

**AGENDA (WORK) SESSION**  
**February 3, 2009**  
**3:00 P.M.**

Chairman Bennett called the Agenda (Work) Session to order with Councilmen Rico, Gaines, Berz, Gilbert, Benson, Robinson, Page and Pierce present. City Attorney Michael McMahan, Management Analyst Randy Burns, and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Richard Beeland, Susan DuBose, Jerry Stewart, Jim Templeton, Dennis Malone, Doug Kelley, Steve Leach, Lee Norris, Daisy Madison, Yuen Lee and Larry Zehnder. Ass't Chief Parker joined the meeting later.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over tonight's purchases. The first was for the Library and Internet Service Annual Blanket Contract, with AT&T, estimated cost being \$66,854.80. There was some discussion by Councilwoman Robinson as to why AT&T was chosen over the Electric Power Board. The second purchase was for Public Works and was an Annual Blanket Contract for Chainsaw Supplies, with dual contracts with Roll-Aid Industrial Supply Co. and Walter A. Wood Co. The estimated cost for the past contract (3-year Contract) was \$18,542.00. Mr. Johnson explained that the reason for a dual contract was that each company is on a different end of town, which makes for convenience. The third purchase was also for Public Works and was an Annual Blanket Contract for Uniform Rental from Ameri-Pride Uniform Service. The estimated cost for the past contract (3-year) was \$217,130.00.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she would like to have the justification for these purchases attached behind the report that was provided by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson responded that this information was in the Council's packet.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she wanted this back-up so that she would know what she was voting on.

Councilman Gilbert wanted to know how the specific companies that received bids was determined? Mr. Johnson responded that we usually solicit people that are on file. Councilman Gilbert stated that he would like to have the list of all the companies that were sent bids put on the sheet that Mr. Johnson provides. Mr. Johnson stated that he could tell the Purchasing Dept. to list all the companies, but he was not sure this was pertinent information. Councilman Gilbert still desired that this be put on the sheet that was handed out.

Councilwoman Gaines stated that she thought this information was in the packet that was sent out by the City Attorney's Office but was told that this was incorrect.

Councilwoman Berz stated that this was something that she was asked to vote on—that she did not think there was anything nefarious going on but that she would like to have everything attached and would like to have the back-up. (Councilman Rico questioned the word “nefarious” and Councilwoman Berz promised to not use “big” words anymore!!)

Councilman Pierce stated that he thought the back-up was just the lowest and best bid.

Councilman Gilbert stated that he wanted to see who was bidding.

Councilman Benson stated that he thought Councilman Gilbert was wanting to know who the City requested to make bids.

Councilman Gilbert stated that on tonight’s sheet it lists five bids requested, and he wanted to see the names of the five on this sheet so he would know the ones that did not get the bid.

Councilman Benson noted that the Council could look over all the details if we had plenty of time.

Councilman Gilbert stated that he knew this would involve a lot of paperwork.

Mr. Johnson noted that there would be one Board Appointment tonight—**Katie Reinsmidt** to the **General Pension Board**.

Mr. Johnson proceeded with the agenda—**Ordinance VI(a)** which is closure and abandonment for Tony Devaughn in the 3500 Block of Central Ave. This will be discussed the Public Works Committee.

**Resolution (b)** authorizes payment in the amount of \$2,639.39 to Widgets and Stone (Marketing Firm) for promotion campaign for library visioning event, amount exceeding \$10,000 per vendor limit. Mr. Johnson explained that he was asked to talk to the County about their participating in this cost. He stated that he did talk to Mayor Ramsey, who was in Long Boat Key, Florida and posed the question about splitting the cost, and he (Mayor Ramsey) actually thought it was funny, stating that it was the Mayor’s initiative, and the County appreciated this but “no” they would not share in the cost.

Councilman Benson, who had asked that Mr. Johnson contact the County, noted that he would have to vote for this because we can’t let the Library down; that the Agreement with the County was made in 1964 and would be coming up in two years to be renewed or changed; that the City had paid for this Study. He went on to say that the Library is suffering because the County is not living up to their request, and the City does not have much choice. He stated that we really needed to look at this.

Chairman Bennett asked Councilwoman Robinson if she knew any more about the Library Report. Councilwoman Robinson indicated that it would be about two more weeks.

Councilman Rico stated that the Library does not have the needed funds but that they did not give the City credit for what we are doing.

Councilman Benson stated that they were getting behind because of the County.

**Resolution 7©** is a change order relative to the Warner Park Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Facility with Haren Construction Co., Inc. and will be discussed in the Public Works Committee following this meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

**Ordinance 6(a)** First Reading, amends the City Code to clarify the effective date of additional payments for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan election.

Ms. Madison explained that the Council amended the Drop Provision and gave an option to some personnel to remain in the Plan, with the request having to be made by December 31, 2008, costing an extra 10%. She explained that the language was unclear and with our new payroll system, we can't make this happen—that it should be by the end of February; that we would make this effective after January 31<sup>st</sup>—the first pay period after January 31<sup>st</sup>. She stated that this just clarifies the effective date for people who elected the option.

Mr. Johnson noted that Ordinances (b), (c), and (d) are zoning Ordinances.

**Resolution (a)** authorizes the Fire Dept. to enter into a contract with Surplus A Porta Count Plus Fit/Test machine to be traded in on new equipment.

**Resolutions (b) through (e)** are Public Works' items and will be discussed in the Public Works' committee.

**Resolution (f)** is an Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County for Homeland Security Grant funds awarded by the U.S. Government and to be used by the Fire Dept. for the purchase of approved Homeland Security Training Equipment and supplies in the amount of \$321,221.00 and also by the Police Dept. for the purchase of a chemical response vehicle in the amount of \$198,922.50 for a total amount not to exceed \$520,143.50. Mr. Johnson noted that this passes through the County and gives the Mayor authority.

Councilwoman Robinson wanted to know if when we get these funds if they are scheduled as receivables or is this an add-on when we get extra money?

Ass't. Chief Randy Parker stated that he thought this was in the Capital Budget.

Ms. Madison explained that sometimes it is not; that in this case, nothing is required; that sometimes it goes into Special Type Funds.

Chief Parker noted that there were very strict rules about these funds.

Councilwoman Robinson wanted to know if when Departments bring in their Budgets and show the amounts, are these funds included?

Ms. Madison explained that Grant funds are not included in the Budget but in Special Funds; that Special Funds are allocated in the Budget; that these type funds are not part of the normal operations.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if this caused the Department's Budget to be reduced and was told "no".

Ms. Madison went on to explain that if they knew they would have a Grant coming that they would include this as part of the Capital Budget but not if a Grant was just applied for.

Councilman Page stated that he would like to know more about what this money would be used for?

Chief Parker stated that he was not sure what the Police Dept. would use the money for but the Fire Department would purchase Foam Trailers.

Councilman Page pointed out that there was a "typo" in Resolution (f) on the fourth line—that the word was "sued" and it should be "used".

**Resolution (g)** adopts the Martin Luther King (MLK) Community Plan.

**Resolution (h)** is a Special Exceptions Permit for a Home for the Handicapped for Katherine Anderson at 1411 Arlington Ave. There was no opposition on this.

**Resolution (i)** concerns a name change and will be discussed in Public Works Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.