

CITY OF MANCHESTER
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021
Board Room & via ZOOM

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in session at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Manchester City Hall, and via zoom. The meeting was presided by Mayor Marilyn Howard. Present for the BOMA meeting in the Board Room were Mayor Howard, Vice Mayor Messick, Alderman Bellamy, Alderman Patton, Alderman Elam, Alderman French, Attorney Ewell, Finance Director Anderson, Executive Administrative Assistant Keele, and Parks & Recreation Director Gamble. Participating via zoom were Alderman Nickels, Police Chief Yother, Fire Chief Chambers, Information Systems Director Smotherman, Water/Sewer Director Pennington, City Engineer St. John, Public Works Director Gannon, Codes Director Sain, Dr. Joey Vaughn, and Major Bill Sipes. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Brian Stowers via zoom and the pledge to the flag was spoken in unison. Mayor Howard called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Finance Director Anderson Called the roll

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR: Mayor Howard stated, "this meeting is being conducted by electronic means, pursuant to the requirements of Governor Lee's Executive Order 65, 70, and 71 has been noticed, as required by that order. Section 1 (c) of Governor Lee's Order 65 strongly urges the city to provide an agenda for the meeting in the notice. I need a motion to adopt the agenda, which was sent out as part of the meeting notice, as suggested by Governor Lee's Executive Order 65 and to suspend any conflicting provision of Manchester Municipal Code. Alderman Nickels made a motion to approve and second by Alderman French. The motion passed 6-0. Mayor Howard asked Attorney Ewell to speak to the BOMA regarding Robert's Rules of Order and the virtual meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Bellamy made a motion to approve December 1, 2020 minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Patton and approved with a vote 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

COMMITTEES:

Safety Committee- Alderman Elam stated the safety meeting met with Duck River Electric regarding use of poles.

Finance Committee- Alderman Bellamy stated they would not meet in December and the next meeting would be in January 2021.

Street Committee- Alderman Messick stated they did not meet in December.

Water /Sewer Commission- Alderman Bellamy stated they would not meet in January.

Recreation Commission- Director Gamble stated their next meeting would be 1-14-21

Tourism Development Commission- Alderman Patton stated they met 1-4-21.

Planning Commission – Director Sain stated the next meeting would be 1-21-21 due to a Holiday

Information Systems Committee- nothing to report

Historic Zoning Commission- nothing to report

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolutions: none

Ordinances:

- a. 2nd reading of an ordinance amending the City of Manchester Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020-21, Ordinance No. 1597; sponsored by Alderman Bellamy. Alderman French made a motion to approve and second by Alderman Elam. Mayor Howard opened the floor to discussion and after no discussion the roll was called. The ordinance passed with a vote 6-0.
- b. 1st reading of an ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 6, Sections 1 and 2 of the Manchester Municipal Code, the same being the zoning ordinance of the City of Manchester, Tennessee, to amend that ordinance and zoning map to provide that real estate owned by Patricia Fay Ferrell, Bryan K. Ferrell, and Rita Church be rezoned as C-3 Commercial from 1-1 Industrial; sponsored by Vice Mayor Messick. Vice Mayor Messick made a motion to approve and second by Alderman Bellamy. Mayor Howard opened the floor to discussion and Codes Director Sain spoke. Mayor Howard called for the roll and the ordinance passed first reading 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review Resolution 17-2020 regarding spending freeze. Mayor Howard asked Finance Director Anderson to speak to the BOMA regarding lifting the spending freeze or keeping it in place and releasing funds to the non-profits. Director Anderson spoke about revenues with a comparison from 2019-2020, expenditures, general fund, and reserves. Alderman French made a motion to pay the non-profits, but keep the spending freeze in place, and second by Alderman Bellamy. Alderman Elam made an amended motion to keep the spending freeze but pay the non-profits half of their request and review the resolution monthly, and second by Alderman French. Mayor Howard called for the roll on the amended motion and the motion passed 5-1 with Alderman Messick voting nay. Mayor Howard called for the roll on the original motion and the motion passed 5-1 with Alderman Messick voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Greater Manchester Economic Development Commission Appointment Education Seat. Mayor Howard introduced Dr. Joey Vaughn's application to fill the Education Seat of the Greater Manchester Economic Development Commission. Alderman French made a motion to approve Dr. Vaughn and second by Alderman Patton. The motion passed 6-0.
- Tn Dept. of Health Grant Application Director Gamble. Director Gamble discussed with the BOMA applying for the grant and there would be no match. Alderman Elam made a motion to approve and second by Alderman French. Mayor Howard called for the roll and the motion passed 6-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN:

ADJOURNMENT: 7:09 p.m.

SIGNATURES:

Mayor Marilyn Howard

Executive Administrative Assistant Keele