

Municipal Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 18, 1999

The meeting of the Chattanooga Council was called to order by Chairman Lively, with Councilmen Crockett, Franklin, Hakeem, Hurley, Pierce, and Rutherford present; Councilmen Eaves was out of the city on business; Councilman Taylor was absent due to personal commitment. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal, CMC, were also present.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by City Attorney, Randall Nelson.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published and signed in open meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS** **REQUESTING "NO SWIMMING"** **SIGNAGE AT ROSS' LANDING**

Barbara Shepherd, a teacher at Calvin Donaldson Elementary, introduced the core group of students working with the petition drive: Lewanda Jackson, Charlaime Yates, Quentell Clemmons and Samuel Clemmons: The students indicated that the blue and white ribbons they were wearing were for Walter Ladarius Paris Turner who died on April 12, 1999 at Ross' Landing. They stated after this tragedy, they decided to do something so this would not happen to anyone else. The students stated they decided to start a petition drive and get lots of people to sign it; that they are practicing their First Amendment Rights to petition.

The students read the caption of the petition, which stated:

WE, THE STUDENTS, SCHOOL STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY OF ALTON PARK PETITION THAT "NO SWIMMING" SIGNS BE DISPLAYED AT ROSS' LANDING TO PREVENT DROWING ACCIDENTS. THIS PETITION IS IN MEMORY OF WALTER LADARIUS PARIS TURNER WHO DROWNED AT ROSS' LANDING ON APRIL 12, 1999.

The students stated in addition to requesting "No Swimming" signs they thought about some other things that will help by adding guardrails to the docks, extra security, a safety limit area and swimming lessons for children. At this point the students recognized Walter Turner's family and thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak with them, adding that they have learned a lot.

At this point Chairman Lively thanked the students and recognized Admin. Jerry Mitchell.

Admin. Mitchell introduced himself to the students and Mr. Turner's family as the Administrator of the Parks and Recreation Department, the department that has responsibility of the Ross' Landing area where this terrible tragedy took place. He expressed that the City of Chattanooga felt heartfelt sorrow about this tragedy and thanked the students, parents and teachers of Calvin Donaldson for showing real leadership -- civic leadership. He stated the students have taught all a lesson about how to stay involved and get involved to sway decisions in government. He stated his Department has worked with Councilman Taylor on this and informed everyone that the "No Swimming" signs have been made and will be installed upon the floating dock area this week. He again expressed thanks to the students, teachers and parents for their involvement.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
MINISTRIAL KOINONIA AND
RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION

Councilman Hakeem stated there was an issue before the Council and community regarding an article in a national magazine and there have been efforts by ministerial groups and others to work with City government to come up with a solution. He stated there is an effort to bring resolution to this issue and to that end the Ministerial Koinonia and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition representatives have asked to make a presentation.

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RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION

(Continued)

Rev. Irvin Yarbrough stated he is present on behalf of the Black ministers. He stated two weeks ago a meeting was held with Mayor Kinsey concerning some of the issues; that he and others are present today to find out what steps have been taken to make sure this never happens again, such as what appeared in the *Parade* magazine as there was no black representation.

Councilman Hakeem stated it was his thought that a letter was being put together by the Ministerial Koinonia and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

Johnny Holloway indicated that he could address the issue of the letter. He stated at the meeting of the Koinonia today a report/resolution was presented to the ministers.

Alton Chapman stated he wanted to make sure the report was entered into the record and that the Mayor did appear before the Koinonia; that a group of citizens spoke with him and (he) made some commitments. **(A copy of the report is filed with minute material of this date.)**

Johnny Holloway, representing the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, stated it is very significant for the record to reflect that the Clergy Koinonia, the Council and Mayor came together to show that this matter is being brought to closure. He stated the only thing that has appeared from the Afro-American community has been very negative and that is because many did not know about the meeting and how positive it was. He stated it is felt that it is significant and they are trying to get on record the actual role that African-Americans play in the whole environmental issue. He stated that has not been made clear; that many think Afro-American have not done anything. He stated 44% of Afro-Americans comprise this Council and 33% comprise the population of this City. He stated there might be some pictures that show Afro-Americans have participated in other aspects but not the one that went to 38 million families. He stated if the 38 million figure is rounded off to 40 million and add 4 per family, there were 150 million people that saw that picture; that there is not a picture this city has done that projects to that degree. He stated he wants clarity and fairness in how this whole thing takes place in this city and would like to see a policy with an apology. He stated there needs to be a policy that can be presented whenever the media comes into this town to project Chattanooga throughout this nation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
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(Continued)

Councilman Pierce expressed appreciation for the support given over the past several weeks; that minority members of the Council have asked that a resolution be drawn to the extent that all agencies could support to send the word out as to what our policies will be in the future pertaining to such actions as the *Parade* article. He stated he was not sure whether the City Attorney has had an opportunity to draft a resolution and is hoping it will be ready soon for action by the Council.

City Attorney Nelson stated if he had known he would have had it ready; that it will be ready next week.

Councilman Pierce solicited the support of his Council colleagues in approving the resolution and asked the City Attorney to give some indication as to how it will be worded.

City Attorney Nelson stated there is an ordinance that requires all groups that come before the Council requesting funds to comply with certain procedures; that the resolution Councilman Pierce is asking for would, as a part of those procedures, require that the groups seeking funding would address the problem of how that funding would address parts of our community.

Mr. Holloway expressed thanks and recognized others within the community coalition: Rev. Paul McDaniel, the Unity Group; Rev. H.H. Wright, President, The Action Coordinating Council; Warren Logan, Director, The Urban League; Rev. E.L. Young, President, The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; Mrs. Pearline Jones, President of the Women's Board; The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; and Pastor Alfred Johnson, President, The Urban Ministers' Network. He stated there were other ministers designated to present questions to the Mayor and the questions were answered directly by the Mayor in the presence of the Ministerial Alliance and the Councilmen. He stated Rev. Teal was asked to provide a copy of the questions for the record for the City to address and formulate a policy.

Councilman Hakeem acknowledged that the questions had been received.

FRANCHISE: THE DIXIE GROUP, INC.

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE DIXIE GROUP, INC. OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN EIGHT INCH (8") INDUSTRIAL WATER SUPPLY LINE ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS AND IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS THEREOF, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, ON CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN
passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

1999-034: Jenkins Corner

Councilman Pierce made the motion to move Ordinance 6(d) up on the agenda immediately following the Jenkins Corner request; Councilwoman Rutherford seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Councilmen Rutherford and Hakeem made the motion to amend; the motion passed.

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE FOUR (4) TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED AT 7810, 7814, 7816 SHALLOWFORD ROAD AND 2239 JENKINS ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS
passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

1999-068: Lois V. McDaris

City Attorney Nelson stated the change that was made on this ordinance was also made in the previous ordinance that there be *"40 feet of right-of-way from the centerline of the road"*.

REZONING (Continued)

City Attorney Nelson stated this does not mean 40 feet of right-of-way off a person's property; that it is only 15-to-20 feet off the Jenkins Road property, which his better for the applicant. He stated other than this change the ordinance is the same as it was last week.

Mrs. Haynes, the applicant, expressed her understanding of the amendment.

Councilmen Hakeem and Hurley made the motion to approve the amendments to the ordinance; the motion passed.

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2241 JENKINS ROAD, BEING ON THE NORTHWEST LINE OF JENKINS ROAD SOUTHWEST OF SHALLOWFORD ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Hakeem, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

1999-054: Cindi Dolberry

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 4100 BLOCK OF WATSON ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZONE TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE

passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

1999-059: Golden Gallon, Inc.

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 600 ASHLAND TERRACE, BEING ON THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF ASHLAND TERRACE SOUTHEAST OF THRUSHWOOD DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

1999-073: Ken Defor

City Attorney Nelson stated the amendments to this ordinance indicates that there be "*no access at the north end of Noah Reid Road; adjacent to the R-4 zone*", and condition seven that "*the R-4 may not be used for residential, but only for office uses*".

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 6100 BLOCK OF SHALLOWFORD ROAD, BEING ON THE NORTHEAST LINE OF SHALLOWFORD ROAD AT NOAH REID ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-5 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE AND R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CERTAIN CONDITIONS

1999-076: Dodson Avenue Partners, LP

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO AMEND CERTAIN CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN ORDINANCE NO.10765 ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 457 DODSON AVENUE, BEING ON THE NORTHWEST LINE OF DODSON AVENUE AT BLACKFORD STREET, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

1999-071: Brian Kelly Vannoy

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 7432, 7434 AND 7436 PINWOOD DRIVE, BEING ON THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF PINWOOD DRIVE SOUTHEAST OF GUNBARREL ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE

was tabled an additional week at the request of Councilman Eaves.

INTERIM BUDGET

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE USUAL AND ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER, 1999, PENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 1999-2000 ANNUAL BUDGET

passed first reading.

TRANSFER FOR CREDITS

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT WITHIN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND DIVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT

was adopted.

AGREEMENT: THOMAS JOHNSON, ARCHITECT

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS JOHNSON, ARCHITECT, RELATIVE TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE STATION TO BE LOCATED AT MAIN STREET AND OLD ROSSVILLE BOULEVARD, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$93,600.00)

was adopted.

DECLARE SURPLUS

On motion of Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1200 DODSON AVENUE, TAX MAP NO. 146D A 007, AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY TO THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR A CONSIDERATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

was adopted.

CONTRACT:
CENTERS CONTRACTING, INC.

Councilman Franklin stated Resolutions 8(d)-(g) were discussed in Public Works Committee and are recommended for approval.

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. BL-4-98, BIRCHWOOD LANDFILL LEACHATE FORCE MAIN, TO CENTERS CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THEIR LOW BID IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 86/100 DOLLARS (\$654,547.86)

was adopted.

CHANGE ORDER

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2, CONTRACT NO. 28I, MOCCASIN BEND BUILDING EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT, WITH DEVAN BROWN CONSTRUCTION, INC., WHICH CHANGE ORDER INCREASES THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND, SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$94,068.00) FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$2,143,930.00), AND WHICH CHANGE ORDER INCREASES THE CONTRACT TIME BY THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS FOR A COMPLETION DATE OF APRIL 7, 1999

was adopted.

TEMPORARY USE: THE GRAPEVINE

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRAPEVINE TO USE TEMPORARILY THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 58 NORTH MARKET STREET, FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF THREE (3) CANVAS AWNINGS TO THE FRONT WALL OF THE BUILDING, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

was adopted.

**TEMPORARY USE: LA ALTENA
DINER**

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LA ALTENA DINER TO USE
TEMPORARILY THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 314 MAIN
STREET, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CANVAS AWNING,
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO
CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

was adopted.

**LEASE AGREEMENT: RAINES
GROUP, INC.**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE AND
ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE RAINES
GROUP, INC. FOR OFFICE SPACE AT WAREHOUSE ROW FOR A
TERM OF NO MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS, SAID TERMS AND
CONDITIONS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN**

was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending May 14, 1999 totaled \$18,802.83.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the Parks and Recreation Department:

JAMES MATTHEW SCHIESSER -- New Hire, Crew Worker, Parks Division, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective May 17, 1999.

CHRISTOPHER S. HARRIS, WARDELL DEWAIN HENDERSON -- New Hire, Crew Worker, Plaza Division, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective May 19, 1999.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS, JR. -- Promotion, Equipment Operator, Sr., Parks Division, Pay Grade 8/Step 2, \$20,803.00 annually, effective May 18, 1999.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

APRIL REHRING -- New Hire, Crew Worker, Golf Division, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective June 1, 1999.

HERBERT LAZENBY -- New Hire, Custodian, Memorial Auditorium, Pay Grade 2/Step 1, \$14,115.00 annually, effective May 26, 1999.

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Hakeem, the following purchases were approved for use by the Parks and Recreation Department:

MOUNTAIN VIEW FORD -- (Lowest and best bid)
Requisition No. R0042527

Super-Duty Extended Van

\$21,900.00

CANTERBURY INTERNATIONAL (Single Source)
Requisition No. R0043308

Purchase of ten (10) Model 102 Pennsylvania Avenue Trash Receptacles for the Tennessee RiverPark

\$1,109.00 each

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the Public Works Department:

CORNELL GREEN -- Reinstatement, Equipment Operator, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 6/Step 4, \$21,361.00 annually, effective May 6, 1999.

BOBBY G. CRUTCHER -- Lateral Transfer, Crew Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 4, \$17,516.00 annually, effective May 19, 1999.

CURTIS W. WYATT -- Promotion, Equipment Operator, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 6/Step 2, \$19,503.00 annually, effective April 14, 1999.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

MAYCIO G. DAVIS -- Promotion Equipment Operator, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 6/Step 1, \$18,574.00 annually, effective May 12, 1999.

DERES M. BENN -- Promotion, Light Equipment Operator, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 5/Step 1, \$17,459.00 annually, effective May 19, 1999.

MICHAEL A. JONES -- Return to Work, Equipment Operator Senior, City-wide Services, effective May 4, 1999.

CHARLES N. THOMPSON -- Return to Work, Crew Worker, City-wide Services, effective May 10, 1999.

CLIFTON D. ROBINSON -- Retirement, Crew Worker, City-wide Services, effective April 30, 1999.

DORIS SATTERWHITE -- Compulsory Medical Leave, Custodian, Citywide Services, effective April 29 - May 31, 1999.

JEFFERY TEMPLIN -- Suspension (1 day without pay), Crew Supervisor, City-wide Services, effective April 29, 1999.

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, the following purchases were approved for use by the Public Works Department:

NEWTON CHEVROLET (Lowest and best bid)
Requisition No. 0041891

Cargo Van

\$25,475.00

LEE-SMITH, INC. (Best bid)
Requisition No. R0040949

Dump Truck

\$67,004.84

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the Fire Department:

JOSEPH B. BUTLER -- Hire, Building Maintenance Mechanic, Pay Grade 7/Step 1, \$19,689.00 annually, effective May 7, 1999.

REGINALD B. CLARK -- Promotion, Fire Investigator, Pay Grade F4/Step 2, \$33,050.00 annually, effective May 21, 1999.

JAMES W. WHITEMIRE -- Promotion, Staff Officer, Pay Grade F4/Step 5, \$37,772.20 annually, effective May 21, 1999.

HOTEL PERMIT

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the following hotel permit was approved:

SUPER 8 MOTEL -- 20 Birmingham Highway, Chattanooga, Tennessee

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Crockett, the following Board appointment was approved:

VARIANCE BOARD OF APPEALS:

The appointment of *ANGIE FARRIS* to complete the unexpired term of Mary Norwood, who term shall expire on August 15, 2001.

HEARING: WAYNE JEFFERSON

City Attorney Nelson stated a request for hearing from Wayne Jefferson has been requested to appeal a recent disciplinary action. A hearing for Mr. Jefferson was scheduled for **Monday, July 12 beginning at 6 p.m. with Councilmen Crockett (Chairman), Lively and Taylor serving as the panel** hearing the request; Councilman Eaves was designated to serve as alternate. (Councilman Crockett clarified that he is willing to serve if his schedule indicates he will be in the City.)

COMMITTEES

Councilman Hakeem stated the Budget and Finance Committee met earlier today and discussed the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and indicated that there will be more discussion regarding the new drug policy. He stated there will be a **joint meeting of the Economic Development and Budget Committee to discussion items that will be on the agenda regarding the Chamber and the RiverValley Corporation immediately following the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.** He clarified next week's joint meeting will involve a discussion of the 1999-2000 operating budget. He indicated the Urban Growth update will also be heard during the joint meeting.

Councilman Franklin scheduled a meeting of the **Public Works Committee for Tuesday, June 1 at 4 p.m.**

Councilman Crockett stated the items Councilman Hakeem mentioned will be discussed in Economic Development Committee and possibly one other item.

PARADE ARTICLE

Councilman Crockett stated he was not prepared and did not know the purpose of the special presentation this evening; that he agrees with it with regard to the efforts of the City to make sure it is correctly projecting what this City is about. He stated it is important that the public be equally aware of how that image has been projected in the past. He stated the only *USA Today* coverage that this City ever got was a full-page story, which only had pictures of African-Americans on it and there have been nearly a dozen documentaries, also. He stated one that was shown during prime time on the Turner Broadcasting System without commercial interruption, was introduced by Ted Turner and was repeatedly shown approximately fifteen times nationally and internationally. He stated the broadcast projected representation of all segments of our community we would want it projected.

Councilman Crockett stated a PBS special on cities broadly reflected the full breadth and diversity of this community and the contributions of those in it. He stated there are others that have been broadcast in other languages, as well as a ninety-minute special shown in Japan; that even though persons cannot understand the language this was shown to millions and has been shown over-and-over in Japan. He stated the images that are there are the images all in Chattanooga would be proud of.

PARADE ARTICLE (Continued)

Councilman Crockett continued by stating the same goes for a French and Swedish film shown in every international media market in the world. He stated it is important sometimes to find a vehicle through public broadcasting to replace those here locally so that we all see what others see about Chattanooga. He stated while the *Parade* article was unfortunate, no one in Chattanooga would have wanted it to be like that; that it was significant and was a great day for the City. He stated he cannot remember but one *Parade* cover in the last year and maybe others can remember more; that people do not focus on those things. He stated he wanted to make the point that while we are trying to make sure we do the right things in the future; that we all should make sure we understand what has been done to this point as it is something we can all be proud of.

Councilman Hakeem stated it might be useful to see some of those broadcasts and others that Council members have just been made aware of; that he hopes we would not attempt to minimize the impact of the recent *Parade* article. Councilman Crockett stated that was not his intent.

Councilman Hakeem stated the effort tonight was to deal with the matter and move on and put closure on it. He stated everyone has seen the article, both sides have addressed it and the effort is to move on from this point.

DR. GRACE HEWELL

Dr. Grace Hewell addressed the Council as a taxpayer and resident and stated she wanders around neighborhoods and communities to see what the "grass roots" people are thinking. She stated many people do not know some of the wonderful things that are going on and the level to which Councilman Crockett has been working internationally. She stated many people do not know the part that people in Alton Park and other places have played to try to solve some of the environmental problems. She made reference to the successful Women's Conference held a couple years ago and stated women leaders came up with some of the best ideas as to the way things should be going for the Twenty First Century. She stated one was that environmental, health and justice issues should be given the highest priority that this City should address; that the issues are being worked upon to bring to the national, state and local levels. She stated AARP received the first "piece" of environmental justice legislation out of Tennessee with the help of Senator Ward Crutchfield. She expressed appreciation to Council members who paid tribute to her on her 80th birthday and indicated people all over the country contributed \$5,000 to set up an endowed scholarship fund in Environmental Health Sciences. She indicated Council members could contribute to the scholarship at any time; that she was delighted that the Mayor sent a beautiful letter over the weekend to Spellman College. She displayed the plaque she received on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lively adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, May 25, 1999 at 6 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

**(A LIST OF NAMES OF PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE IS
FILED WITH MINUTE MATERIAL OF THIS DATE)**