

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: REV. JACKIE PENNEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:
MAYOR EVERETT

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR EVERETT
VICE-MAYOR COLEMAN
COMMISSIONER KEITH
COMMISSIONER PENNEY
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBER ABSENT:
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:
SEE ATTACHED COPY OF SIGN IN SHEET

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 4, 2024 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

2023-2024 ORDINANCE NO. 16

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND
COMMISSIONERS. SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

1st - Commissioner Shipley to approve

Commissioner Penney asked for clarification that this would not take effect until the 2026 election. City Attorney Elliott confirmed that is correct.

2nd - Commissioner Penney
Ayes - Vice-Mayor Coleman, Commissioner Penney, Commissioner Shipley, and
Mayor Everett
Nay - Commissioner Keith

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE
ABANDONING A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE EAST
SIDE OF DAYTON PIKE PARALLEL TO 8644 DAYTON PIKE.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Elliott stated that the City has a very large right-of-way at the south end.

Public Works Director Grant noted that the owners of the property are not present. Public Works Director Grant said the owners are requesting abandonment of 30 feet of right-of-way parallel to their property for employee parking. With the abandonment, the front property line would be even with the McClendon property to the north. Public Works Director Grant said that 80 feet of right-of-way would remain and that is sufficient for 4 lanes with a turn lane and 10 foot shoulders. Commissioner Penney said the owner stated in the Planning Commission meeting that the additional area would also allow for him to correct a drainage issue between his property and the parcel south of him as well as provide for street yard landscaping. It was noted that the new owners will also operate a port-a-toilet business at this location. Commissioner Penney asked if a stipulation could be made that if the port-a-toilets were to be placed on the property that they cannot be seen from the road. Public Works Director Grant said there would have to be stipulations that some type of privacy fencing to prevent them being seen from the road. It was noted that the property is zoned M-2. Vice-Mayor Coleman said the existing body shop will be moved to the back of the building. Commissioner Shipley telephoned the owner. He asked where they plan to store the port-o-toilets. The owner said the port-o-toilets will be on the back of the parcel behind a fence. City Attorney Elliott suggested deferring action until the next meeting to allow for the owners to be present. Recording Secretary Dolberry said the Planning Commission had recommended approval with the condition that the owner record and amended subdivision plat relative to the abandonment of right-of-way and record a new deed for the property within six (6) months of the passage of this ordinance. Mayor Everett said that he owns

property to the rear of this lot and he will be required to install landscaping for his property. Recording Secretary Dolberry stated that this building is existing and the landscaping requirement should have been met when it was originally built. City Attorney Elliott said the proposed ordinance could be amended to add Section d to read as follows:

d) A privacy fence be erected to obscure the view of outside storage of public toilets.

Commissioner Penney asked if the port-o-toilets will be cleaned on site. Commissioner Shipley said they are cleaned before they haul them. Public Works Director Grant said they are emptied before they bring them back. Mayor Everett said this is a public hearing and asked if there were any questions or concerns from anyone in the audience. There were none.

1st - Commissioner Shipley to approve with the addition of Section d to the conditions as stated by City Attorney Elliott to the proposed ordinance.

2nd - Commissioner Keith

Ayes - Unanimous

Citizen's Participation:

Sara Hall, Northside Neighborhood House, invited the Commission to attend the 5 year anniversary celebration on May 9th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. She said Northside Neighborhood House is located at 10161 Dayton Pike. She handed out flyers. She said she will email invitations to the commissioners and asked that they RSVP.

Brad Sims, 199 Hickman Street, expressed his concern with safety issues at the North Park with parking for the ballfield participants and spectators. He said they are parking on the side of the road between the fields and Depot Street and this makes Depot Street a one lane road. He said he had complained about this previously to Commissioner Shipley and the Police Department. He said it stopped for a short time, but they are parking there again. He asked if the City could install posts to stop people from parking or even a bench as it is a great location to watch a game. He asked that the Commission find a solution to the problem. Vice-Mayor Coleman said that when cars are parked there a fire engine cannot get through. Commissioner

Shipleigh said there are 744 kids (550 families) participating in the Kids Club this year. He said we do not have the parking. Mayor Everett said additional parking has been discussed as the Board knows we need a solution, but this may take time. Vice-Mayor Coleman said the City Manager had stated that a drone would be used to draw out the area to maximize space. He said that if TVA gave additional property there would not be a parking issue. Commissioner Keith asked the police chief if the parents could be asked not to park there. The police chief said if no parking signs are installed, then his officers can have cars moved. He said Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. traffic and parking are bad.

Derek Kukura, 1045 Trojan Run Drive and Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful, announced the recycling event scheduled for April 20th at the North Park. He asked if this could be posted on the City's Facebook page and the website to inform the public. He said they need participation. Mayor Everett said we should promote recycling. Commissioner Keith said they will be collecting tires at the Sequoyah Transfer Station from April 22 through the 24th at a cost of \$1.00 per passenger tire and \$4.00 for larger tires.

Commissioner Keith encouraged everyone to attend the City Commission meetings. He said you can learn a lot at these meetings. He said if you bring your concerns to the whole commission you will get better results. Evelyn Penney asked that the Commission meeting be advertised on the City's sign.

Vice-Mayor Coleman asked everyone to support Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful. He said if you see garbage blowing out of vehicles onto City streets be sure to get a tag number and call the police department.

Commissioner Shipleigh said he and his wife met with her doctor today and there is no cancer. He said she will continue treatment once a month for a while. He said they are thankful.

Commissioner Penney said the City has been in the news lately for different reasons. He

asked for thoughts and prayers for everyone involved and that the truth comes out.

Mayor Everett reiterated that everyone needs to get involved. He said you learn a lot at the Commission meetings. He said the City has a good group of employees and volunteers. He said a packed Kids Club is a good problem to have. He said sports teach a lot of life lessons and teach how to work together. He said kids learn a lot from sports, JROTC, band, and student government. He said our society has gotten too far from that. Mayor Everett further stated that the Kids Club is one of the most successful youth organizations in the county. He said the city is working on applying for grant monies.

Public Works Director Grant said that over 850 tickets were issued in school zones this month. He said tickets are issued for 11 miles over the limit. The revenue received this month was \$18,000.00. He asked that everyone slow down in our school zones. Mayor Everett said that if you feel you received a ticket and it wasn't during school times there is a process on the back to request a review. He said the cameras were installed for safety not revenue. Chief Petty said the department issued 6,000 citations last year. He said they are not focused on speeding. The cameras give you every chance to avoid a ticket, they are not trying to trick anyone. Mayor Everett said to be pro-active and not re-active.

Adjourned 7:38 p.m.

Burt Johnson