In the absence of Chairman Bennett, the Agenda Meeting was called to order by Councilman Benson. Councilmen Rico, Robinson, Berz, Page, Shockley, and Pierce were present. Councilwoman Gaines joined the meeting later. City Attorneys Randall Nelson and Phil Noblett and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.


Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over purchases, beginning with a Requirements Contract for Waterborne Traffic Paint for Public Works from Ennis Paint, Inc. based upon the unit prices.

The second purchase was for a Blanket Agreement for City-Wide Car Wash Services from Greene’s Finish Line Car Wash, Just 4 U Auto Care Service, King of Kleen Car Wash and Plaza Car Wash, based upon the unit price of $8.50 per wash. Councilwoman Berz wanted to know the total amount per year and was told around $15,000.00. She also asked about the total of the Paint Contract and was told about $18,500. Councilman Page noted that we have some great technology in car washes and one can get a heck of a car wash for $3.00. Mr. Paul Page responded that for a layout interior it is usually about $10.00. Councilman Page stated that he thought most people cleaned out their own car—that he did. Mr Paul. Page stated that if we could alter the situation where city employees would clean their cars that he would re-bid this. Councilwoman Berz asked which city employees this included and was told all that work for the City that drive city-owned cars. Councilman Page still contended that he cleaned the inside of his own car and it only cost $3.00 to wash the outside. Councilman Shockley noted that in the case of city cars, you have more than one person using the car, which might make a difference, prompting Councilman Page to note that then there would be more people to clean the car.

Councilwoman Berz noted that we were not voting now, but in the spirit of doing like everyone else does, she would like to encourage city employees to work towards cleanliness and to clean out their cars like the rest of us do.

Paul Page stated that he would get this message out, under his own name, for employees to keep their cars clean.
Mr. Johnson continued with purchase #3, which is an Aerial Bucket Truck for Public Works from Altec Industries, Inc. in the amount of $79,712.00. Purchase #4 was for an After-Cooler Tube Bundle Assembly for Public Works from R.P.Adams Co., Inc. in the amount of $30,320.00.

Mr. Johnson noted that the first three Ordinances for Final Reading were discussed last week in Public Works.

Ordinance, First Reading, concerning distance restrictions for the sale of beer or other beverages of like alcoholic content in the area of Warner Park will be discussed later in committee meeting.

Resolution (a) authorizes acceptance of a donation from the Hamilton County in the amount of $10,000.00 for the Heritage House Project. Councilman Benson explained that this came from Larry Henry’s discretionary money.

Resolution (b) authorizes payment to Raines Brothers in an amount not to exceed $252,751.51 for additions and changes relative to the City Hall Renovation Contract. Councilman Pierce questioned why this was so late? Mr. Johnson explained that it related to some “punch items” that they had been fighting about. Mr. Paul Page added that this was final—that a new roof was needed because the roof was in bad shape; that furniture was also built inside the building, and we did not have to hire an architect to design it; that roof should have been in the initial bid.

Resolution © authorizes and Agreement Amendment with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc. relative to the Summit Softball Complex Project to provide additional on-site project representation services, increasing the contract by $71,635.00 for a revised contract amount not to exceed $959,173.00. Mr. Johnson stated that this would be discussed later in committee.

Resolution (e) concerning Stringer’s Ridge will be discussed later in committee.

Resolution (f) authorizes designating a portion of Broad Street as “Luther Masingill Parkway”. Councilman Rico stated that this would probably be tabled; that the Mayor thinks there is a more appropriate way to handle this.
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Ordinance First Reading (a), Traffic Incident and Management Service Ordinance, will be discussed today in the Legal and Legislative Committee.

Ordinance (b), a Closure and Abandonment will be discussed in Public Works Committee next week.

Ordinance © is a rezoning from R-1 to R-4 for Mehdi Malekzadeh will be deferred for six months for final plans.

Ordinances (d) and (e) are closures and abandonments and will be discussed in the Public Works committee next week.

Councilman Pierce went back to Ordinance ©, which was recommended for denial by Planning, questioning why it would be deferred for six months?

Councilman Benson explained that they wanted to wait until the road is completed.

Councilman Pierce wanted to know why Planning was recommending denial? Councilman Benson stated that in six months, they would still be recommending denial.

Attorney Nelson stated that if it were tabled six months, it would come back as is.

Councilman Benson stated that their lawyer was asking us not to deny this but wanted it postponed.

Councilman Pierce stated that Attorney Nelson had a strange look on his face and wanted to know if he was comfortable with delaying this for six months? Attorney Nelson responded that he did not like rezonings to be postponed forever but apparently there is a reason this time.

Mr. Johnson stated that the remaining Ordinances were rezonings, and we don’t discuss Planning items.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she would like to have some knowledge upon the screen concerningzonings so that the Council would know how to vote; that as it is now, the Council is left until the last minute to know about problems and to have some prior information would allow the Council to make a more intelligent vote on zonings; that she thought we should use this time to see what is happening without taking a vote.

Councilman Benson stated that it would need to be advertised to the public.
Councilman Page explained the Council’s stance on this—that one party of a zoning issue would show up at committee and not the other, and it was not balanced—that it was like a mini-hearing before a hearing, and it needed to be in public with ample time for everyone to talk. He stated that there was a lot of time available for each councilperson to meet with the Planning people and the neighborhoods prior to the hearing, and we decided it should not be heard in committees but should be a public hearing.

Councilman Benson added that a lot of time older people are involved, and it is hard for them to make two trips down here.

Councilwoman Berz still maintained that to those of us who have to take a vote, visuals are important; that we have full information on the agenda a week ahead of time, and the Council needs to see what we are talking about; that being on the agenda is public notice and people can choose whether to be here or not; that we need to give this thoughtful consideration.

Councilman Pierce stated that he would have to support Councilman Page on this; that sometimes councilpersons are not at committee meetings and then at the regular Council meeting, we have to go over the same thing again; that we are making the committees a mini-council meeting; that any questions need to be addressed at the Council meeting.

Councilwoman Berz still felt that we should go over these cases verbally at this time and learn the details.

Councilman Pierce stated that questions could be asked in the Council meeting; that we could go through the committees with this in ten minutes and people still will not know because they were not in the committee meeting.

Councilwoman Berz stated that the Council in relation to rezonings were making decisions about peoples’ lives and professions and that visuals are good to allow councilmembers to think about the cases for a week instead of just hearing about them at one meeting.

Councilman Benson noted that everyone was supposed to get a package from the City Attorney’s office and each councilperson could ask Planning to go over their cases with them. Councilwoman Berz responded that she was not just interested in the cases in her district but the cases all over the city.
Resolution (a) authorizes conveying a tract of land located at 3501 Central Ave. to Hamilton County for remediation and then re-conveying the property back to the City for use as a park and playground for residents of Alton Park. Councilman Pierce asked where this was and was told it was the Bell School. He stated that he would get with Mr. Paul Page on this later.

Resolution (b) declares a surveillance van as surplus property and authorizing sale to Tactical Technologies, Inc. and accepting a donation of equipment from Tactical Technologies, Inc. with a total retail value of $4,713.00. The question arose as to whether this needed to be re-worded. Attorney Nelson explained that this was not the preferred way but “a” way—that this van has a specialized use, and we do not want it to fall under just anyone’s hands; that the van is worth about $2,400, and in exchange we are getting for $1.00, $4,713.00 worth of equipment, which is good for the City. He reiterated that this was not the preferred way.

Resolution (c) authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chattanooga Eastside Task Force for use of the Avondale, Carver, and Glenwood Recreation Centers to provide positive cultural programs and activities for the area youth as part of the East Chattanooga Weed and Seed Program.

Mr. Johnson stated that the remainder of the Resolutions would be discussed at next week’s Public Works’ committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.