

## Council Notes-January 20, 2010

For questions or additional information, contact the Town Hall at 886-2177 or council members at [signalmountaintn.gov](http://signalmountaintn.gov).

- At its regular January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council authorized the Town Manager to terminate the Town's animal control contract with the Humane Educational Society effective April 13<sup>th</sup>. The HES contract has proven expensive (\$36,000 a year) and has provided the Town with minimal service. Beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>, animal control services will be handled in house, at a considerable savings, with backup from Animal Control Emergency Services in Soddy-Daisy, and if needed, housing at East Ridge and Cleveland shelters.
- On second reading, the Council passed the following ordinances: a Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement, new Park Rules, and a revised and updated Board Ordinance. At the request of EPB, the Council tabled the second reading of its agreement until its next work session on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- The Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Kennedy, Coulter, Rushing and Watson to implement a public process to obtain community and professional guidance to review and recommend revisions to the Town's existing commercial design standards, which date to 1972. Stay tuned for more information on how to become involved.
- The Council also passed several honorary resolutions to thank previous board members for their service, and appointed the following board members: Jay Caughman, Ed Garbee, Jeremy Rardin and Vice Mayor Susan Robertson as Council representative to Design Review Commission; Laurie Buchanan to the MACC Board; Dr. Ed Lusk to the SE TN Advisory Council on Aging & Disability; and Jennifer Boyd and Joe Horton to the Tree Board.
- A public hearing on the James Boulevard sidewalk extension between Maryland and the Library will be held on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6-8pm at the Town Hall.
- This month's regular Planning Commission meeting will occur tomorrow, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at the Town Hall.