

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012, 6:30 P.M.
STONEBRIDGE GOLF COURSE
3049 DAVIES PLANTATION ROAD S.
LAKELAND, TENNESSEE 38002

The Mayor called a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners as the welfare of the City demands it.

The Character of Business to be discussed at such meeting shall be as follows:

Top 10 Questions regarding Municipal School Referendum

- *Assuming this is passed, what are the projections for building a Middle School and High School in Lakeland? What growth rates are assumed for those projections? Will these projects likely result in higher taxes in the near future?*
- *What happens if we vote "No" and the surrounding suburbs vote "Yes"*
- *How much of the recently passed Property tax is for schools. Assuming the rate is .25, why does it take us .25 to run one elementary school while Arlington only took a .15 increase to fund 3 schools?*
- *Will Lakeland Residents paying Lakeland property Taxes have an option to use Lakeland Elementary before being pushed to surrounding schools as currently zoned?*
- *If I vote "No", will my Property Tax go down? Including what citizens pay for fire protection and any other contracted fees normally covered by a property tax, what is the real effective tax rate? How do we compare Fee wise to the other local Municipalities? Would we save money by having our own fire/police/ambulance?*
- *Did the Lakeland Schools Report include an opinion on what would happen to property values if a "No" vote is rendered? If not, do either you or Vice Mayor Tompkins have a personal opinion?*
- *Did the Lakeland Schools Report offer an opinion on the quality of education if this is not passed? Do you believe the quality of education May suffer if we are part of a consolidated system that does not include the other Suburban Schools?*
- *Is this a 50 cent increase in Sales Tax or a ½ cent sales tax increase proposed? What is the projected impact on local businesses?*
- *The SES Report stated that we legally have to pay Teachers their current salaries if retained. Is this calculated in this tax?*
- *With two commissioners voting against funding the law suit, Is Lakeland prepared to go invest fully in the creation of the Lakeland Municipal School District with a "Yes" vote on the referendum?*
- *Discussion and/or response to any other question pertaining to the items/questions listed above.*

This Special Called Meeting shall be held at Stonebridge Golf Course, 3049 Davies Plantation Road S., Lakeland Tennessee on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

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This written notice shall be posted and served personally at least twelve (12) hours prior to the Special Called Meeting to each Commissioner, the City Manager, Recorder and Attorney or left at such person's usual place of residence in accordance to TCA § 6-20-208.



Sontjdra L. Thomas, CMC
City Recorder