

**City Council Building  
Chattanooga Tennessee  
March 5, 2002  
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Hakeem called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Franklin, Littlefield, Lively, Page, Pierce, Robinson and Taylor present. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal, CMC, were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Taylor gave invocation.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ALEXIA PHINIZEY –  
“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS: AIDS/HIV”**

Alexia Phinizey, President of the Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., thanked Council members for allowing her to make a presentation concerning the ***HIV/AIDS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE***. She stated that on Saturday, March 9, the Chattanooga Chapter, along with 900 national and international Delta Chapters, will sponsor a program to address the impact of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community. She stated the purpose locally is to remind persons in Chattanooga and Hamilton County, that HIV/AIDS is still a growing problem in African-American communities, and that the local effort is co-sponsored with Chattanooga CARES. She stated members of the Sorority will be at two locations on this Saturday: Hamilton Place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Carver Center from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ALEXIA PHINIZEY –**  
**“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS: AIDS/HIV”**  
**(Continued)**

Ms. Phinizey stated there will be fun activities and refreshments for everyone in attendance at the Carver Center location and the event is free to everyone. She stated testing will be available and conducted by the Hamilton County Health Department. She stated the day of awareness was initially scheduled as a one-day event, however because of its important the event has spread throughout the entire week. She stated on Thursday, Hasan Gibbs, a nationally known HIV/AIDS activist from Pennsylvania will appear at the Central City Complex at 6 p.m. and will tour Tyner Academy and Howard School of Academics and Technology on Friday; that this Friday has become known as “Super Friday”. Ms. Phinizey concluded her comments by presenting each Council member with a (metal) red ribbon lapel pin to be worn as a token of remembrance of the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness. At this point she recognized the presence of other members of the Chapter by asking them to stand.

Chairman Hakeem expressed appreciation to Ms. Phinizey and Chapter members for sharing the information and stepping forward to address the issue. He stated that he read that in Hamilton County there is a 40 per cent increase among African-Americans in regard to AIDS and that it is a great concern.

Ms. Phinizey interjected that AIDS is the number one killer among African-American men and the number two killer among African-American women!

Councilman Taylor commended Chapter members for their effort and encouraged them to keep up the great job they are doing!

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**MR-2001-200: Riverbluff, LLC**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE 700 BLOCK OF  
 MARIETTA STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS  
 SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF  
 BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the Ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**MR-2001-182: City of Chattanooga (McCallie School)**

The applicant was present; there was no opposition.

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Lively,

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE 2600 THROUGH 2900 BLOCKS OF KIRBY AVENUE, THE 800 BLOCK OF KYLE STREET (PART), THE 700 BLOCK AND 800 BLOCK (PART) OF CARY STREET, THE 800 BLOCK OF BOYD PLACE AND TWO (2) ALLEYS NORTHEAST OF ANDERSON AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, AND PERMITTING TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY, THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD, BELLSOUTH, COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO RETAIN THEIR RESPECTIVE EASEMENTS**

passed first reading.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**MR-2001-200: Sara Lee Bakery Group d/b/a/ Colonial Baking Company**

A representative for the applicant was present; there was no opposition.

Jerry Pace, Director of Operations with the Regional Planning Agency, stated that the recommendation from Planning and Staff is for approval subject to the City Engineer and public utilities companies.

Julian Bell represented the applicant and stated that the whole abandonment idea came up as part of a deal that would bring Walgreen's to the neighborhood; however, the deal has "fallen through". He stated the parking issue across Fourth Street has been dealt with and stated that this request deals with the lot on Ivy Street and is separated from the rest of the manufacturing by a ten-foot alley. He stated a lot of time and effort has been put in by Sara Lee to get the special permit and foster this abandonment. He stated even though the current deal has "fallen through" he could not imagine that Sara Lee would use this property; that they do not have a need for a duplex or R-2 use, which should offer the Council some comfort.

Chairman Hakeem stated that the alley is a buffer between existing business and the homes on the other side of it; that the only reason that the alley was considered at this time was for Walgreen's.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON (Continued)**

Chairman Hakeem stated that he does not see how it would benefit the neighborhood to close that alley and to remove the buffer; that Sara Lee is requesting approval on a speculative request without any understanding on the Council's part of the usage. He stated that it baffles him that Sara Lee would continue with this request as part of the plan prior to and now that the sale did not go through; that Sara Lee wants it anyway!

Mr. Bell stated that he did not mean any offense; that the deal "fell through" two weeks ago and he noticed the matter on the agenda; that all steps were taken to go through the utilities companies for a permit. He stated that it has taken five months since the process started to get to this point.

Chairman Hakeem inquired as to why the process took five months? Mr. Bell responded that Sara Lee applied for the abandonment and it then went through various utilities for approval, as well as engineering, the traffic engineer and others. He stated they do not have any plans to do anything other than to maintain it as they have been doing.

Councilman Littlefield stated that he did not see any letters of objection and asked if the adjacent property owners signed as being in favor of this? Mr. Pace responded that there is no provision for signature in a closure and abandonment; that all were notified by mail and there was no objection from the neighbors.

Chairman Hakeem stated that it is just his opinion that there could be a "bait and switch" perception here; that there are some residents who think that Sara Lee is going to buy their property because some surveying has been done and he informed them that the surveying does not mean the property would be sold. He stated that the illusion is being given that Sara Lee will take over property and that is not the case. He stated Mr. Bell indicated that Sara Lee does not presently have a use for the property and asked why remove a buffer that the neighborhood has at this time?

Mr. Bell stated that they are not removing the buffer; that they are not asking for that. He stated that BellSouth did the surveying; that Sara Lee did not do any surveying. He stated there would be no physical changes to the alley and they do not have a plan; that this is the end of a lengthy process.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON (Continued)**

Chairman Hakeem stated that the neighborhood has been through a similar situation with the March Adams Company who bought the telephone company property. He stated when BellSouth came to them they told the residents that they wanted the alley closed to assist their employees; that as soon as the alley was closed, the property was sold to March Adams. He stated the residents in the area do not know what "game", if any, Sara Lee could be playing; that Mr. Bell has indicated that the buffer would be there, but the residents do not know that as they only have his (Bell's) word.

Mr. Pace offered a suggestion and indicated that Sara Lee and Colonial own lot 14 and consideration could be given to closing that portion between their property and the existing residential and leaving the alleyway in place for the buffer.

Chairman Hakeem stated the only reason this is being considered in the first place was what was believed to be an asset to the community with the addition of Walgreen's. He stated now Sara Lee wants to close it just because they want it closed and that is not reasonable to him (Hakeem).

Mr. Pace stated that the suggestion he made would consolidate their property.

Councilman Page asked if there would be any advantage in tabling the matter until there is further clarification and bring it back up when the Council knows what the property would be used for as a more definitive purpose? He stated in tabling the matter it could be brought back up and save five months of work.

Chairman Hakeem stated that Mr. Bell stated Sara Lee has no reason to use the property. He asked if the Council is going to allow Sara Lee to come back in two weeks and indicate their use, affording them an opportunity to "make up something"?

Councilman Taylor asked if Walgreen's is "off the table" and if there is a potential buyer, now?

Mr. Bell stated Walgreen's is "still out there"; that the price was too high and the process was taking too long, which is one of the reasons this deal did not go through as planned. He stated two weeks ago Mr. Girard with M & M Development out of Atlanta was present who told him (Bell) it was "dead" now, but thought it could come back. He stated a Walgreen's is needed in that area and Sara Lee is not out marketing property; that Walgreen's came to Sara Lee and it is hopeful they will get them back.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON (Continued)**

Councilman Taylor asked if homes on Ivy Street are behind the buffer? Mr. Bell responded "yes". Councilman Taylor stated that it would seem this would be an added feature for a buyer to understand there is a buffer separating the neighborhood. He asked if the sale was based upon the alley?

Mr. Bell pointed out parcel 14 on a drawing to Councilman Taylor and stated lots seven (7) and six (6) are owned by Sara Lee and are adjacent (to parcel 14) and that is the only part of Lyerly that is actually going to be used. He stated everything to the right of that toward Lyerly was not going to be touched and is not part of the plan.

Chairman Hakeem asked if the original request was for parking? Mr. Bell responded "right". Chairman Hakeem then asked why there is a need to have the closure if the property out front has not been used for parking? Mr. Bell stated that the purpose is solely to save time in the future; that there are no current development plans for that property.

Chairman Hakeem asked the City Attorney to clarify the process for getting clearances for easements.

City Attorney Nelson stated that it was his thought that a five-month time frame is out of the ordinary. It was indicated that the original application was submitted on November 9, 2001 and that it was postponed two weeks ago. He stated the matter could have been acted upon several weeks ago if Walgreen's had not "fallen through". He stated it has been suggested that the matter be tabled for an indefinite period of time so that the applicant would not have to go back through the process.

Mr. Pace asked if a closure is denied would the applicant have to wait nine months as applicants do for rezonings? City Attorney Nelson responded that he "did not think so", that the rule applies to rezonings.

Mr. Pace stated Sara Lee did apply in the RPA office in November and was heard by Planning in December and before the Council in February. He stated the process normally takes longer for closures and does not know why there is a delay. He stated in the event this matter comes back there will be more familiarity with it and there will be a quicker response.

Councilman Lively expressed agreement with Councilman Page's tabling suggestion, stating that it would be a good idea for it to be tabled a definite period of time and the applicant could come back with something. He stated when they make a decision as to what they want to do they could notify us.

### CLOSE AND ABANDON (Continued)

City Attorney Nelson stated a motion to defer indefinitely is, in essence, a motion to "kill" under Roberts' Rules. Councilman Lively clarified that his suggestion was that the matter be tabled a "**definite**" period of time, not "**indefinite**".

**At this point Councilman Lively made the motion to table the matter ninety (90) days.**

Councilman Taylor stated tabling the matter allows time for this request to come back with a particular purpose. He stated Walgreen's is still a possibility and this will allow opportunity to meet with the Council representative and move forward to involve the community to make sure they have some participation in the process.

Mr. Bell stated if Walgreen's does not come back they probably would have found another site. He stated ninety (90) days would be a little tight and indicated six (6) months would be more sufficient.

**Councilman Lively amended his motion to reflect tabling the matter six months; Councilman Franklin seconded the motion.**

City Attorney Nelson stated that the matter would come back before the Council on September 3.

Mr. Bell asked how to get back on the agenda if Walgreen's works out? The response was for Mr. Bell to make contact with the Council Chairman.

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNNAMED ALLEY  
LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF IVY STREET BETWEEN NORTH KELLY  
STREET AND LYERLY STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN  
AND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART  
HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

**was tabled six months (September 3, 2002); Councilman Benson abstained.**

### MORATORIUM

Councilman Pierce made the motion to move Resolution 7(h) forward on the agenda; Councilman Littlefield seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**MORATORIUM (Continued)**

Councilman Pierce stated that this is something that was requested by the community and is for a land use study that all organizations within the area have agreed upon. He stated Dr. Barbara Medley from the University is present and (the University) has agreed to help in funding the study. He stated it is clear that the Regional Planning Agency is the lead agency in this study and expressed appreciation to Dr. Medley for agreeing to work with it.

Dr. Medley stated that it is important with this land use plan that everyone see the revitalization that is taking place in the right way as far as the neighborhood is concerned and for the small businesses that are in the area. She stated that they want to see the development occur in a proper, quality fashion and it is anticipated that the land use plan will serve this need. She stated the University is pleased to support this program and appreciates the Council's consideration in giving time to insure that it can be done in the right way.

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Benson,

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON ANY REZONINGS, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED NINETY (90) DAYS, ON ALL PROPERTIES BOUNDED BY MCCALLIE AVENUE, 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET, O'NEAL STREET AND LINDSAY STREET, SO AS TO PERMIT THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TIME TO PERFORM AN AREA ZONING STUDY**

was adopted.

**AGREEMENT: BELLSOUTH**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BELLSOUTH, RELATIVE TO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE SOUTHSIDE POLICE PRECINCT AND RECREATION CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 98/100 DOLLARS (\$42,176.98)**

was adopted.

**AGREEMENT: HBJ CORPORATION**

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HBJ CORPORATION, RELATIVE TO IMPROVEMENTS AT THE AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$88,878.00)**  
 was adopted.

**AGREEMENT: E. I. DUPONT DENEMOURS**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Taylor,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH E. I. DUPONT DENEMOURS, RELATIVE TO UPGRADING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AT THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT OF THE DUPONT FACILITY AT ACCESS ROAD, AND REIMBURSING THE CITY FOR THE COST OF MATERIALS FOR SAID UPGRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,000.00)**  
 was adopted.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3408 ELDER MOUNTAIN ROAD, TRACT 4, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM DR. ESPERANZA A. ROWEL, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. RW-3-01, ELDER MOUNTAIN ROAD AND O'GRADY DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT, FOR A TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$3,380.00)**  
 was adopted.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3401 ELDER MOUNTAIN ROAD, TRACT 5, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM CONNIE EMERLING, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. RW-3-01, ELDER MOUNTAIN ROAD AND O'GRADY DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT, FOR A TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)**  
 was adopted.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
FUNDING APPROVALS**

Councilman Benson stated Resolutions 7(f) and (g) were discussed in the Health, Education, Human Services and Housing Opportunities Committee and approval is recommended.

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT  
AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDING AS SHOWN MORE FULLY  
HEREINBELOW**

was adopted.

**FREDERICK STREET PROJECT**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
(\$50,000.00) IN PROGRAM INCOME GENERATED FROM THE TENNESSEE  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THDA) HOUSING PROGRAM TO  
CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE  
FREDERICK STREET PROJECT**

was adopted.

**BONDS**

Admin. Boney stated that the total amount is \$58,730,000 and a gross savings of over \$3 million, with a net present value savings of the two combined of over \$2 million, and the overall net present value savings of 4.05 per cent. He stated the savings is split at 3.179 per cent of regular general obligation refunding bonds and 6.64 per cent of sewer bonds.

Councilman Benson commended Admin. Boney and stated this creates a tremendous savings by reissuing bonds and getting a better rate and good interest. He commended the Finance staff for taking the initiative and expressed appreciation to Admin. Boney for "stepping up to bat!"

**BONDS**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF, AND  
MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO THE CITY OF  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, \$43,880,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION  
REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002 AND \$14,250,000 GENERAL  
OBLIGATION SEWER REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002**  
was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending March 1, 2002 totaled \$18,132.24.

**PERSONNEL**

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

**ANDREW J. RAGLAND** -- Voluntary Demotion, Crew Worker, Buildings & Structures, Pay Grade 3/Step 11, \$25,071.00 annually, effective February 13, 2002.

**DONNA K. ABERNATHY, RANDALL WORLEY** – Promotion, Crew Leader, Sr., TN Riverpark/Downtown, Pay Grade 9/Step 1, \$23,313.00 annually, effective February 27, 2002.

**PATRICK L. MURDOCK** – Rehire, Building Maintenance Mechanic, Buildings & Structures, Pay Grade 7/Step 1, \$20,995.00 annually, effective February 27, 2002.

**MARSHALL THURMAN** – Promotion, Crew Worker, Sr., TN Riverpark/Downtown, Pay Grade 6/Step 1, \$19,834.00 annually, effective February 27, 2002.

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchase was approved for use by the Parks and Recreation Department:

**ACTION ALARM (Lowest and best bid)**  
**Requisition R0054633/B0000659**

Video Monitoring Equipment  
\$16,433.34

**PERSONNEL**

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

**BRIAN K. CONRY, DARRELL P. CAMPBELL, JR.** – Employment, Crew Worker, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$17,680.00 annually, effective February 27, 2002.

**FREDDIE L. SMITH** – Disability Retirement, Crew Worker, Citywide Services, effective February 28, 2002.

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Littlefield, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchase was approved for use by the Public Works Department:

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS (Lowest and best bid)**  
**Requisition R0054994/P0016860**

Waterborne Traffic Paint

\$228.25/55 gallon drum (yellow)  
\$217.25/55 gallon drum (white)

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Chattanooga Fire Department:

**JOSEPH KNOWLES** – Family Medical Leave, Captain, effective March 4, 2002.

**DAVID ANDERSON, TERRY NATION, RAYMOND MOORE** – Promotion, Captain, Pay Grade F4/Step 7, \$43,500.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**RICHARD AKERS, TERRY DAVIS, STANLEY HALES, ANDRE HICKS, ROBERT TALLEY, ANTHONY WILLIAMS** – Promotion, Captain, Pay Grade F4/Step 8, \$45,153.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**LARRY BARIE** – Promotion, Captain, Pay Grade F4/6, \$41,487.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**PERSONNEL (Continued)**

**DARREL BURT, RICHARD BRITT, ANTHONY MILLS, JOSEPH MCDANIEL, JOHNNY MILLSAPS, CHRIS NEWELL, JAMES STONE, MARK WILLIE** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/Step 10, \$41,770.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**DAVID BROOKS** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F4/Step 3, \$36,886.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**LESLEY COLE** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F4/Step 2, \$35,233.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**THOMAS FORMAN, CARLOS HAMPTON, LLOYD JONES, AARON MCCULLOUGH, KINNEY SHORT, MICHAEL WRIGHT** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/Step 4, \$33,234.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**WILLIAM GASTON** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/Step 7, \$37,502.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**TALLEY GLOVER, JAMES MCKNIGHT, LAWRENCE O'REAR, ARLES SIMMONS, TARA WEAVER** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/Step 5, \$34,657.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**WILLIAM GASTON** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/Step 7, \$37502.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**DAVID PEACE** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/9, \$40,347.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**RUSSELL RYMER** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/8, \$38,924.00 annually, effective March 8, 2002.

**HOTEL PERMITS**

On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the following hotel permits were approved:

**STADIUM INN** – 100 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**HAMILTON INN** – 6860 Lee Highway, Chattanooga Tennessee

**MAIN STAY SUITES** – 7030 Amin Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**RIGHT WAY INN MOTEL** – 6200 Fisk Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matter was reported for the Chattanooga Police Department:

**SCOTT A. JOHNSON** – Resignation, Police Officer, effective February 28, 2002.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchases were approved for use by the Chattanooga Police Department:

**BROOKER FORD, INC. (Best bid)**  
**Requisition R0056095/B0000650**

Twelve Months Contract for Interceptor Pursuit Vehicles

\$19,530.36 ea.

**BROOKER FORD, INC. AND NEWTON CHEVROLET (Lowest and best bid for the Ford Taurus and only bid for Chevrolet Malibu, respectively)**  
**Requisition R0056096/B0000651**

Twelve Months Contract each for Taurus and Malibu

\$15,453.10 each (Brooker Ford, Inc.)

\$14,750.00 each (Newton Chevrolet, Inc.)

Councilman Pierce inquired as to whether the vehicle purchases are on State contract or an effort to work around the State contract?

Roy Dickey, Department Fleet Manager, stated that the purchases are not on State contract; that the State contract did not provide the specifications needed for the vehicles.

Councilman Pierce asked Mr. Dickey to give some idea as to the specifications since they are so different from other contracts.

### PURCHASES (Continued)

Mr. Dickey stated the Purchasing Department checked this out; that the police department submits the request for vehicles and Purchasing checks with the State agents to find out if the specifications needed are met. He stated the police pursuit vehicles have a package that has to be done by Ford Motor Company or other domestic manufacturers and the State contract does not offer that type of vehicle.

Councilman Pierce stated that he is leery about special specifications being drawn around certain dealers; that he wonders what the special things" are.

Mr. Dickey stated there is an effort to standardize their fleet; that they do hold up and meet their needs and they get a reduction in the price of parts.

### SURPLUS VEHICLE

Chief Dotson requested approval to transfer a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria that has been declared surplus and eliminated from the fleet to the Erlanger Medical Center.

Councilman Pierce inquired as to the purpose for declaring the vehicle surplus?

Chief Dotson stated that all police vehicles are declared surplus once they meet 110,000 miles.

**On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Littlefield, approval was so authorized.**

### REFUNDS

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, the Administrator of Finance was authorized to issue the following refunds of tax year 2001 property taxes:

**W. W. WATSON** – Map No. 127H-G-033, \$1,290.86

**FIRST & MARKET LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** – Map No. 135L-B-009 C003, \$2,435.64

**CARRIAGE PARC ASSOCIATES** – Map No. 158L-F-001, \$4,015.74

**CRYE-LEIKE OF CHATTANOOGA** – Map No. 1017511, \$1,182.04

### **COMMITTEES**

Councilman Benson scheduled a meeting of the **Health, Education, Human Services and Housing Opportunities Committee for Tuesday, March 12 immediately following the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee.**

Councilman Littlefield stated that the Legal and Legislative Committee had its first meeting on the Charter issue and "plowed through" half of one hundred pages the City Attorney brought; that the Committee is looking at working through 250 pages and are making good progress. He stated there will continue to be weekly meetings of the Committee until the job is complete.

Councilwoman Robinson stated a meeting of the **Parks and Recreation Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at 4 p.m.**

### **HIXSON CHARRETTE**

On behalf of Councilmen Lively and Robinson, Councilman Page extended an invitation to encourage the community to participate in one of two community charrettes regarding the land use study plan for the North River area. He stated the first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at Hixson High School and on Tuesday, March 12 at Dupont Elementary School beginning at 6 p.m.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Councilman Taylor announced that there will be a memorial service on Saturday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Auditorium in regard to the Tri-State situation in Noble, Georgia. He extended an invitation to the public to attend and share with those who have suffered a loss. He asked that everyone pray for the family of the young lady that was killed in the house fire Sunday night.

### **PRESS CONFERENCE**

Chairman Hakeem expressed appreciation to Councilmen Benson and Littlefield for attending yesterday's press conference. He stated that Council members will be provided with more information regarding the economic development plan undertaken in District Nine. He stated the plan is an effort that will start in District Nine and that a program booklet will be developed for use by any district. He stated that District Nine is fortunate to have received the support of Memorial and Parkridge Hospitals and that other funding sources are being sought for assistance. He thanked Council members for their support stating that he looks forward to their more active involvement in the process.

**GARY BALL**

Gary Ball made the Council aware that the 92-year old woman that was beaten to death with her cane was laid to rest on Saturday. He stated the community is still waiting on the Police Department to name the suspect. He stated residents in the Ridgedale area have struggled with safety issues and that it is sad that a woman paid property taxes for 53 years and could not live her life safely in a home situation. He stated Chief Dotson spoke at a recent CENAC meeting and it was refreshing to have him identify drugs, guns and gangs as his prime problem in the City and that the Fox Team is working diligently with people in the Ridgedale area on safety issues. He stated gangs are real in Chattanooga and are a real threat to property owners. He asked the Council for additional help for policemen.

**VINCENT TRAUGER**

Vincent Trauger inquired as to how a person would gain any of the TNT property that is being given to the City?

Chairman Hakeem stated that the property is under the control of the City and county for the purpose of economic development. He stated there is the potential to acquire some of the "hilly" property that is being looked at from an environmental standpoint. He suggested that Mr. Trauger make contact with Admin. Boney and Rob Taylor to discuss the possibility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Hakeem adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 6 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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