

**City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
April 6, 2004  
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Franklin called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Hakeem, 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 Littlefield gave invocation.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: HAMM, GERMANY  
VISITORS**

Bill Prince of the Sister Cities Association stated that Chattanooga has enjoyed a long profitable relationship with its Sister City of Hamm, Germany and indicated that the relationship began when former Commissioner Jim Eberle and the Association's current Treasurer, Hugh Jackson, went to Mayor Rose for support of this initiative. He stated the relationship was finalized when Gunter Renshe signed the agreement in 1977 and since that time a number of successes have been accomplished due to the leadership and efforts of Karen Claypool, Vice President of the Association, and Annette Daelman, Hamm's counterpart, who have worked together several years. He stated Annette and Karen have coordinated summer student exchanges and adult exchanges and indicated that guests from Hamm visit Chattanooga one year and the next year Chattanoogaans return the favor by visiting Hamm. He stated our visiting guests have met Mayor Corker and visited the Aquarium, several museums and Coolidge Park; that other sights will be viewed within the coming days. At this point he asked the Hamm guests to stand.

Councilman Littlefield thanked Mr. Prince for bringing the Hamm guests to the Council meeting for Council members to meet and expressed his hope that they were enjoying their visit to Chattanooga.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**MR-2004-044: Nick Young**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED  
PORTION OF THE 2800 BLOCK OF EBLEN DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY  
DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO  
AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE**

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

**REZONING**

**2004-009: Martin McNabb**

The applicant was not present.

Jerry Pace, Director of Operations with the Regional Planning Agency, stated that this matter was deferred for several weeks. He stated there was discussion regarding this matter with residents of the area and indicated conditions were originally attached to this request. He stated this part of the tract along Highway 58 has come with the request for C-2, which will involve part of the landscape ordinance required for this area since the C-2 abuts an R-1 zone. He stated the applicant would have to meet the twenty-foot landscaping buffer for this area. He stated the request is recommended for approval of C-2.

Councilman Page stated this matter has been heard before and made the motion to approve it as presented.

Councilman Taylor stated that he wanted to make sure there is a complete understanding that the buffer will cover the whole area, indicating that in one zoning case recently the whole area was not covered and wanted to make sure the R-1 properties would be protected.

Mr. Pace stated there would be a twenty-foot buffer on the back and side of the rezoning area and that some of the property in front that was previously zoned C-2 is not affected; that the buffer is just where the rezoning request would occur.

Councilman Taylor stated the residents would be protected on all three sides. Mr. Pace responded "right".

**REZONING (Continued)**

Councilman Hakeem asked if it was his understanding that the community is in accord.

Chairman Franklin explained that a meeting was held prior to the Council meeting with residents of the area.

City Attorney Nelson stated that the caption should be revised to provide for the easement. Mr. Pace indicated that the caption could be left to reflect “*subject to certain conditions*”; that the easement condition is “normal”.

Chairman Franklin recognized the presence of individuals and families of the Washington Hills area and thanked them for their support.

Councilman Benson stated that the community should be commended for getting together and working out the problem; that this is a good example for other districts and neighborhoods.

On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilman Lively,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A PART OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 5008 HIGHWAY 58, 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 Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Ordinance passed second and third reading and was signed in open meeting.

**AMEND CITY CODE**

Councilman Littlefield stated this matter has been before the Legal and Legislative Committee a number of times in recent weeks and comes as no surprise to anyone as it has been reported in the local media. He stated a number of revisions have been made, with the latest version at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon and additional language since then! He stated everyone knows and understands that will be some additional changes; that recommendations were received from members of the Council with regard to language, as well as recommendations from the outdoor advertising industry. He stated changes will be made between second and third reading, which will be scheduled tentatively for April 20 rather than next week. He stated the matter is close enough to a consensus to pass this on first reading.

AMEND CITY CODE (Continued)

On motion of Councilman Littlefield, seconded by Councilman Lively,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE I, SECTION 3-2, 3-7, 3-8, 3-18 AND 3-20, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3-21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3-33, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3-42 AND ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 3-52 AND 3-55, RELATIVE TO SIGNS**  
passed first reading. (Second and third readings are scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2004.)

CLOSE AND ABANDON

**MR-2004-039: Bright Beginnings**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING SANITARY SEWER LINES AND EASEMENT ON TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED AT 5010 ALPHA LANE AND 2150 NORTH POINT BOULEVARD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE**  
passed first reading.

GRANT

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR TAG MANUFACTURING, INC., AND COMMITTING THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE LOCAL REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$80,933.00)**  
was adopted.

PARCELS OF PROPERTY

On motion of Councilman Littlefield, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HIGHEST AND BEST OFFER FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE DEEDS CONVEYING SAID PARCELS TO INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE**  
was adopted.

**CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. E-04-005, CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS REQUIREMENTS, TO YERBEY CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00)**  
was adopted.

**CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. E-03-020, BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT RESURFACING, TO VULCAN MATERIALS, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,600,000.00)**  
was adopted.

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM CIGNA**

Councilman Littlefield stated that the proposal is to renew the CIGNA contract and prior to or immediately following the reading of the caption, he asked that representatives from the Public Works Department be recognized. He stated that he received a call last night from "Buddy" Young representing the employees in Public Works regarding a petition that has been circulated and he told him he would ask that he be recognized to deliver the petition to the Council.

Following the reading of the Resolution's caption by the Clerk of the Council, **Arthur G. Snyder** presented 300 petitions and asked that someone answer the questions that have been written (on the petitions). He stated the petitions were passed around and it was indicated that bills were not being paid and some people had bills for a year that have not been paid. He stated they cannot get prescriptions filled and it is ridiculous! He stated if the company cannot appoint someone to help the City doesn't need them, reiterating that this is ridiculous!

Tracy Clark, Risk Manager for the City, stated everyone knows, as well as the people in Public Works, that we have a full service benefit office and are open every day to people who work for the City to address any problems they may have. He stated if there are 300 persons with questions they would address them.

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA (Continued)**

Mr. Clark continued by stating when the City changed to CIGNA, we were in a “crunch” as far as health care and being able to afford it; that part of the compensation package to employees included salary. He stated most on the Council were in office eight-to-nine years ago when \$9 million was paid for all our health insurance; that now we are up to \$20 million and that is even with CIGNA! He stated we are spending a massive amount of money and they have been asked to come and offer managed care to our account, which they have done. He stated we have treated the problem on the cost of drugs and reminded everyone during the open enrollment that if we had gone with any other company we would have had a drug card just like the one we have with CIGNA, which has definitely been the biggest issue, cost shifting on the plan. He stated we have a nurse, Colleen Philibotte, that is in transition of my position being filled; that she is in the office and has been all week. He stated the questions on the petitions would be addressed.

**Councilman Hakeem** commended Tracy and indicated that he (Tracy) had a lot to deal with when it comes to cost in regard to health care. He stated knowing him as he does, he has made every effort to address any problem our employees may have had. He stated looking at the financial position the City is in, if there is going to be a raise and if we look at some other company we would not be able to look at the possibility of pay increases. He stated the “bottom line” is that it is his thought it is time to “fish or cut bait” and **made the motion to approve the Resolution; Councilman Pierce seconded the motion.**

Councilman Benson expressed his regret regarding Tracy’s leaving and stated that he has been a good advocate for good faith coverage. He stated employees have really had a tough time with CIGNA this year, no question about it, as evidenced in e-mails Council members are receiving. He stated with every request he has called Tracy about he has followed up on it and he (Benson) has seen fairness as a result of the action with what we know is a “runaway industry”. He stated it is ridiculous what is happening in the prescription world and it is going to take a new mindset from all of us, but we cannot go without making this transition change without someone like Tracy in that office. He stated he wants employees to have an advocate working at their side to see that good faith is expressed in the insurance they are paying for. He asked who is replacing him?

Mr. Clark responded on the short term CIGNA has a nurse in the office by the name of Colleen Philibotte. He stated that he has a great staff and recognized Wanda Norris who has worked extremely hard throughout all of this.

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA (Continued)**

Mr. Clark made reference to the high dollar cost of claims and indicated CIGNA has done a marvelous job with that. He stated whenever managed care is introduced when there has been none before there will be some problems, however Wanda will certainly be able to do a good bit of what he was doing. He stated there are a couple good candidates that are to be interviewed.

Councilman Littlefield added his voice to the accolades to Tracy and indicated that he hates to see him go. He stated he was one of the first to see him come in 1988 or 1989 as the Safety Officer at Moccasin Bend where he did an excellent job there and wherever he has been "plugged into" City government. He stated he is not taking anything from him or criticizing his service, as he has served in a very difficult capacity, particularly in more recent months during the transition and difficulties of the health plan. He stated he has said many times that he knows there are things happening in the health system in this country; that it is a very difficult time. He stated when CIGNA contracted with us they promised we would have no problems and we have had problems, quite frankly. He stated it is true the cost is lower but the service is poorer! He stated when we entered into this contract it was with the intent we would have a different company that would offer a service; that he is not talking about the managed care issue, but getting bills paid! He stated he has been associated with City government since 1974 and can never remember a time when there was more dissatisfaction or discouragement among City employees as now.

Councilman Littlefield stated there is confusion; that people who are not competent and capable are holding claims; people who came up through the clerical system and know how it works sit with a stack of unpaid claims and work against them all the time. He stated retirees have a new full time job in getting CIGNA to pay their claims; that he is hearing from employees and doctors who are having problems! He stated it should be obvious to all the main competitors are Blue Cross and CIGNA, now; that it is very notable in today's newspaper an article that Blue Cross is making record profit and CIGNA is cutting back on employees and talking about getting out of "this and that". He stated having said that, he will sit and be quiet; that he is not satisfied with the service and does think we would get what we are promised. He stated he hopes if they get it another year they will do better.

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA (Continued)**

Mr. Clark stated that he has checked into the claim payment system and whether there is a backlog and is surprised he has never heard about retirees spending all their time dealing with claims. He stated that it is his thought it would be appropriate for Michelle Powers who handles claims for CIGNA to respond. He stated it is important and is not discounting what has been said, yet there has not been a problem insuring 7,000 people; that there are thousands upon thousands of claims being generated.

Michelle Powers, Regional Vice President for CIGNA, stated that she runs the claims center in Chattanooga. She stated Tracy was not far off that every year they process 13 million claims in the Chattanooga area on behalf of CIGNA. She stated she wants to assure the Council that based on federal and state regulations they are continually audited and have their own internal organization regarding workflow that is constantly checked and justified; that the claims systems is reviewed and processed for quality. She stated in today's age most things are automated and there is very little to no paper; that everything comes in electronically with image capability; that they know when a claim is received and they look at their inventory from an age perspective. She stated the goal at CIGNA is to maintain below seven days mail on hand; that they continue to maintain below seven days mail on hand. She stated they are also governed by state and federal regulations as far as time to process; that a fourteen-day goal is to process 90% of claims and they are exceeding that goal and continue to monitor it on a daily basis.

Ms. Powers continued by stating that they do feel comfortable managing inventory not only for the City as well as other customers serviced in the service center; that she personally looks daily account-by-account. She stated from living in Chattanooga and knowing how important that is to the Council, she looks at it every single day and is comfortable to stand before the Council to say what they do. She stated human beings are involved and they do make mistakes, as information could be loaded incorrectly, which is the exception rather than the rule. She stated they cover 7,000 City employees and think they do a good job overall; that when they make a mistake, they "step up to the plate" and try to adjust as quickly as possible.

Councilman Page stated that the thing that bothers him is the claims process with CIGNA and even today he was made aware of claims pending for a year. He stated Rush Blakely whom he has confidence in that this is the best thing for the City of Chattanooga to do he says so with "tongue in cheek" as there is the need to recognize that there is a problem in the claims processing area that seems too apparent with most providers in this area with employees.

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA (Continued)**

Councilman Page continued by stating that he sees CIGNA and the City of Chattanooga as partners in health care and thinks they jointly say provide the best quality of care we can for the City employees at the best cost and be proactive as opposed to "sweeping items under the carpet". He stated he would like to hear from CIGNA that they want to improve management of the claims process so that things will be done more timely; that he knows that is what CIGNA wants, yet there seems to be a non-awareness there are problems they need to improve. He stated good people recommended this contract and he wants to stay with CIGNA, but wants them to be an active partner to improve rather than be status quo.

Ms. Powers apologized for not saying how valuable the partnership is; that they have a good partnership with Tracy and his staff and want to make them comfortable in what they (CIGNA) are doing in the service center. She stated they she offered the invitation last year if anyone wants to come out and see what they do and get an overview, they would be more than happy to entertain that; that she feels confident they can always improve, absolutely, and continue to "raise the bar" as far as services are concerned.

Councilman Hakeem "dittoed" comments by Councilman Page and referenced the 300 petitions that were presented. He asked if it was asking too much if at some point in time Ms. Powers could let the Council know if it is a matter of doctors being out of network, something that CIGNA could have done better or something employees did not know they needed to do. He stated if it is not too much to ask he would like for the findings of the 300 petitions regarding claims to be summarized in an effort to identify escalated issues and look for trends to assure the same problems are not repeated that might be happening through the claims process.

Ms. Powers responded that would be no problem at all and they would be happy to do that.

Councilwoman Robinson echoed what she was hearing and stated that it would be heartening to understand a good claims process and have a good process in place. She stated that since there are apparently some very specific issues being raised, it doesn't seem to be a complaint "across the board"; that there are some isolated incidences. She asked if there could be some way to target them and have one-on-one meetings to find out what is happening and expedite them.

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA (Continued)**

Ms. Powers responded "absolutely"; that they will be able to do that onsite as they have an onsite person to do that.

Councilwoman Robinson asked that they be mindful of employees' working hours and suggested that CIGNA go to their work place rather than have them take time off to come to them.

Ms. Powers responded that she was sure they could work that out.

Councilman Benson referenced Ms. Powers' follow-up to Councilman Page's question that was said so well and who has been the biggest advocate during this transaction. He stated that he did not hear from Ms. Powers what he would like to have heard; that the Council has told her they have been besieged with problems; that she replied in response to Councilman Page what a wonderful response time CIGNA has and how good they were. He stated that is not good enough as unfortunately we have people all upset because they think it can be better.

Ms. Powers responded that the first year of moving into a management plan had some "bumps in the road"; that things were different. She stated there was a different pharmacy plan and believes they worked through a learning curve. She stated they would continue to do better and make improvements and will continue to partner with the City; that they will always "raise the bar".

Councilman Benson stated that is good news that they will do better.

Councilman Littlefield stated that is a succulent point and that it is his hope Ms. Powers understands that he is in no way attacking her personally; that she is the "lightening rod" at the present time. He stated many will recall last year when we first discussed this contract bid, many of us expressed that the reputation of CIGNA was not good and believe it was somewhat acknowledged and the promise was made to resolve those problems and have a much more glowing report by the time we reach any potential for renewal. He stated we are there now and as Councilman Benson said the "pain" continues, as there are still complaints from employees. He indicated to Tracy that if every complaint were sent to him he would have had no other job to do but try to respond to all of them; that he (Littlefield) has had a long-term perspective and knows what kind of service and insurance plans the City has had over the years. He stated this has been the worst, absolutely!

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA (Continued)**

Councilman Littlefield stated if the initial response it to improve everything, CIGNA has a lot of work to do before they can rectify the problems we have heard before and are still hearing.

Councilman Pierce stated that he did not intend to say anything, yet still has to defend the insurance plan. He stated that he has listened to Council members and thinks maybe he has misunderstood that there are 300 signatures rather than 300 complaints. He stated that he would like to see them and challenged anyone to produce 300 complaints; that it is easy to get a petition because people just sign them. He stated when we started with CIGNA there was a negative attitude from day one; that we had reports on how they react and thoughts were expressed at that time and they said they would do better. He stated he does not know if things are better or not that he has been listening to CIGNA and complaints from Public Works. He expressed his wish that there was some way to audit the signatures and see how many really have a complaint with CIGNA. He stated he would be willing to bet there are not 300 or 200; that to sign a petition does not mean a person has a complaint.

Councilman Pierce stated that he has not heard any complaints from Council members prior to renewal of this contract; that if there were problems it is his thought they should have come forward for discussion prior to now and not wait until we are ready to renew and "air" frustrations; that there is a time and place for all of this. He stated we are not living in a perfect world and CIGNA has problems like any other carrier. He stated he was fortunate enough to talk with employees at Home Depot not more than a week ago and they were stating the way Blue Cross is treating them we have a "grave train" as they have to pay \$25 per pay period just for a doctor's visit. He stated he may be wrong and asked how everyone would feel if they had to put up \$50 a month and not even go to the doctor! He referenced the policy the City has and indicated that we cannot expect it to be perfect and we have to work with what we have and try to make the best of it. He stated he is aware how doctors send in wrong reports, indicating that his daughter works in Erlanger's Medical Records department and knows how many go in perfect from the hospital and doctor's claims can't be processed due to wrong codes. He stated that he would like to see claims that are over a year old that have not been processed, as he does not believe they exist.

At this point Councilman Lively "called for the question" on the motion to adopt.

**RENEW PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA (Continued)**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE CITY FINANCE  
OFFICER TO RENEW THE PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FROM  
CIGNA INSURANCE COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION  
OF AN APPROPRIATE CONTRACT THEREFOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-  
2005 AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIX PERCENT (106%)  
OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT**

was adopted; Councilman Littlefield voted "no".

**AGREEMENT**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GUARANTY  
AGREEMENT AND OTHERWISE ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH  
RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF THE ROPER SITE FROM ROPER  
CORPORATION**

was adopted.

**GRANTS**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR  
TWO GRANTS FROM THE TENNESSEE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
PROGRAMS, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT PROGRAM, IN A  
TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$165,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED  
HEREIN, WHICH, IF AWARDED, WILL REQUIRE LOCAL MATCHING  
FUNDS OF ONE THIRD OF THE GRANT AWARDED**

was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending April 2, 2004 totaled \$98,243.49.

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

## PERSONNEL (Continued)

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- **WILLIAM CARTER, JR.** – Voluntary Demotion, Heavy Equipment Operator, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 8/Step 3, \$25,047.00 annually, effective April 7, 2004.
- **BESSIE L. ROLLINS** – Resignation, Crew Worker, Citywide Services, effective March 29, 2004.
- **EDDIE LEBRON POE** – Hire, Crew Worker, Traffic, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$18,643.00 annually, effective April 7, 2004.
- **DARRELL P. CAMPBELL, JR.** – Suspension (without pay), Sanitation Worker, Citywide Services, effective April 5-8, 2004.

### CHATTANOOGA HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

- **LISA ROGERS** – Resignation, Teacher Assistant, Head Start, effective March 17, 2004.

### CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- **MICHAEL KENNEDY** – Retirement, Captain, effective April 5, 2004.
- **DOUG RANDOLPH** – Family Medical Leave, Captain, effective April 5, 2004.
- **MARK NORMAN** – Family Medical Leave, Senior Firefighter, effective April 5, 2004.

### CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- **MARK A. SMELTZER** – Military Leave, Police Officer, effective April 1 – May 31, 2004.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, the following Board appointments were approved:

### **STORMWATER BOARD:**

- Appointment of **JIM HOFF** for a term expiring March 30, 2007.
- Appointment of **MARY MAY** for a term expiring March 30, 2005.

## **REFUNDS**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Littlefield, the Administrator of Finance was authorized to issue the following refunds of gross receipts taxes due to amended tax return and refund for tax years 2003 and 2002 due to building transferred to 129P-B-014 C010, respectively:

**COMCAST CABLE** -- \$13,951.24

**HERITAGE PARK LLC** -- \$2,159.74

## **PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Hakeem, the following purchase was approved for use by the Chattanooga Police Department:

### **BROOKER FORD, INC. (Best bid)** **R0072346/B0001278**

Police Pursuit Patrol Vehicles (22 ea. @ \$18,610.00) (*Newton Chevrolet submitted a lower bid, however their bid failed to meet major specification requirements.*)

\$409,420.00

## **PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the following purchase was approved for use by the Department of Neighborhood Services:

## PURCHASE (Continued)

### MULTIPLE CONTRACTS TO EIGHT CONTRACTORS (Best offer)

#### R0072874

Demolition Service

**(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)**

Councilman Littlefield inquired as to whether this is like a requirements contract; that no specific properties are mentioned.

Admin. Curry responded "no"; that contractors would be used on a rotating basis and that all have the same contract value.

Councilman Littlefield stated basically Neighborhood Services would set the price.

Admin. Curry stated they would work with them to come to a price; that all agreed to accept the average price.

Councilman Littlefield asked if the contractor would have the opportunity to say "no".

Admin. Curry responded, "yes, they can" and they would then go to the next contractor.

## BRAINERD STUDY

**Councilman Littlefield** reported that he and Councilman Franklin attended a meeting last night arranged by a group in Brainerd who are interested in rezoning the length of Brainerd Road from the tunnel to Airport Road. He stated there was quite a bit of discussion and the citizens group requested that quick action be taken and that he and Councilman Franklin promised they would take quick action to officially refer the matter to Planning! At this point he **made the motion to refer the matter to Planning regarding the potential rezoning for other business incentive programs along Brainerd Road; Councilman Benson seconded the motion; the motion carried.** He stated that he wanted to make it a matter of the official record that the request was made.

## COMMITTEES

Councilman Taylor scheduled a meeting of the **Health, Education, Human Services and Housing Opportunities Committee** for Tuesday, April 13 immediately following the Public Works Committee meeting.

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

Councilman Littlefield stated the **Legal and Legislative Committee** is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 3 p.m.

Councilman Page expressed thanks to the Regional Planning Agency for the migration study that was presented in Committee today. He stated that the **Economic Development Committee** would meet jointly with the **Legal and Legislative Committee** on Tuesday, April 13.

Councilwoman Robinson scheduled a meeting of the **Parks and Recreation Committee** for Tuesday, April 20 at 4 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Franklin adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 6:00 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)