

January 20, 2022

The City Council of the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, met in special session in the Business Center at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022, with Mayor Shane McFarland present and presiding and with the following Council Members present and in attendance, to wit:

Rick LaLance
Ronnie Martin
Bill Shacklett
Kirt Wade
Shawn Wright

Vice-Mayor Scales Harris was absent and excused from this session.

The following representatives of the City were also present:

Craig Tindall, City Manager
Adam Tucker, City Attorney
Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager
Gary Whitaker, Assistant City Manager
Michael Bowen, Chief of Police
Angela Jackson, Executive Director/
Community Services
Chris Griffith, Executive Director/
Public Infrastructure
Sam Huddleston, Executive Director/
Development Services
Chad Gehrke, Airport Director
Greg McKnight, Planning Director
Mike Browning, Public Information Director
David Ives, Assistant City Attorney
Nathan Spiess, Assistant Finance Director
Joshua Miller, Administrative Assistant

Mayor McFarland commenced the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Craig Tindall, City Manager, stated that this meeting was held for the purpose to allow Council to discuss the various impacts MTSU has on the City.

Mr. Chad Gehrke, Airport Director, presented Council with a timeline of MTSU's growth at the Airport, the capital expenditures MTSU has made to the airport, and the university's planned growth for the aerospace program. Mr. Gehrke discussed the MTSU Airport Campus Facilities, the need for the university to comply with City standards regarding their parking lot and the facility, the fact that MTSU had ordered ten new planes for their program, and the improvements with pilot complaints since the new aerospace program staff had implemented the City's suggestions regarding flight congestion.

Council discussed the situation and directed the Airport Director and City Manager to develop discussion points regarding the City's position regarding the future of the airport for Council to review and then ultimately present to Dr. McPhee.

Mr. Adam Tucker, City Attorney, left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Greg McKnight, Planning Director, presented Council with pictures of properties in the City that were owned by MTSU but did not meet City standards. He explained what

"land banking" was, the fact that MTSU was actively attempting to purchase more property, and how MTSU's plans for these properties do not match with the City's current vision for those areas.

Council discussed the growth of the university and followed Mr. McKnight's recommendation to begin including MTSU in future stakeholder development meetings as well as attempting to schedule quarterly meetings with the university to share information regarding MTSU's planned growth and how that will match with the City's new comprehensive land map.

Mr. Michael Bowen, Chief of Police, presented Council with a map of the City showing that the majority of crime in the City occurs within a two-mile radius of the university in off campus multi-family complexes in which there is a large population of MTSU students. Chief Bowen described the efforts the Department has undertaken in developing the Crime Free Housing Program, the lack of success the program has had, and the need for cooperation from MTSU for the program to ever be successful.

Council discussed the issues with Chief Bowen and asked staff to research the possibility of charging the property management companies for responses by the Police Department over the average amount for the City.

Mayor McFarland suggested that representatives from MTSU be invited once a month to Council meetings to speak under "other business" to provide updates on pending MTSU matters.

There being no further business, Mayor McFarland adjourned this meeting at 7:18 p.m.

SHANE MCFARLAND - MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BROWN - CITY RECORDER