Vice Chairman Benson called the Agenda (Work) Session to order, with Councilpersons Berz, Robinson, Gilbert, Scott, McGary, Rico, Ladd and Murphy present. City Attorneys Michael McMahan and Phil Noblett and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present include Dan Johnson, Sandy Coulter, Missy Crutchfield, Greg Haynes, Paul Page, Debie Mikel, Lee Norris, Dennis Malone, Jim Templeton, Chief Williams, Jerry Stewart, David Johnson, Steve Leach, Arnold Hooper and Richard Beeland. Daisy Madison, Beverly Johnson, Barry Bennett and Chief Parker joined the meeting later.

Vice Chairman Benson called on Dan Johnson to go over tonight’s agenda. Mr. Johnson noted that Ordinances (a) and (b) had been discussed last week and dealt with definitions. Ordinance (c) provides for a Revocable Special Exceptions Permit for Non-Profit Heritage Educational Facilities. It was explained that this establishes a new zone for the Nature Park by way of a Special Permit. Mr. Johnson stated that Greg Haynes was present if there were any questions. Attorney McMahan noted that even though this Ordinance is still on the agenda that the Council voted against it last week and this will be handled by a Special Permit under Resolutions.

Councilwoman Scott wanted to know what this means?

Greg Haynes, Director of RPA, explained that there was originally a zoning case asking that this be rezoned to R-4 at the Nature Center; that the property would be used for an elevated cabin that would be rented out; that this was brought to the attention of the Inspection Dept. that there was a need to rezone and application was made to rezone to R-4; that Inspection talked to the Planning Staff, and they agreed with Inspection; however, after looking more closely, they felt this was too strong an approach and the neighbors agreed—that R-4 was not appropriate. The property is now zoned R-1. A Special Permit process was created for this use. He explained that last week there was a zoning case regarding this, and it was requested that this be denied but that a new Special Permit be approved.

Dan Johnson stated that Ordinance (c) should not be on this agenda.

He then continued with Ordinances (d) thru (h), which are all zoning matters. He explained that the Council’s policy is not to discuss zoning matters in Committee but to have Public Hearings at the Council meeting.

Vice Chairman Benson noted that these are all second readings and usually there is not much discussion on final readings.
At this point, Adm. Leach noted that **Ordinance (c)** was an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, rather than a rezoning, and should be approved. He reiterated that Ordinance (c) needs to remain on the Agenda because it is there to approve the Special Permit process and is something that allows us to give a Special Permit.

Councilwoman Berz noted that Greg Haynes wanted to say something.

Mr. Haynes agreed that **Ordinance (c)** does need to stay on the Agenda because it does allow for the Special Permit. He noted that the Special Permit was approved last week on first reading. Adm. Leach added that it was the zoning case that was denied.

Adm. Leach stated that on Ordinance (g) **Flournoy Development Co.**, special changes were made and that these are highlighted. (A copy of the Ordinance was passed out with these changes and is made a part of this minute material).

Mr. Johnson suggested that we go over these changes right now rather than tonight.

Vice Chairman Benson added that these changes were made public, and there is nothing new.

Mr. Haynes explained that all of the changes are in **bold** print that were added since last week. He then proceeded to go over the changes, beginning with **Condition 13** that required the most changes. It depicts the Landscape Buffer along Panorama Drive. He stated that there would be a drawing with this at tonight’s meeting; that supporters were here last week, and they were trying to satisfy the people who were most impacted by this. **Conditions 18 and 19** contains changes that Public Works asked to be inserted concerning slopes and how they are to be constructed. **Condition 22** concerns trees and where they are placed on the site. Mr. Haynes explained that these conditions were adjusted since last week.

Vice Chairman Benson explained that this was an eight year negotiation and all that are surrounding this are 100% for these conditions; that the property has already been rezoned and these are just changes in the conditions.

Mr. Haynes reiterated that he would make copy of the site plan.

Mr. Johnson continued with the Agenda, explaining that **Ordinance (a) First Reading** was a rezoning issue.
Mr. Johnson then proceeded with Resolutions. **Resolution (a),** he stated, should not be on tonight’s agenda. This concerns an agreement with Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc. to provide professional design services for expansion of the existing Heritage Park at 1428 Jenkins Road in the amount of $24,550 with a contingency amount of $2,000, not to exceed $26,550.00. Mr. Johnson explained that all professional contracts will be going through a committee so that the City can get a wider distribution; that this particular agreement did not go before the committee but has now gone through it and has been turned down. The City will now go back and look at others.

Vice Chairman Benson asked who was on this committee? Mr. Johnson responded that it consisted of Paul Page, himself, a representative of the Purchasing Dept., Al Chapman, and the Department Head who was asking for the agreement or contract. Vice Chairman Benson asked if this should be withdrawn and was told “yes”.

**Resolution (b)** is the appointment of Scott Sargraves as special policeman (unarmed) for the City of Chattanooga Land Development Office to do special duty as prescribed, subject to certain conditions.

**Resolutions (c) and (d)** both have to do with Lease Agreements for Tower Sites and are rental agreements. These have to do with the Public Safety Interoperable Communications System. Mr. Johnson mentioned a $16 million dollar grant for Tennessee and parts of Georgia. He stated that if there were further questions that Paul Page was present.

Mr. Page deferred to **Arnold Hooper,** Director of Electronic Communications, who explained that there is a proposal for a Grant to cover nine (9) counties in Tennessee and this is for tower sites—we have purchased equipment and there will be two more in a couple of months.

Councilwoman Scott asked if we would own these towers? Mr. Hooper responded that these are leases; that one tower is in existence in Bradley County and Cleveland; that they will purchase this after the Grant period is over, and we will not have an additional lease after the Grant period—that this is only for 21 months and is in connection with Homeland Security. He went on to explain that one would be able to hear everything, even in Knoxville; that if there was a major pursuit, there would be mutual aid channels for all to hear what is going on, which is much better. Councilwoman Scott asked if all expenses would come from the Grant and if Mr. Hooper anticipated any further expense? Mr. Hooper responded that there is an association of counties and that we have established an Advisory Committee and all share an equal burden of cost—that sharing the burden drives the cost down for everyone.

Vice Chairman Benson confirmed that this was nine counties and asked who the lead county was?
Mr. Hooper responded that Georgia is involved; that we are the lead county in Tennessee and that in Georgia it is Catoosa County. He went on to add that there is no match needed for this grant.

Mr. Johnson added that the Georgia counties are paying to come on.

Councilwoman Scott asked about the contract rental to lease? Mr. Hooper explained that one is in Bradley County, they will purchase this site—that they want this site, and it drives the cost down for us to lease; that they actually want to purchase this, and it helps us.

Mr. Johnson continued with Resolution (e), which is a Public Works’ item.

Resolution (f) requests that the Legislature of the State of Tennessee adopt legislation promoted by the Tennessee Public Safety Coalition which would enhance the penalties for certain violent crimes and provide for an increased number of prosecutors to enforce these laws. All four major Tennessee cities are trying to get this passed for stiffer penalties.

Resolutions (g) thru (p) are Public Works’ items.

Vice Chairman Benson asked that Mr. Johnson go over next week’s agenda fast.

Mr. Johnson stated that Ordinance 6(a) First Reading is a franchise for Provident Life and Accident Ins. Co.

Resolution 7(a) adopts a mission statement for the Council. Resolution (b) authorizes payment to the consultant team of June Garcia and Susan Kent relative to the Mayor’s Library Task Force in the amount of $1,617.00 for additional travel expenses. Resolution (c) is a Public Works’ item.

Councilwoman Berz stated that her statement is in regards to something that she will address at tonight’s meeting; that it is in regards to the Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, which is on next week’s agenda. Also the Finance Committee had asked that Council members have names that they would like to suggest for the Auditor Committee. She stated that she would like these two issues postponed because we have new people on the Council who would like to have input. She asked the Council’s pleasure in postponing these two issues until the new members have an opportunity to give their full input. She went on to say that she would have a Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. next week (April 28th) to deal with both of these issues; that she would like to have some direction as to the timeframe for these issues.

Councilman Rico asked how long the new members would need? Councilwoman Scott stated that there were several things she would like to talk about.
Councilwoman Berz went over the motion that she would make at tonight’s meeting—that there were two items that had been discussed previously and were supposed to be finalized on April 28th—one is the Mission Statement and the other is finalizing the Auditor Committee relating to the Council Auditor position. She would mention the amount of response time needed for the new people to bring them up to “snuff”; that this meeting would occur at 2:00 p.m. next week to discuss these two issues and at that time the Council will decide when the time frame will be; that we need to give the new guys time to have full input and at the meeting on Tuesday, we will postpone the dates.

Councilwoman Ladd stated that she was very appreciative of this action.

Councilman Murphy suggested one week for the auditor committee and two weeks for the Mission Statement.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she would make the motion at tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Johnson mentioned a Board Appointment that will come forward at tonight’s meeting. Councilwoman Scott stated that she assumed we would vote on that individual for a Board appointment, stating that she knew nothing about this person.

Mr. Johnson explained to her that there was a resume in her packet.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.