

AGENDA (WORK) SESSION

May 12, 2009

3:05 P.M.

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

Others present included Daisy Madison, Vicki Haley, Dan Johnson, Susan DuBose, Richard Beeland, Beverly Johnson, Sandra Gober, Jerry Stewart, Steve Leach, Lee Norris, Greg Haynes, Barry Bennett, Dickie Hutsell, Paul Page, Dennis Malone, Gary Hilbert, Larry Zehnder, and Chief Haney. Mayor Littlefield joined the meeting later.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Before the meeting began, Chairman Benson noted that we had with us representatives of the Federal Highway Dept. and also TDOT that wished to speak prior to the agenda session. He recognized **Pam Heniess** with the Federal Highway Dept. and **Bob Brown** with TDOT. He noted that Mr. Brown also had guests with him.

Mr. Brown stated that he would like to commend the Mayor and the Council and also the Beer and Wrecker Board on this Quick Recovery Ordinance.

Ms. Heniess spoke next, stating that it was her pleasure to present a letter to Mayor Littlefield on behalf of the US Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. She proceeded to read the letter that outlined the great example of the Chattanooga Traffic Incident Management Services and extended congratulations to the City Council, the Beer and Wrecker Board and all others who contributed toward improving safety and mobility on Tennessee Highways. (This letter is made a part of the minute material). She noted that this was all accomplished under the leadership of Councilman Jack Benson and served as a standard for all the United States to follow. She thanked everyone.

Chairman Benson stated that along with Pam Heniess and Bob Brown, we also had some of the members of the Beer and Wrecker Board with us, recognizing Cathy Jones from District 2, Phil Sallee from District 4, and Ron Smith from District 6. He asked Bob Brown to say a few words.

Mr. Brown thanked everyone for their support, stating that our roadways are safer now due to the cooperation of all. He also personally thanked Councilman Benson and Bob VanHorn, who would not let this issue die. He presented a letter to Mayor Littlefield from Gerald F. Nicely, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, which is made a part of this minute material.

Mayor Littlefield thanked everyone who was responsible for achieving this honor, stating that the new Councilmembers would learn that there are few things more difficult to deal with than wreckers, because everyone has an opinion. He went on to say that there is no more of a thankless job than that of the Beer and Wrecker Board and that they, along with the City Attorney and his staff, led us through this. He stated that all of this started way back when he was on the Council (seven years or so), and we were not through yet. He noted that we have a home company that builds equipment (Miller Industries). He thanked everyone for this honor and for staying ahead of the pack. He submitted the letters to Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, for the permanent record.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 12, 2009

Chairman Benson asked Dan Johnson to go over the agenda. Mr. Johnson noted that Ordinances on Final Reading were covered last week. **Ordinances (a), (b), and (c)** First Reading are all zoning changes. He stated that these would be discussed in the following Legal and Legislative Committee meeting. Chairman Benson confirmed that changes to the City Code would be addressed in Legal and Legislative.

Ordinance (e) is relative to changes in the Advisory Board of Multicultural Affairs.

Ordinances (f) and (g) are zoning matters.

Resolution (a) authorizes a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program for \$1,129,869.00, which will be used to hire and buy uniforms for 20 part-time police service technicians who will be assigned in positions that will supplement sworn police officers.

Resolutions (b), (c) and (d) are Public Works' related and were discussed last week.

On **Resolution (b)**, rescinding Resolution No. 25876 and authorizing execution of documents in an amount of \$3,000,000.00 for Enterprise South Industrial Park Rail Improvements with our match being \$1,500,000.00, Councilwoman Scott noted that the original Ordinance read \$1,000,000 and this was for \$1,500,000. Mr. Johnson explained that this is our share; that this is a \$6,000,000 project and 50% is handled locally and shared equally by the City and the County. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know if all of this was budgeted? Ms. Madison responded that it came out of the \$20 million dollars. Councilwoman Scott acknowledged the first \$1,000,000 and asked if this is a Railroad Bridge over Bonny Oaks?

Adm. Leach responded that this had to be replaced. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know if this was our bridge? The answer was “yes”.

Mr. Johnson stated that **Resolution (e)** would be discussed today in committee.

He read **Resolution (f)** “*A resolution authorizing the appointment of Robert Christopher Clark and Kiri Krupp as special police officers (unarmed) for Animal Care Trust d/b/a McKamey Animal Care and Adoption Center, Inc., to do special duty as prescribed, subject to certain conditions*”.

Resolutions (g), (h), and (i) are Special Exceptions Permits. Councilman Gilbert stated that he would like to discuss Resolution (g) a little bit. Mr. Johnson questioned if we wanted to get into discussion now or in a later committee? Chairman Benson stated that this would be discussed in Legal and Legislative later.

Resolution (j) is a Parks and Recreation item and is an agreement with Lose & Associated, Inc. to provide professional design services for expansion of Heritage Park at 1428 Jenkins Road in East Brainerd in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mr. Johnson stated that Larry Zehnder would cover this.

Resolution (k) authorizes an Application and Agreement to participate in the State of Tennessee Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) as an alternate investment option. Mr. Johnson stated that Daisy Madison was here to discuss this. Councilman McGary asked for a brief overview.

Ms. Madison explained that we invest dollars where we legally can and under the current economic strains, we are getting greater returns with this pool; that they were asking for authorization to use this option when it is presently the best rate for the City.

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Ordinances First Reading are all closures and abandonments and will be discussed in Public Works committee.

Resolution (a) authorizes the redirection of money in the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Act funds to be awarded by HUD. Mr. Johnson stated that Beverly Johnson was present for further explanation.

Ms. Johnson stated that she came in March to present their requests for allocations from the HUD funding; that it was a guesstimate and under HUD's timeline, and they proceeded with what they thought they would be getting; however they actually received more dollars, and their Allocation Committee gave staff approval. This represents the actual dollars that they would be receiving for Fiscal Year 2010.

Resolution (b) authorizes the Dept. of Neighborhood Services and Community Development to submit an application in response to HUD's Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP2) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in an amount not less than \$5,000,000, and, if awarded, to accept and manage the grant funds. Ms. Johnson explained that they received funds for the Stabilization Program (1) in the amount of \$2.1 million dollars (Stimulus funds) and were now in the process of developing a program to spend these dollars in Program (2); that an RFQ had been put out, and they had gone through the process and identified contractors. She stated that they did have a time limit of 18 months, and they were quickly moving ahead and had now sent out a notification for Process (2); that they wanted permission to apply for additional funding so that this can continue; that they wanted to be given authority to proceed with making application, and there is a dead line, which is all out of their control.

PURCHASES

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over purchases, beginning with purchase of network equipment and services for IS from Coleman Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$88,854.58. The next purchase was for Parks & Recreation for the purchase of two Diesel Mowers from Grasshopper Mower in the amount of \$22,614. The next was also for Parks and Recreation for two field finishers from Greenville Turf & Tractor in the amount of \$21,512. The next, also for Parks and Recreation for the purchase of five Gang Rotary Mowers from Smith Turf & Irrigation for \$47,189.52. The last for Park and Recreation was a blanket contract for Athletic Marking Paint from All Stars Sports, estimated to be \$11,000. There was a purchase for the Police Dept. of Motorola Radios & Accessories from Motorola, Inc. of Knoxville for \$253,615.80. Someone asked Mr. Page how many radios this included. He responded that he could not say right off—that they were \$3,100 a piece.

The next purchase was for General Services and was a Blanket Contract for HVAC Preventive Maintenance & Repairs with multiple awards going to Callahan Service Co., Carrier International, Jake Marshall Service and Mountain City Service. Councilwoman Scott stated that she did not think we had ever had a maintenance contract before. Mr. Page responded that that was wrong—that DRC has had one and also the Memorial Auditorium and the Tivoli. Councilwoman Scott confirmed that it had never been citywide. She asked if the \$267,716 was a combination of parts and labor? Mr. Page confirmed that it was everything.

Councilwoman Scott wanted to know what part was labor and what was for parts? Mr. Page could not answer this, stating that we purchase units by themselves. He added that the DRC never went over \$1 million dollars and the contract would not kick in for one year—that it is preventative maintenance. Councilwoman Scott noted that sometimes this is a big amount of work, and she wondered at what point we could bring this in-house and eliminate outside agencies. Mr. Page responded that we have to identify the costs and parts and how we can buy cheaper—that we are not prepared to do this in-house. She asked if chillers were covered. Mr. Page responded “yes”, with Carrier—that they have all of the chillers. Councilwoman Scott noted that chillers are different from compressors. Mr. Page responded “basically yes”.

The next was an emergency purchase for Public Works for an HVAC Unit from Malone Heating & Air in the amount of \$23,368. This will be reported at tonight’s Council meeting.

The last three purchases were all for Public Works. The first being a blanket contract for portable toilets from Port O Toilets Company/Pit Stop Portables in the amount of an estimated cost of \$10,000; the second was for a blanket contract for corrugated metal pipe from Bradley Tank & Pipe in the estimated amount of \$10,000; and the last was a purchase of software maintenance and support service from Bentley Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$13,510.00.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.