

**AGENDA SESSION**  
**November 24, 2009**  
**3:30 P.M.**

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

Others present included Fredia Kitchen, Mark Keil, Jana Lowery, Dennis Malone, Jim Templeton, Jerry Stewart, Paul Page, Chief Williams, Daisy Madison, Dan Johnson, Lee Norris, Larry Zehnder, Chief Parker, Donna Kelley, Richard Beeland, Bill Payne, Barry Bennett, Gary Hilbert, Attorney Bobo and Mayor Littlefield. Missy Crutchfield joined the meeting later.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

Mr. Johnson went over agenda items, making note of **Ordinance (a)** that allows signs, banners and decals in the downtown area to promote the NCAA Championship Game, and **Ordinance (b)** that sets forth the ISS Budget. **Ordinance (a) First Reading** is the Capital Budget, which is due to be passed today; **Ordinance (b)** is a closure and abandonment for Chestnut Properties, and the wording has been worked out. **Resolution (a)** adopts the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, which now can be approved. **Resolution (b) and (c)** are agreements with Brightbridge in regards to brownfields.

Councilman McGary had a question in regards to protocol regarding Resolutions (b) and (c). He noted that Joe Guthrie had voted at the Review Committee meeting and that he was the CEO of Brightbridge. He questioned why he had voting privileges? Mr. Guthrie responded that he did not know he was a voting member. Mr. Johnson explained that the Review Committee consists of five people—himself, Paul Page, Artie Pritchard, Al Chapman and a member of the Department presenting the contract. He stated that Joe Guthrie was not a department head, and there were only four official votes. Councilman McGary went on to discuss differences between the two contracts—one being for \$191,000 and the other \$11,300 and \$14,000. He stated that his understanding was that grants are filled out and submitted to EPA, which includes reporting. He questioned why administrative costs could not cover both contracts. Mr. Guthrie explained that these were two different grants, and the reporting comes through Paul Page—one is a Revolving Loan Fund. Councilman McGary confirmed that each is independent of the other, with Mr. Guthrie saying “totally”. Councilman McGary asked if these two Resolutions had to be passed today? Mr. Page responded that they desperately needed to. Councilman McGary indicated that he had a lot more questions, and it would be his preference to wait. Councilman Rico added that this needed to be done. Mr. Page added that we are on the verge of stimulus money, and these need to be passed. Mr. Johnson added that it was the future site of the Medical Society, and it was noted jobs may be created.

Mr. Johnson continued with **Resolution (d)** that authorizes the Fire Department to enter into a contract with Bradanna, Inc. to construct Fire Station No. 7 at Enterprise South in the amount of \$1,876,000.00, with a contingency in the amount of \$187,600 for a total cost not to exceed \$2,063,600. It was noted that this is the second bid process, with Chief Parker adding that it had been thoroughly reviewed. Councilwoman Ladd asked if the question about licensing had been resolved? Mr. Page responded that they may have looked at wrong information the first time—that they were right today. Councilman Murphy asked if the second bid went up or down and was told that it went down \$3,000.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2009**

Mr. Johnson noted that there were three closures and abandonments on First Reading. He briefly went over **Resolutions (a), (b), (c), and (d)**, which are all temporary usages. **Resolution (e)** authorized the contract with ChipRewards, Inc., which Donna Kelley had already presented. **Resolution (f)** authorizes the acquisition of an abandoned railroad easement at the intersection of Bell Arbor and Wisdom Streets for a cost not to exceed \$45,000. The purpose of this, as explained by Paul Page, is to expand the radio operations with a new building. **Resolution (g)** declares surplus property located at 5991 Hickory Valley Road, jointly owned by the City and County and to transfer said property to Archer, Daniel, Midland Company. Mr. Page stated that he did not have an answer from the County yet on this, and it has to be jointly appropriated. Councilwoman Berz asked where the money was coming from to acquire the abandoned railroad easement and was told it is in the Capital Budget; the \$75,000 is to acquire the land and for the building, and it was subject to appropriation. It was under the Radio Shop.

The one purchase was for a HVAC Unit for Avondale and Summit Head Start Centers for Human Services, and the recommendation was to reject all bids because they did not meet the “Buy American” requirement.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.