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

Others present included Chief Maffett, Madeline Green, Susan DuBose, Bill Payne, Larry Zehnder, Beverly Cosley, Greg Haynes, Gary Hilbert, Dennis Malone, Steve Leach, Lee Norris, Richard Beeland, Paul Page, Jim Templeton, Jerry Stewart, Dan Johnson, and Barry Bennett.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over the agenda, noting that Ordinance (a), Final Reading, was discussed last week and concerns RPA’s cost for a Long-Range Transportation Plan that is federally mandated. Ordinance (b) is a rezoning issue and Ordinances (c) and (d) are also zoning matters within newly annexed areas.

Ordinance 6(a) is relative to local preference and will be discussed in the Legal and Legislative Committee.

Resolutions (a) through (e) are Public Works’ issues and will be discussed in that committee. Resolution (f) authorizes the Police Chief to execute a Change Order involving a contract with Billingsley Architecture in an amount not to exceed $1,500.00 to cover the expense for a nuclear roof scanning. Councilwoman Scott questioned what “nuclear roof scanning” was and was told that it x-rays the roof to identify leaks; that this is necessary in order to obtain a 20-year warranty and not much is covered by insurance. This occurred before the installation of the new roof and was done last year. It was determined that this is retrospective. Chief Maffett explained that it should have been a separate charge and had already been done but not paid for—that it was done before the roof repair. Councilwoman Scott questioned what a normal warranty would have been and was told that 15 years is standard, prompting her to say that the roof better last the extra five years.

Resolutions (g) and (h) for environmental inspections and charges were discussed last week, and Mr. Johnson noted that Paul Page was present for further questions. Councilwoman Scott questioned the number of inspections and if it were $20,000 a “pop” and wanted to know how we were doing and if this was a clean, safe site? Mr. Page explained that we inspect every time we dig in the ground and that this was a blanket contract and that we met criteria.
Resolution (i) is in regards to Chattanooga’s Hate Crimes Response Policy and will be covered in a later committee. Attorney McMahan stated that this could be deferred until next week.

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Ordinances First Reading (a) and (b) adopts Plans of Service for newly annexed areas. Councilwoman Scott requested anticipated expenses, with Attorney McMahan promising to get the Council something next week. Chairman Benson stated that the cost would be minimal compared to the income.

Resolution (a) authorizes the appointment of Karen S. Walsh and Marvin Nicholson as special police officers (unarmed) for McKamey Animal Care and Adoption Center, Inc. Councilwoman Ladd if we did a criminal background check on these folks and was told this goes through the Police Dept.

Resolution (b) authorizes loan extension documents relative to Dogwood Manor Property. Councilwoman Scott stated that she had been in communication with several people concerning this and still had unanswered questions. She asked that this be deferred. It was noted that Resolution (c) is tied in with Resolution (b) and authorizes the renewal of the Management Agreement with CHA for Dogwood Manor, LLC.

Resolution (d) relative to insurance benefits of certain retirees will be covered in a later meeting. Resolutions (e) and (f) deal with Hartford Ins. and will be discussed in another committee meeting.

Attention was directed back to Ordinance 6(a) on tonight’s agenda, concerning local preference. In the absence of Councilman Murphy, Councilwoman Ladd asked if the Council was willing to defer this matter since the group present had been discussing this with Councilman Murphy. Councilman McGary indicated that this could be deferred at tonight’s meeting, with Councilwoman Ladd noting that it would be deferred for two weeks. Councilwoman Berz asked if there would be any discussion today? Councilwoman Ladd did not feel this was necessary since Councilman Murphy would be answering their questions. Councilman McGary asked if any present today wanted to say anything and Attorney Rogers noted that they were unaware of this alternate proposal; that back in the summer they had attempted to get something passed concerning local jobs; that they would like a couple of extra weeks to get with Councilman Murphy to smooth things along. Councilwoman Berz questioned if any of the others wanted to be heard today? Attorney Rogers indicated that they would wait a couple of weeks.
Returning to next week’s agenda, Mr. Johnson noted that Resolution (g) approving the City’s Hate Crimes Response Policy will be covered in Safety Committee next week.

**Resolution (h)** adopts a policy with regard to public access to the City’s computer databases. Councilman McGary noted that this was discussed last week; that Attorney Malueg was present and she could bring Attorney McMahan up to date on this. Mr. Johnson stated that we needed to take a look at this because it would cost money. Attorney McMahan stated that he talked to Mark Keil Friday, and there were some issues. Councilman McGary explained that this Resolution states a direction and there are no funds per se; that we will just push that software going forward will be looked at for compatibility. He went on to say that we were not talking about the Privacy Act or HIPPA—that they were not being considered; that some data should be in the public’s hands and this just says we are supportive of this—that this was not asking for money. Mr. Johnson stated that it is a directive to the Staff to implement this. Councilman McGary stated that Mark Keil would be a good resource to talk to about this; that most people have computers and can access data themselves—that to store would cost money, and we were not asking for money—just a direction. Mr. Johnson suggested using the work “direction” as opposed to “policy”. Chairman Benson suggested adding “as funds are available”.

Mr. Johnson next covered one purchase on tonight’s agenda for Human Services from Action Alarms of Chattanooga, Inc. in the amount of $16,900.00. He also mentioned the appointment of Larry Wells to the Airport Authority, stating that he had mailed a copy of this to the Councilmembers. Councilwoman Berz asked if this appointment was in any way district related and if the Councilperson had any input? Mr. Johnson stated that this could be deferred and asked if the Council wanted a week’s deferral or what? Chairman Benson noted that this was the Mayor’s recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.