter said the following: If the annexation referendum passes, Lucy residents will pay the Millington storm water fees but will no longer pay the County fees; Lucy residents will pay Millington city real property taxes but will no longer pay County fire fees; and that the City has debris removal trucks to service the Lucy area. The question was asked whether elementary school children who live in the Woodstock area not being annexed would be zoned to go to Millington schools. Mayor Carter said that would be up to the Unified School Board. Larry Brown said he thinks Memphis may surrender its charter to create a metro government, and that property values in the Lucy area will go up if it is annexed into Millington and does not become part of the metro government.

Alderman Jim Brown said that the police response time should be substantially decreased after the annexation. Alderman Don Lowry said he thinks County-wide metro government is coming, so that if the Lucy area is not annexed into Millington, it could be part of that metro government.

Mayor Carter said that she and Joe Densford are working to set up meetings in the Kerrville area to answer questions about the proposed annexation, and that she would like to set

up meetings in the Lucy area for the same purpose.

There being no further questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. Caruthers, the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 35-2012

The next order of business was the public hearing on Resolution 35-2012, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REFERENDUM OF ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE KERRVILLE AREA INTO THE CITY OF MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE. Mayor Carter announced that the hearing was open and asked if there were any comments or questions.

The persons listed below addressed the Board about the proposed annexation of the Kerrville area into the City of Millington:

Brenda Swift
Kim Looney
Nicole Moore
Jim Holt
Mary Alice Jones
Charlie Woody
Freddie Bailey
Pauline Mashburn
Clifford Knight
Ruby Strand
Diane Daniel
Steve Cullum

The following concerns were expressed: questions about Millington city taxes; whether Kerrville area residents will be required to hook on to City utility lines, since some driveways in the Kerrville area are long and the cost to run utility lines to the houses would be high; whether Kerrville area children will be able to continue to go to Millington schools if a separate Millington school district is established and the annexation does not occur; whether a new owner of property in the Kerrville area could expand the barn after the annexation; how the Kerrville area residents will benefit from the annexation; whether the monthly sanitation fee is mandatory; whether the annexation will affect farms in the Kerrville area; City ambulance and fire service, City auto tag fees and City taxes.

In response, Mayor Carter said it is unlikely that City sewer lines will be extended to the Kerrville area for some time, particularly because of the rural nature of that area, and Kerrville area residents will continue to use their existing septic systems until then. Alderman Keith Barger said his neighborhood and others now within the City still have septic systems. Mayor Carter said that farms in the Kerrville area will not be affected by the annexation, and Kerrville residents will continue to keep their farm animals and will be able to expand their barns. She said the City auto tag fee is \$ 30 per year, and the City provides fire and ambulance services. She reiterated that Kerrville area residents, like Lucy residents, will pay Millington property taxes and will not pay County fire fees, and will pay City rather than County sanitation fees. She reiterated that if the annexation occurs and the City of Millington creates its own school district, the Unified School Board will decide whether children outside the City limits may go to Millington schools.

In response to questions about storm drain problems on Navy Road across from the Base gym, Darek Baskin said that is state right-of-way, and the City is trying to get the state to fix it.

There being no further questions, upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lowry, the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 2012-21

The next order of business was consideration of Ordinance 2012-21, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-21

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopted the budget for the City of Millington for fiscal year 2013 by Ordinance 2012-17; and

WHEREAS, the Board has authorized the city to be involved in several lawsuits related to the efforts to implement its own school system and legal fees will be significantly more than budgeted for FY13; and

WHEREAS, the FY13 budget for the Capital Projects Fund included funding for drainage improvements in cooperation with the Millington Housing Authority and it has been determined that the Stormwater Fund can fund this project, which will cost \$76,055.00

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the FY13 budget in the amount of \$176,055.00 to provide the funding necessary for the purpose described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Millington, Tennessee, that the FY 2013 Operating Budget for the General Fund is amended as follows:

General Fund Revenues	
Planned Use of Fund Balance	\$ 100,000.00
General Fund Expenditures	
General Government – Legal and Professional Services	\$ 100,000.00
Stormwater Fund Revenues	
Planned Use of Fund Balance	\$ 76,055.00
Stormwater Fund Expenditures	
Drainage Control	\$ 76,055.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Ms. Bitha Luze addressed the Board to protest the amount that is being spent on schools litigation.

Upon motion by Mr. Caruthers, seconded by Mr. Lowry, the Board voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2012-21 on first reading.

CONSIDERATION OF BID FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS

It was announced that B & C Construction, Inc. was the low bidder for making storm water improvements for the Greenhill area, which the City is doing in cooperation with Millington Housing Authority. Upon motion by Mr. Barger, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the city’s share of the B & C Construction, Inc. contract in the amount of \$76,055.00.

AWARD OF BID AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLES

It was announced that Mid-Tenn Ford Truck Sales from Nashville submitted the low bid for three SUV’s, at \$ 24,740.92 each, for the Police Department. Police Chief Rita Stanback said that there are two vehicles that need to be removed from the fleet. Upon motion by Mr. Brown,

seconded by Mr. Caruthers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the vehicles and to accept the bid of Mid-Tenn Ford Truck Sales.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR

Mayor Carter announced that the City has hired its first full time female firefighter and that she begins work on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lowry and unanimous consent of the Aldermen, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Linda L. Carter, Mayor

Carolyn K. Conley, City Clerk