

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## City Council requests MPC study, analyze and make recommendations on appropriate siting and permitting of crematoria within the City

At its November 29, 2011 meeting, City Council requested MPC study, analyze and make recommendations to City Council with respect to appropriate siting and permitting of crematoria within the City.

MPC will examine the current regulations within the context of the building and zoning codes and make recommendations regarding proposed siting and permitting requirements after reviewing best practices throughout Tennessee and the United States.

MPC staff has scheduled a public meeting to hear input on the issue. It is set for Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:00 pm in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.

The item is listed on the MPC agenda for consideration at its January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting, but staff will recommend postponement to wait for an outcome of a recent petition to the City's Board of Zoning Appeals appealing the issuance of a building permit for a crematorium facility in the Fountain City area. After resolution of the appeal and once a public hearing is conducted by planning commission staff, MPC will forward its recommendations to City Council.

## PUBLIC MEETING

Regarding the siting and permitting of crematoria in the City of Knoxville
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
5:00 pm
Small Assembly Room, City County Building