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

Others present included Larry Zehnder, Steve Leach, Dennis Malone, Jerry Stewart, Mark Keil, Dan Johnson, Paul Page, Greg Haynes, Fire Marshall Haney, Barry Bennett, and Lee Norris. Daisy Madison and Chief Dodd joined the meeting later.

Chairman Bennett acknowledged that Mr. Johnson was present to review the agenda.

First of all, Mr. Johnson noted that there would be a Zoning Appeals Board member up for approval at tonight’s Council meeting; that person being Sonny Moore.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over purchases, beginning with a purchase of an HVAC Services for General Services from Mountain City Services in the amount of $5,529.36. The second purchase was for the Public Works Dept. and was an Inventory Scanner System. He asked that all bids be rejected because the specifications were in error. The third purchase was for General Services and was for Bulk Fuel Loading from Jat Oil, Inc. in the amount of $10,508.71. Mr. Paul Page was present and explained that this was a loading issue and is a small amount per year—that we go this route rather than driving a dozer down. The fourth purchase was Purchase of Software for Public Works from Environmental Systems Research and is a single source purchase in the amount of $27,959.17. The next purchase was an Annual Blanket Contract for Small Hand Tools for Public Works from Ram Tool & Supply and MSC Industrial Supply based on item unit prices bid, estimated to be $17,000 annually. Next was a purchase of a Software Maintenance and Support Services for the Mayor’s Office in the amount of $15,652.77. Chairman Bennett asked if the Software was the same company for Public Works and the Mayor’s Office. Mr. Johnson responded “no”. Councilman Page asked if this was Oracle and was also told “no”. The next purchase was an Annual Blanket Contract for Wooden Poles for Public Works from Apalachee Pole Co. in the amount of $4,690.00. Following was the emergency purchase of Transformer Repair for Public Works from the Electric Power Board in the amount of $12,670.51. Lastly was the purchase of radios for General Services from Daniels Electronics, LTD in the amount of $18,054.00. This is a State Wide Contract.

Chairman Bennett asked if there were any questions about the purchases. Since there were none, she stated that we would move forward.
At this point, Attorney McMahan mentioned a Resolution that will be on next week’s agenda that authorizes General Services to enter into an Agreement with Motorola, Inc. to purchase Radio Communications Equipment under the State Contract in an amount not to exceed $1,995,872.00. He explained that after the first of the month, this would go up and to save money, we needed to do this now. Mr. Paul Page added that this was a secondary contract and part of a Grant. Councilman Pierce questioned it being part of a Grant. Mr. Page responded that it was a $16 million dollar Grant. He further added that this would allow for calls to come in for emergencies including Knoxville and three in Georgia.

Attorney McMahan went over Resolution (g) on next week’s agenda that authorizes the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County relative to GIS addressing in an amount not to exceed $62,000.00. This was added by special permission.

Attorney McMahan also mentioned that Ms. Madison had been working with the Airport to execute an Airport Operation Service Contract with the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority with respect to refunding existing Airport Bonds. They will be refinancing to save money and need the City to guarantee.

At this point, Mr. Johnson directed attention back to the Agenda for March 24th, Page 4, specifically Ordinance (a) which closes and abandons the 400 and 500 Blocks of Walnut Street and the 100 and 200 Blocks of 4th St., which is relevant to Provident. Ordinances (b), (c) and (d) will be covered in next week’s Public Works Committee.

Mr. Johnson then proceeded to Resolutions, beginning with Resolution (a) that awards a Contract for the Warner Park Ball Field Complex, Phase II Landscaping to Outdoor, Inc. in the amount of $49,321.64, plus a contingency amount of $9,865.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed $59,185.64.

Resolution (b) authorizes the Chief of Police to apply for and accept a grant from the City of Knoxville in the amount of $5,641.00 to be used for the investigation of gang and gun related crimes.

Resolution (c) authorizes an Interlocal Agreement with the Health, Educational, and Housing Facility Board, the Industrial Development Board and any other interested governmental entities relative to the construction of a Training Facility on the Volkswagen site. Attorney McMahan explained an MOU with Volkswagen and the State to build the Training Facility; the money will be authorized through the Health, Educational and Housing facility Board because they are the only City body that can handle this. The Industrial Development Board will handle all the other money. He noted that the Industrial Development Board meets every Tuesday; through EMJ, we have on-site supervision with this three party Agreement.
Councilman Page asked what HEB stood for and was told Health, Educational, and Housing Facility Board. He asked if this included the County and was told by Attorney McMahan that this is a City Board; that it is somewhat like IDB (Industrial Development Board) but more limited in scope.

**Resolutions (d), (e) and (f)** are Public Works’ related and will be discussed next week.

Chairman Bennett advised that we could move forward with the Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.