

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in Recess session at City Hall on Tuesday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Alderpersons present were: Alderman W.I. "Doc" Harris, Alderwoman Natalie Lynch, Alderman Andrew Miller, Alderman Bruce Robinson, Alderman Chad Wicker, Alderwoman Beth Ross, and Alderman Ben Piper. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Pam Pyle, Parks Director Jared Barkley, Amanda Chirby, Nester Duran, Henry Minor, and Cameron Cooper.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Alderman Piper gave the invocation.

AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Recessed Meeting

May 9, 2022

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approve Agenda
- 5) Approval for Kudzu Playhouse (non-profit) to use the Gale Community Center for rehearsals May 16th, 17th, 19th, and July 8th free of charge from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm 4 hours max each date.
- 6) Discuss Pennies for the Parks projects.
- 7) Adjourn

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Piper to approve the Agenda as presented.

A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Miller, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper.

Those voting "Nay": None

Absent: None

ORDERED AND DONE this the 9th day of May, 2022.

APPROVAL FOR KUDZU PLAYHOUSE (NON-PROFIT) TO USE THE GALE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR REHEARSALS MAY 16TH, 17TH, 19TH, AND JULY 8TH FREE OF CHARGE FROM 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM 4 HOURS MAX EACH DATE

Motion was duly made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Piper approval for Kudzu Playhouse (non-profit) to use the Gale Community Center for rehearsals May 16th, 17th, 19th, and July 8th free of charge from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm 4 hours max each date.

A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Piper, Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Miller, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, and Alderwoman Ross.

Those voting "Nay": None

Absent: None

ORDERED AND DONE this the 9th day of May, 2022.

DISCUSS PENNIES FOR THE PARKS PROJECTS

Henry Minor and Cameron Cooper with Kimley-Horn with consultation from Doug Thornton, presented a fist concept presentation of the master plan for Renasant Park, Kuykendall Park and the Soccer Facility.

The presentation included the concepts in phases, and each phases projected cost. Discussion was the impact on the cost of each phase and which phase could be completed, paid for, and remain fiscally responsible for the citizens of Hernando. There was discussion on possibly purchasing the Civic Center property or possibly property at a different location. The city could also repair and make improvements to the existing ball fields and property. Henry Minor stated that the ball fields have served the community for quite some time and great memories were made there. But the facility has run its life cycle and would have to be totally redone.

There was concern about how much traffic the new park facility would generate. Robertson Gin, Highway 51, and Commerce will see a significant increase in traffic once the facility is complete in the coming years. The new facility does have egress and ingress options to route the traffic, but traffic will increase. A different location could be found that would not affect the traffic as much. If there is another location option, it needs to be locked down in the next couple of months.

Plan "A" looks like it would be all we could do and maybe look at the incorporating other phases. We could let the ball fields go and do the other projects. Plan "A" would be specifically to serve the people of Hernando and tournaments could come later. The 2020 Feasibility study was, first the city needs to accommodate the citizens of Hernando.

| Project Costs | | Additional Cost | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Project A | 12,000,000 | Artificial Turf | 250,000 |
| Project B | 13,000,000 | Artificial Turf | 250,000 |
| Project C | 3,500,000 | | |
| Project D | 4,500,000 | | |
| Project E | 4,000,000 | | |
| Soccer Field Lighting | | Milton Kuykendall Park | |
| Phase 2 | 1,400,000 | Field Improvement | 300,000 |
| Phase 3 | 380,000 | Fencing Cost | 165,000 |
| Phase 4 | 340,000 | Total | 465,000 |
| Total | 2,120,000 | | |

The 125 acre Renasant Park would be a total cost of \$37M when completed. The Soccer Field lighting \$2,120,000.00 and Milton Kuykendall Park field improvement and fencing \$465,000.00 totals when completed.

Pennies for Parks is estimated to generate \$500K per year from restaurants sales then, include all prepared food such as Kroger, convenient stores it could be as much as 750K or 800K per year estimated. A \$15M bond for 20 years payment would be \$1M per year. A 9.8M bond could be supported by the city. Pennies for Parks can only be used for Capital Improvements and not maintenance, salaries, etc.

We will meet on May 23, 2022 and Henry Minor will have a plan that with existing park improvements and moving the arena to give the city options.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Wicker, seconded by Alderman Piper to adjourn.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

ORDERED AND DONE this the 9th day of May 2022.

MAYOR CHIP JOHNSON

ATTEST:

PAM PYLE, CITY CLERK

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