

AGENDA (WORK) SESSION
March 24, 2009
3:00 P.M.

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

Others present included Dan Johnson, Steve Leach, Barbara Readnower, Dennis Malone, Jerry Stewart, Joachim Volz, Gary Hilbert, Daisy Madison, Jim Templeton, Lee Norris, Richard Beeland, Greg Haynes, Karen Rennich, Larry Zehnder, Missy Crutchfield, Chief Randy Parker, Barry Bennett, and Paul Page.

Chairman Bennett called the Work Session to order and stated that Kenny Smith had asked to speak first.

Mr. Smith stated that we were talking last week about a stand-alone Technical School, mentioning building credits from Chattanooga State with the Training Center. He stated that Dr. Barrett of Chattanooga State was present today to tell the Council that Chattanooga State is on the cutting edge.

Dr. Barrett thanked the Council for the work they were doing to help this community. He mentioned that Chattanooga State had two divisions—a Technology Dept. and the Tennessee Technical Center; that they had put \$1.3 million dollars into these two departments to upgrade their equipment. He mentioned that they had 12 degrees associated with the Engineering Technology Dept. and that they were up to date. The Tennessee Technical Center has a 22 Diploma Program and 8 Certified Programs and are up to date.

He went on to explain how they took an aggressive approach to keep their curriculum up to date, first mentioning that they worked closely with the Chamber of Commerce, who contacted them when they had out of town people to tour Chattanooga State's Technical Lab and Program. He mentioned that one of the last companies discussed paint booths and handling water-based paints and that Chattanooga State made sure they got these booths in; that in the Fall semester there would be new paint booths for any size of vehicle.

Secondly, Dr. Barrett mentioned that Volkswagen had come to them and said that they would be using Siemens controls and Chattanooga State used Allen Bradley controls and now that Chattanooga State would be working with Volkswagen they had decided to invest in Siemens technology and had now purchased equipment and software. He mentioned that they went down to Atlanta to be trained.

Dr. Barrett next mentioned that these were two brief examples of how they were keeping up to speed; that they wanted their workers to be the best people they could be. He noted that some questions arose at the last meeting and Chattanooga State wanted the community to get the correct information—that they were up to speed with the latest technology on the market today.

Chairman Bennett thanked Dr. Barrett, stating that the Council appreciated his visit. She then directed attention to the amended Agenda, noting that any changes were in bold face.

Dan Johnson mentioned changes from the old agenda, pointing out that 6(b) on next week's agenda was now 6(e) on tonight's agenda. Also 6(a) and 7(k) on next week's agenda have been pulled.

Under Ordinances First Reading tonight, Ordinances (a) thru (e) are all Public Works' items and will be discussed later.

Resolution (a) authorizing a contract for the Warner Park Ball Field Complex to Outdoor, Inc. was discussed last week. Also **Resolution (b)** authorizing the Chief of Police to apply for and accept a Grant from Knoxville for gang and gun related crimes was discussed last week. **Resolutions (c) through (g)** are Public Works' related and will be covered by the Public Works Committee.

Resolution (h) authorizing General Services to enter into an Agreement with Motorola, Inc. was covered last week.

Resolution (i) imploring the Board of Education to study and consider establishing a stand-alone technical vocational school near the center of Chattanooga was authorized last week to go on this week's agenda.

Resolution (j) authorizes an Airport Operation Service Contract with the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority with respect to refunding existing airport bonds and was covered by Daisy Madison last week.

Councilman Benson mentioned that the technical vocational school in Resolution (i) should be near the center of town.

Resolution (k) authorizing a bid of Eastman Construction in an amount not to exceed \$67,390.00 for the renovation of Heritage House was moved forward from next week's agenda and will be discussed by Steve Leach in his committee.

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Resolutions (a) through (g) will be discussed in the Public Works committee.

Resolution (b) authorizes a change order relative to the Friars Poe Branch Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study with Arcadis, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000.00 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$167,000.00.

Resolution (i) authorizes Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with Barney & Worth, Inc. to revise the 2003 Public Art Plan, and Larry Zehnder will talk about this in the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. **Resolution (j)** regarding First Tee will also be covered in the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Resolution (k) authorizes the acquisition of a tract of land located at 4501 St. Elmo Ave. for the amount of delinquent taxes owed and authorizes this to be done. This is an old Fire Hall.

Mr. Johnson next went over purchases, beginning with a purchase of a contract for Fire Hose for the Fire Dept. from Tactical Fire Equipment in the amount of \$15,329.74. This is the next lowest bid—the delivery schedule made the difference. Purchase #2 was for the Library's Annual Maintenance Contract from CARL Corporation of Inwood in the amount of \$10,412.84. The third purchase was for General Services' Blanket Contract for Fuel Supply from Jat Oil, Inc., estimated to be \$423,360 annually. Councilman Page asked if this was a future cost? Paul Page stated that it was for bulk oil—that we did \$10,000 of this last week; that it is dumped into trucks, and this is the annual cost and is based on \$.02 lower than the posted price.

Mr. Johnson next covered Board Appointment, correcting the term of Ms. Patsy Hazlewood on the Enterprise Center Board of Directors to expire at the annual meeting in 2011. Mr. Ron Loving was appointed to serve on the Enterprise Center Board of Directors until 2012. Mr. Moses Freeman was reappointed to the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority Board for a term to expire March 24, 2012. Robert McKamey was reappointed to serve on the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority Board for a term to expire March 24, 2012.

There being no questions, these items will move forward.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

