

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 6, 2003
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Franklin called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Hakeem, Lively, Page, Pierce, Robinson and Taylor present; Councilman Littlefield was absent due to personal commitment. 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, Joe Smith, Youth Director at the Lookout Valley Baptist Church, gave invocation.

After giving the invocation, Mr. Smith stated that exciting things are going on at the YMCA. He indicated that the YMCA tries to provide programs to keep young people busy, off the streets and assist with adolescent development. He stated that the regional junior Olympics boxing tournament would be held at Coolidge Park on Saturday, May 24 with participants from Chattanooga, Louisiana, Florida and Kentucky. He expressed hope that everyone would attend the event.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MOCCASIN BEND LEGISLATION

Pat Reed, Director of the Chickamauga Battlefield Park, addressed the Council regarding legislation passed in February establishing Moccasin Bend as a new unit of the National Parks Service. He stated everyone is aware of the local, regional and national significance of the site, which was first recognized in 1950 with a federal law authorizing up to 1,400 acres on Moccasin Bend to be added as a unit to Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MOCCASIN BEND
LEGISLATION (Continued)

Mr. Reed stated in 1984 Moccasin Bend was federally designated as a unit of the national register of historic sites and as a national historic landmark in 1986, giving additional national recognition for historic and cultural resources. He stated in 1998 Congressman Wamp supported and acquired funding for a special resources study and by February 1999 the special resources study was completed and forwarded back to the U. S. Congress. He stated with the assistance of Senators Frist and Alexander, Congressman Wamp re-entered a piece of legislation, Public Law 108-007, adopted February 20, 2003 to make Moccasin Bend a National Archeological District.

At this point Mr. Reed presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Archeological designation. Information contained within the presentation is filed with minute material of this date.

Councilwoman Robinson thanked Mr. Reed for his presentation and stated that everyone on the Council is aware that the preservation of Moccasin Bend was again reaffirmed back in 1982 when the City and County appropriated named the Moccasin Bend Task Force, on which she had the good fortune to serve. She stated for many decades it was held that the Bend should be saved as an archeological treasure trove for the story it really tells spanning a course of the last 10,000 years. She stated the interpretive center, when developed, will connect with the Tennessee Riverpark and will attract several hundred thousand more visits in our area and will tell the story that there is no other like it in the in the United States. She expressed that this is a very thrilling and exciting time in Chattanooga! She commended Mr. Reed for the work he and members of Friends of Moccasin Bend have done.

Chairman Franklin expressed appreciation for Mr. Reed's comments and his contributions to this process. He stated there have been many catalysts during this whole process dating back many years; that Moccasin Bend is highly significant as it relates to archeological finds.

Mr. Reed stated that he looks forward to working with the Council and collaborating on the meaningful partnership.

SPECIAL POLICEMEN (ARMED)

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Hakeem,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD HOLIDAY, WAYNE HENNESSEE, SR. AND DONALD WELLER AS SPECIAL POLICEMEN (ARMED) FOR ERLANGER HEALTH SYSTEMS, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS
was adopted.

GRANT

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Hakeem,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPLY FOR AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE, RELATIVE TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN AUTOMATED COLLISION REPORTING AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$49,000.00), WHICH, IF AWARDED, WILL REQUIRE LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE FUNDS AWARDED
was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending May 2, 2003 totaled \$82,084.75.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- ✍ **CLAYTON HARWOOD** – Promotion, Crew Supervisor Senior, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 12/Step 3, \$29,421.00 annually, effective April 30, 2003.

- ✍ **RANDY BLEVINS** – Promotion, Heavy Equipment Operator, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 10/Step 7, \$31,902.00 annually, effective April 30, 2003.

- ✍ **NATHANIEL HOWARD** – Promotion, Heavy Equipment Operator, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 10/Step 2, \$25,672.00 annually, effective April 30, 2003.
- ✍ **KEVIN D. WHITE** – Voluntary Demotion, Heavy Equipment Operator, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 10/Step 6, \$30,464.00 annually, effective April 30, 2003.

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- ✍ **RANSON R. EVANS, JR.** – Resignation, Police Officer, effective May 12, 2003.

HOTEL PERMIT

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, the following hotel permit was approved:

- ✍ **KNIGHTS INN** -- 2100 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee

BOARD APPOINTMENT

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

TAXI CAB BOARD:

- ✍ Appointment of **RUTH A. DUDLEY** for a term ending June 8, 2005.

HEARING: FREDDIE BROOKS

Councilman Hakeem reported that a hearing for Firefighter Freddie Brooks was held on Monday and the Committee affirmed the decision by Administration. He stated the Committee consisted of himself and Councilmen Page and Littlefield, who served as Chair.

PUBLIC MEETING: PUBLIC ARTS REPORT

Councilwoman Robinson echoed the Mayor's invitation to everyone to attend tomorrow's meeting to hear the Public Arts report at 5 p.m. at the Chattanooga. She stated that this would be the final presentation of the plan that citizens shared in creating during two previous workshops regarding an outline for implementation of the plan. She expressed hope that everyone would attend.

COMMITTEES

Councilman Lively scheduled a meeting of the **Public Works Committee for Tuesday, May 13 immediately following the Public Works Committee.**

Councilman Hakeem reminded Council members of the **Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 at 4 p.m.**

Councilman Benson scheduled a meeting of the **Legal and Legislative Committee for Tuesday, May 13.** He stated the Committee would meet jointly with Public Works for a discussion from RPA regarding lighting.

JOINT CITY-COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Franklin reminded Council members of the joint City-County budget hearings scheduled to begin a 9:30 a.m. on Thursday morning, May 8, in the County Commission meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Franklin adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 6 p.m.

Chairman

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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