

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
October 5, 2004
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Benson called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Franklin, Hakeem, Lively, Robinson and Taylor present; Councilmen Littlefield, Page and Pierce were absent due to personal commitment. Special Counsel Mike McMahan, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal, CMC, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Hakeem gave invocation.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

NEW RATES FOR MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE NEW RATES FOR THE USE OF MUNICIPAL
GOLF COURSES, AS SET FORTH MORE FULLY HEREINBELOW**
passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

CONTRACT

Councilman Franklin stated Resolutions (a) and (b) were discussed in today's meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee and approval is recommended.

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Lively,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH STEIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., RELATIVE TO REPAVING OF THE GREENWAY FARM DRIVEWAY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00)

was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Taylor,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PARRIS ROOFING AND SHEET METAL COMPANY, RELATIVE TO RE-ROOFING OF THE TYNER/EAST BRAINERD RECREATION CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$81,500.00)

was adopted.

GRANT

On behalf of Councilman Littlefield, Councilman Hakeem reported that Resolutions (c) and (d) were discussed in the Legal and Legislative Committee meeting and approval is recommended.

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Taylor,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY 153 SAFETY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$184,788.00) WHICH WILL BE USED FOR APPROXIMATELY 5,000 HOURS OF OVERTIME PAY FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND TO PURCHASE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST IN THE HIGHWAY 153 SAFETY PROGRAM

was adopted.

CELEBRATION OF HALLOWEEN

Councilman Hakeem stated with the change to daylight savings time, the effort is to have young people at home preparing for school the next day. He stated "trick or treating" is recommended for Saturday, October 30 as opposed to Sunday, October 31.

Chairman Benson stated that it is suggested the entire City observe Halloween on Saturday rather than Sunday. He stated discussion in Committee involved the hope that surrounding municipalities and the County would join in and coordinate the celebration of Halloween on Saturday.

Councilman Lively indicated that the Council has done this each time Halloween has fallen on Sunday.

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2004 FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF HALLOWEEN WITHIN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA**
was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending October 1, 2004 totaled \$92,990.73.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- **KAREN GORMAN, JIMMY HUNTER** – Hire, School Patrol Officer, \$27.59 per day, effective September 24, 2004.
- **WAYNE JEFFERSON, SR.** – Retirement, Sergeant, effective October 1, 2004.
- **JACQUELINE WORTHINGTON** – Family Medical Leave, Police Records Clerk, Sr., effective August 24 – October 11, 2004.
- **JASON REDDEN** – Suspension (14 days without pay), Police Officer, effective October 8 – October 21, 2004.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

- **RAYBURN A. TRAUGHBER** – Retirement, Administrator, effective September 30, 2004.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

- **BEVERLY J. ADAMS** – Family Medical Leave, Management and Budget Analyst, effective September 28, 2004 – January 28, 2005.

PURCHASE

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

GTSI CORP. (Lower and better bid)
R0077638/B0001865

Laptop Memory Upgrades

\$17,400.00

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIREMENT

Deputy Chief Vaughn acknowledged the requirement of Sgt. Wayne Jefferson after 30 years of service with the Chattanooga Police Department.

DONATION OF VEHICLE

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Lively, a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN # 2FALP71W4VX168761 was donated to the Erlanger Medical Center for use in their Security Division. It was noted this vehicle has been declared surplus and is no longer suitable for use in the Department. Donation of the vehicle is at no cost to the City of Chattanooga.

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchase was approved for use by the Department of Finance and Administration, Purchasing Division:

TRIAD ELECTRIC (Overall lowest bidder)
R0062761/B0001819

Requirements Contract, City-wide Electrical Labor Services

(Price information available and filed with minute material)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIREMENT

Admin. Eichenthal acknowledged the retirement of Rayburn Traugher as head of Community Services after 30+ years of service to the City. He stated that he is certain the Council joins with everyone in expressing a debt of gratitude for his hard work. He stated that he would be overseeing some of the Community Services functions.

SIXTH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

Admin. Curry reminded Council members of the Neighborhood Conference that will commence on Thursday, October 7 beginning at 8 a.m., indicating that over 300 community residents and activists were registered. He expressed thought that it will be a great Conference that will provide good training opportunities on many issues of neighborhoods, codes enforcement and animal services. He stated all Council members are welcome and encouraged to attend and reminded them of the grant symposium scheduled for Friday and that each have been invited to participate, as they normally do, beginning at 10 a.m. He stated the portion on neighborhoods concludes at noon, however the codes enforcement portion continues until 5 p.m. that evening. He stated Mr. Eichenthal is scheduled as a workshop presenter on Thursday.

COMMITTEES

Councilman Hakeem reminded Council members of the meeting of the **Public Works Committee scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at 4 p.m.**

JAIL BAIL APPEAL – CITY EMPLOYEES’ UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN EVENT

Councilman Hakeem appealed to his colleagues for assistance for the City Employees' United Way Kickoff scheduled for Friday at the Bessie Smith Hall. He stated he is scheduled to be "arrested" at some point during the morning and would appreciate any financial assistance they could provide in getting him out of "jail".

Chairman Benson thanked Councilman Hakeem for his "involuntary servitude". Councilman Taylor stated that he would pay double for the Police Department to keep him (Hakeem)!

Chairman Benson expressed hope that all City employees would fully support the United Way.

SHIRLEY DEAKINS

Shirley Deakins stated that she lives on Baker Street and was present to make a protest in regard to the policy that includes treating and harassing citizens over things that could be worked out in a better way. She stated this includes our police department and the federal government in arresting someone after harassing them to the point they are ready to kill themselves and something is wrong. She stated today the U.S. Attorney General indicated he would look into the policy. She stated this is not the first time someone has gotten in trouble with the "feds"; that it is the first time someone was (shot) dead and something is wrong with the policy. She stated that the person had been harassed at the Salvation Army halfway house and was a decent citizen and neighbor to some. She stated there is a definite problem when people are trained to kill and arrest to bring in revenue and protect commerce and certain individuals; that this is a travesty of justice paraded before us and nothing is being done to resolve it. She stated that she knows there are good policemen and bad ones, too; that there is a better way to handle all infractions of the law -- not capriciously or politically.

Councilwoman Robinson expressed understanding of Ms. Deakins' point. She stated that she wanted to clarify the comments if Ms. Deakins was referring to the incident of last week wherein a death actually occurred at the hands of federal agents or others and not the Chattanooga Police Department, who did not have arms drawn. She stated that she wanted to make that clear.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin, Chairman Benson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 6 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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