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Planning Commission recognizes Toby Gilley for 14 years of service

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The City of Murfreesboro Planning Commission and Planning Department recognized outgoing Councilman Toby Gilley Wednesday for his service to the Commission during the his last monthly meeting. Gilley was elected Aug. 7 to a General Sessions Court judgeship.

“You have served with distinction and honor and I know the City Council’s going to miss you. The Planning Commission definitely will miss you,” noted Planning Commission Chairman Bob Lamb. “You will distinguish yourself behind the bench just like you have with the City Council and the Planning Commission and we all want to thank you.”

Chairman Lamb presented Gilley with what he called a small token for the Councilman’s service, a plaque that read: “Presented to Toby Gilley in Recognition of Your Dedicated Service to the City of Murfreesboro Planning Commission, May 2000 – August 2014.”

Lamb told the Commission and those in the council chambers that “Some 14 years ago the City Council in its infinite wisdom appointed a young, little known attorney to the Planning Commission. He came in at a time, most of us didn’t realize, of starting off a tremendous period in our City’s history.”

When Mr. Gilley took his position on the Planning Commission in 2000, the population of Murfreesboro was approximately 68,000. “Compare that to today’s 115,000, shows about a 69 percent increase in population,” Lamb pointed out. “You take the City’s geographic size and in the year 2000, it occupied around 35 sq. miles compared to today’s 58 sq. miles, so that’s around a 66 percent increase.”

The list of business to go before the Planning Commission during Gilley’s tenure included the following:

- 203 annexation requests.
- 510 zoning requests.

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- 147 Gateway Design Overlay reviews.
- 108 mandatory referrals.
- 136 ordinance requests.
- 593 preliminary site plans.
- 1,464 final site plans.
- 1,847 site plan reviews.

“It’s a lot of business that you’ve helped the Planning staff conduct,” Lamb reminded Gilley. “Toby, I’ll say this, you’ve done a tremendous job with us”

In receiving the recognition for his service, Gilley thanked the Commission for the last 14-plus years. “It’s been a tremendous experience to be a part of this family and that’s what you all are to me. I’m just humbled and honored to be a part of all this Commission has done to make Murfreesboro what it is today.”

Gilley starts another chapter in his career when he begins serving as a General Session judge on September 2, 2014.

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Planning Commission Chairman Bob Lamb recognizes Commissioner Toby Gilleyx.jpg

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