The Agenda Session was called to order by Chairman Rico, with Councilmen Benson, Ladd, Robinson, Scott and Gilbert present. Councilmen Murphy and Berz joined the meeting later. City Attorneys Michael McMahan and Ken Fritz; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included members of the Beer and Wrecker Board, Greta Hayes, Chief Maffett, Jerry Stewart, Gary Hilbert, Dickie Hutsell, Chief Rawlston, Jim Templeton, Dan Johnson, Solomon Hatch, Greg Haynes, Barry Bennett, Lee Norris, Dennis Malone, Chief Parker, Lt. Francis, Officer Dunn, Cathy Fulghum, Bill Payne, Richard Beeland, and Sgt. Haskins.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over agenda items, beginning with Ordinance 6(a) First Reading, amending the Electrical Code, which was discussed last week. Ordinance 6(b) deals with vehicles for hire and will be discussed in the Legal and Legislative Committee. Councilman Benson asked if “vehicles for hire” is the proper wording? He thought it should be “non-consensual towing”.

Resolution (a) dealing with the mutual release with Siemens Water Technologies Corp. was discussed last week. Resolutions (b) and (c) are Highway Safety Office Grants for the Police Dept., and there are no matches. Resolution (d) authorizes a grant from Walmart to the Police Dept. for SWAT equipment.

Ordinances (a), (b), and (c) First Reading are amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Councilwoman Scott noticed a typo on page 2. She also questioned Ordinance (c) in regards to definitions of Townhouse Zone and the reasons for the original comment about two units versus three. She asked if this was because of aesthetics? Mr. Bennett responded that they had received negative comments from people who had problems with duplexes but not three and four units; that this would entail two-unit duplexes that were part of a single, overall development. Councilwoman Scott asked if we would be calling a two unit a townhouse or duplex? Mr. Bennett responded that a duplex would be defined as a townhouse if it were part of an overall development. She clarified that it would not be a duplex by definition.

Ordinances (d) through (j) are zoning matters.

Resolution (a) authorizes an agreement with Hamilton County and TDOT for a $1,723,601.00 Transportation Enhancement Grant for construction of the Downtown Riverwalk. There will be a split, with the County and City each paying $215,450.00.
Resolution (b) authorizes an agreement with Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed $1,573,800.00. This was previously deferred and will be discussed next week in the Public Works Committee.

Resolutions (c) and (d) are Special Exceptions Permits. Resolution (e) authorizes an agreement with Aquaterra Engineering for Phase II Environmental Site Assessments at Main Street and Ocoee Street Sites in the approximate amount of $73,000.00. This will be administered by RPA. Resolution (f) enters into an agreement with PM Environmental, Inc., which is also Phase II, at the Wisdom Street site in the approximate amount of $22,080.00. Resolution (g) authorizes an addendum to the Supplemental Fire Services Contract with Tri-Community Fire Department, Inc. for protection for the Ooltewah Annexation Area. Resolution (h) authorizes acceptance of a Grant from TDOt in the amount of $2,500,00.00 for the Chattanooga Regional ITS System to be operated by the City Traffic Engineering Division. This will be discussed in Public Works next week. Resolution (i) is a name change from Enterprise South Boulevard to Volkswagen Drive. Councilman Murphy confirmed that Volkswagen wanted this name change, asking if it would be free of potholes!!

There was only one purchase for the Police Dept. for software maintenance and support from Morpho Trak in the amount of $20,990.00 annually. This is an automated fingerprinting system. Councilman Murphy asked if this was portable and was told “no”.

There were several Board appointments—Dr. White to the Beer and Wrecker Board; John Foy to the Electric Power Board; Rice Williams to the C-7 Review Committee; Randall Taylor to the Gas Examiners Board; and Michael Mallen to the Airport Authority Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.