

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL MET AT 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 02, 2004. PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MCCLAIN, PARIS, CARMONY, SMITH, EBERHART RIGGINS AND THE AUDITOR. COUNCILMAN PHIL KASTER WAS ABSENT.

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL MEETING FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FROM THE INNKEEPERS BOARD. LARRY LUX, INNKEEPERS BOARD MEMBER STATED THAT THE INNKEEPERS TAX WAS INITIATED WITH THE INTENT TO SPUR PEOPLE TO COME TO SHELBY COUNTY FOR VARIOUS EVENTS, FESTIVALS ETC...

MR. LUX SAID THE BOARD MET WITH INNKEEPER BOARD MEMBERS FROM OTHER COUNTIES AND A MARKETING FIRM, AND IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT OUR LOCAL BOARD HIRE SOMEONE LOCALLY TO PROMOTE TOURISM. THE DIRECTOR WILL WORK APPROXIMATELY 10-12 HOURS PER WEEK

THE WELCOME CENTER (PORTER POOL BUILDING) WILL HOUSE SCDC, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE INNKEEPERS BOARD. IN ADDITION TO THE TOURISM DIRECTOR, SCDC AND THE CHAMBER WILL STAFF THE WELCOME CENTER DURING THE WEEK DAYS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT VOLUNTEERS COULD HELP STAFF THE WELCOME CENTER ALSO.

MR. LUX STATED THAT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE, AND SCDC AND THE CHAMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUILDINGS UTILITIES AND INSURANCE. A MARKETING FIRM WILL BE CONSULTED TO MARKET, AS AN EXAMPLE, WHAT COUNTY RESIDENTS MAY TAKE FOR GRANTED.

MR. LUX STATED THAT \$37,500.00 OF THE INNKEEPERS FUNDS WOULD BE COMMITTED FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS, OR UNTIL THE LOAN IS PAID OFF. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED A JOINT RESOLUTION FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE INNKEEPERS BOARD FOR THIS OBLIGATION. MR. LUX SAID IT WAS VOTED ON AND WAS IN THE MINUTES. THE COUNCIL STILL REQUESTED A FORMAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

MR. STEVE BIRD (COUNTY RESIDENT) REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION FOR THE PARK BONDS. MR. LUX EXPLAINED THAT BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE INNKEEPERS BOARD ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR \$30,000.00 PER YEAR FOR 15 YEARS OR UNTIL THE DEBT IS RETIRED FOR THE CITY/COUNTY PARK. MR. LUX STATED THAT THE FIRST OBLIGATION OF THE INNKEEPERS FUND IS TO THE PARK PAYMENT.

BRENDA YONTS (COUNTY RESIDENT) STATED THAT THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT THE EDIT FUNDS ARE NOT BEING USED PROPERLY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED ON THE PARK. MR. YONTS STATED THIS COULD BE APPEALED.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIMS WOULD BE THROUGH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE, AND ALL EXPENSES WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE INNKEEPERS BOARD PRIOR TO SUBMISSION FOR PAYMENT.

MR. LUX EXPLAINED THAT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT IS THE BORROWER OF THE FUNDS. THE RENOVATION OF PORTER POOL WOULD COST \$535,000.00. A PAYMENT OF \$216,000.00 WAS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO PAY THE CONTRACTOR FOR SERVICES RENDERED. MR. LUX SAID THE INNKEEPERS BOARD WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,500.00 FOR 15 YEARS.

COUNCILMAN PARIS SAID HE HAD CONCERNS OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN OPEN ENDED AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN OBLIGATED BY THE TOURISM BOARD. COUNCILMAN PARIS STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A 25 TO 50 YEAR LEASE WITH THIS KIND OF INVESTMENT OR A FIRST REFUSAL TO LEASE FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AFTER THE 15 YEAR LEASE EXPIRES. MR. PARIS STATED THAT AFTER 15 YEARS THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE NOTHING, AND TO PRESERVE INVESTMENTS THE COUNTY COULD PURCHASE THEIR OWN BUILDING.

MR. PARIS INQUIRED ON WHO WILL DETERMINE WHO WILL BE HOUSED IN THE BUILDING? MR. LUX STATED THAT IT IS THE INNKEEPERS BOARD DECISION ON WHO WILL BE HOUSED AT THE WELCOME CENTER. THE PARKS DEPARTMENT IS THE LANDLORD; THE TOURISM BOARD IS THE LESSEE. COUNCILMAN CARMONY SAID THE CONTRACT SHOULD NOT BE BOXED IN AND THERE SHOULD BE SOME TRUST, AND BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE FOR GROWTH.

YALE SCHALK (COUNTY RESIDENT) STATED THAT THE CITY IS CONTRIBUTING NOTHING AND THE COUNTY IS MAKING THE INVESTMENT.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2004 BUDGET WAS MADE BY RIGGINS, SECOND CARMONY, VOTE 5-1. (Paris)

A MOTION TO APPOINT PHIL KASTER AS THE COUNCIL LIAISON WAS MADE BY MCCLAIN, SECOND CARMONY, VOTE 6-0.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND MCCLAIN, VOTE 6-0.

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Sean R. Elmhurst
Terry A. Smith
W. Paris
Debb McClain
Robert W. Curry

ATTEST:

Yvonne B. Bunt
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR