

AGENDA MEETING

3:00 P.M.

The Agenda Meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Bennett. Councilmen Rico, Berz, Benson, Pierce, Page, and Robinson were present. City Attorneys Randall Nelson and Phil Noblett; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Chief Randy Parker, Dan Johnson, Fireman Rozelle, Sandy Coulter, Laurie Shipley, Missy Crutchfield, Denny Malone, Gary Hilbert, Larry Zehnder, Jerry Stewart, Jim Templeton, Gene Hyde, Steve Leach, Beverly Johnson, Danny Thornton, Daisy Madison, Chief Rowe and Eddie Tate. Paul Page and Richard Beeland joined the meeting later.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 19, 2008

Dan Johnson went over purchases that will be on tonight's agenda. The first purchase was for trees for the Public Works Department. The next purchase was for hardware maintenance for the IS Department. The next was a Parks and Recreation Dept. purchase for kayaks and paddles with two bidders—Rock Creek and River Sports. The last purchase was with Piping Supply Co. for the Public Works Department.

Chairman Bennett asked if there were any questions—that Department Heads were present.

Ordinance (a) First Reading will be discussed later in the Public Works Committee.

Ordinance (b)—Bob Franklin will be deferred for one week.

Resolution (b) expresses the intent to issue bonds in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 for paying a portion of the costs in connection with the Volkswagen manufacturing facility to be located in Chattanooga. Ms. Madison explained that the intent is up to \$40,000,000.00 for Volkswagen and other items in return for Volkswagen bringing their plant here; that \$40,000,000 is not an exact amount and is an outside high amount. She stated that details are being worked out with Hamilton County; that the intent is to issue bonds, and they would be coming back to the Council again. This will allow the City to reimburse itself for any costs incurred during this process; that the work is moving fast, and it is pretty timely; that there was one item that she had just learned about.

Councilman Benson noted that this was a Resolution of intent up to \$40,000,000.00. He asked if this could include something that is not listed here—if this precluded anything else?

Ms. Madison explained that our Bond Attorney requires us to say what we will use the money for—that the site preparation is vague; that some of these items are covered with broad language. She went on to say that she had just received an e-mail from Louis Wright with the County saying that they were having a problem with a Grant that they expected to receive from the State for wetlands and would like us to specifically identify this in our Resolution in case this Grant does not come through.

Chairman Bennett stated that this matter could be discussed further in the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee.

Councilman Pierce asked if the County also had \$40,000,000 on their agenda? Ms. Madison responded not that she had heard of.

Councilwoman Robinson noted that this was a joint venture from the beginning; that she would like to understand better why the City is taking the “full” hit.

Ms. Madison responded that the City would share in this cost; that there are certain items that the County will not share in such as building the firehall.

Councilwoman Robinson asked within the context of this Resolution, if this did not have to be spelled out?

Ms. Madison explained that this would be under a different arrangement.

Councilman Page noted that this was just generic; that we were applying for reimbursement of bonds.

Chairman Bennett noted if there were continuing questions that there was a Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee later where we could talk about this.

Mr. Johnson noted that **Resolution (I)** was added by permission of Chairman Bennett and authorizes eminent domain proceedings against Deane F. Allen for permanent slope and temporary construction easements on property located at 0 Apison Pike, Parcel No. 140-160.07, relative to the Summit Ballfield Complex Project; that if there were further questions, this would be addressed by Adm. Leach in the Public Works Committee.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she received a call from Ms. Allen's attorney, who stated that she had been in and out of the hospital, and he wanted this passed for two weeks to iron out issues.

Chairman Bennett stated that she thought this was of a time-sensitive nature.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she thought the work had already been done.

Adm. Zehnder stated that this was addressed two to three weeks ago; that this is a public road being built; that Danny Thornton had tried to work out something on this six months ago; that when we finally created these actions, they are now responding, and this would delay this project.

Dan Johnson noted that there were deadlines that we have commitments on.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she just wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

Chairman Bennett stated that this Resolution could be put in committee.

Councilman Pierce questioned just getting "bits and pieces" of issues in this manner, with Councilwoman Berz "jokingly" asking him if he needed some aspirin—just to bear with this.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 26, 2008

Mr. Johnson noted that **Ordinances—First Reading (a) and (b)** are Public Works' items and will be discussed in Public Works' Committee; that **Ordinance (a) under Final Reading** is also Public Works and will be discussed in committee.

Resolution (a) will be discussed in Public Works' Committee. **Resolution (b)** authorizes payment to the Tennessee Municipal League for 2008-2009 Annual Membership dues in the amount of \$24,252.00.

Councilman Robinson asked under this new process, if the Ordinance on Winding Way is on the agenda for this evening?

Resolution © authorizes the Chief of Police to apply for a grant from the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$187,841.46 to be used for child passenger safety and booster set use, requiring no local matching funds. Councilman Page asked what this Grant would be used for? It was noted that no one from the Police Department was present at this time. Mr. Johnson stated that it was for booster seats.

Resolutions (d) and (e) authorize Memorandum of Understandings. Mr. Johnson noted that there would be a third one on the agenda next week regarding a Communications System Agreement with Motorola, Inc.

Resolution (f) authorizes a contract with the Chattanooga Convention Center for use of facilities to host the 10th Annual Neighborhoods Conference scheduled for October 9-10, 2008, for an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00. Mr. Johnson noted that Beverly Johnson was present to answer any questions; that they separated the conferences of Codes and Neighborhoods; that the Codes Conference was held last week—that these are annual affairs.

Councilman Benson asked if the cost was more if they were separate? Ms. Johnson responded “no”.

Mr. Johnson noted that **Resolutions (g) through (k)** were Public Works’ items.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.