AGENDA SESSION
October 6, 2009
3:00 P.M.

The Agenda Session was called to order by Chairman Benson, with Councilmen Rico, Ladd, Scott, Robinson, Murphy, McGary, and Gilbert present. City Attorneys Michael McMahan and Crystal Freiberg were also present, as was Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Chief Williams, Barry Bennett, Jerry Stewart, Gary Hilbert, John VanWinkle, Dennis Malone, Steve Leach, Paul Page, Lee Norris, Mo Minkara, Jim Templeton, Richard Beeland, Frank Wrinn, David Johnson, and Missy Crutchfield. Greta Hayes and Bill Payne joined the meeting later.

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Mr. Johnson noted that Ordinances (c) through (f) on Final Reading were Public Hearings for Annexation issues. Ordinances (a) and (b) First Reading were Annexation Ordinances for Area 10A and Area 10B.

Resolution (a) had already been discussed for the Department of Education, Arts & Culture to negotiate a License Agreement with Chattanooga Public Market, Inc. for Oktoberfest. Councilwoman Scott wanted to make sure she understood this and asked if we were giving $2,500 to Chattanooga Market to manage Oktoberfest? David Johnson explained that Oktoberfest would be generated by revenue and would not cost the City anything. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know if we had done it this way before and was told “no”. She asked if no money were made, would the City have to pay Chattanooga Market the $2,500? Mr. Johnson explained that it would be for things like parking lots, additional security and overtime. Councilwoman Scott asked if there was any estimate of the revenue that might be generated? Ms. Crutchfield added that there was a small charge for parking lots but the proceeds would go to their programs, and they hoped to be able to buy a projector. Councilwoman Scott asked about security and clean-up? Ms. Crutchfield agreed that extra security would be necessary. Councilwoman Scott asked that Ms. Crutchfield bring back financial information after this is over.

Resolutions (b) and (e) are PILOTS and were discussed in Economic Development Committee. Resolution (d) was instituted by Mayor Littlefield and Chairman Benson noted that this would be moved up on tonight’s agenda and would be part of the Mayor’s presentation. Resolution (e) authorizes a special policeman for Erlanger Hospital. Resolution (f) is Public Works’ related and will be discussed later in their meeting.
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Ordinances First Reading (a) and (b) amend the Zoning Ordinance and Barry Bennett noted that they would be discussed in Legal and Legislative Committee next week. Ordinances (c) through (f) are zoning issues.

Resolution (a) authorizes the appointment of Guy Satterfield as a special police officer. Resolution (b) deals with an EPA Grant for Brownfields cleanup of property on Tennessee Ave. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know what we are cleaning up? Frank Wrinn responded “Tennessee Ave.”; that this is commercial frontage and will have the effect of restoring a small wetland. Councilwoman Scott still wanted to know what needs to come off? Mr. Wrinn responded that it was site clean-up; that the person who could explain this was not here—that he did not know what the contaminants were. Councilwoman Scott stated that it looked like three beautiful wooded lots to her. Mr. Wrinn explained that Phase I and Phase II showed contamination—that it could be foundry sand.

Resolution (c) authorizes the Director of General Services to execute a one-year extension of the Eastgate Library property lease, for the amount of $59,046.00 annually. It was noted that this is the same as last year. Councilwoman Scott asked if it came out of their part? Mr. Page noted that it was city-county funds.

Resolution (d) authorizes the exchange of city-owned property located on Mercer St. and Sholar Ave. to John McDonald for property located at 628 Oliver St. Mr. Page explained that this would get a home back on the tax rolls and there would be conditions.

Resolution (e) regards a five year agreement with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the use of the Chattanooga Police facilities to provide training courses and will be covered in the Safety Committee today.

Resolutions (f) through (i) will be covered in the Public Works’ committee later today.

Resolution (j) involves the Brownfield Coalition and a Brownfield Coalition Grant in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000.00. Frank Wrinn stated that Yuen Lee would address this later.

Resolution (k) is for an EPA Brownfields Clean-up Grant for cleanup of the Old 36th Ave. Landfill in an amount up to $200,000.00. Mr. Wrinn stated that basically the community was working on plans because they still have concerns about the ballfields and about kids playing on the site. Mr. Wrinn stated that this site would require monitoring for years. Councilwoman Scott noted that there was no paperwork on this, with Mr. Wrinn promising to send her the drafts.
Mr. Johnson covered the following purchases: Installation of a Fire Suppression System for General Services with International Equipment Co. in the amount of $17,717.67; Purchase of two Varec Gas Regulators for Public Works from The Eshelman Co. for $16,060.00; A Blanket Contract for CCTV Truck Parts & Repair Services for Public Works with Cues, Inc. in the amount of $95 per hour repair labor; A Blanket Contract for Police and School Patrol Uniforms for the Police Dept. from ASR in the amount of $180,816.85; and Purchase of Time Clocks for the Information Services Div. from Data Management, Inc. in the amount of $20,826.74.

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDY FOR WATER QUALITY FEE

Councilman Gilbert brought up that he had heard the contract for this Study had gone to Knoxville and questioned why the City went for a higher price when they could get a local firm at a lower price. Adm. Leach explained that this went through the Professional Services Review Committee, and the company in Knoxville had experience; that all of the companies had strong points, but this company had more experience.

Mr. Johnson added that the local company was the only one that had applied at the time, and our rules called that this be put back out again, and we received more than just one bid and then selected the one that we thought best.

Adm. Leach stated that we have to make sure we have an educational process, but we are going to decide how we want to do this and go back and look at this again.

Councilman Gilbert asked if the local company would be given another opportunity. Adm. Leach responded that he was not sure what we would do—that we may change our RFP.

At this point, Chairman Benson noted that Ray Childers was asking to speak on Ordinance 5(a) when it came up in committee, and he was told that he could speak.

Adm. Leach felt like his remarks should be held until the Public Hearing at tonight’s Council meeting.

Attorney Freiberg stated that he could be allowed to speak in committee.

Councilman McGary asked that it be specified on the agenda which committee each item would fall under.

Councilman Rico made mention of the fact that there would be Brownfield Meetings at Southside for those Councilpersons who had further questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.