AGENDA SESSION
FEBRUARY 15, 2011
3:00 P.M.

Chairman Rico called the meeting of the Agenda Session to order with Councilpersons Scott, Gilbert, Robinson, Ladd, Benson, Berz and Murphy present. City Attorney Michael McMahan; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.


AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over agenda items, beginning with Ordinance (a), final reading on Old Pineville Rd. Ordinance (b) is a closure and abandonment of an unnamed alley located between the 2100 Blk. of E. 3rd St. and the 2100 Blk. of Garfield Street for the Family Dollar Store and has already been discussed in Public Works.

Ordinance (a) First Reading concerns deannexation of Elder Mountain and is to be deferred until March 15th. Ordinance (b) has to do with towing vehicles and has been revised from 8 hours to 12 hours. Councilwoman Scott stated that she thought it was from 24 hours to 12 hours. It was noted that this will be discussed in Legal and Legislative Committee and questions should wait until them. Ordinance (c) amends the City Code relative to the adoption of the International Fire Code and will be discussed in Legal and Legislative Committee. Ordinance (d) is an abandonment for Memorial Health Care System and will be discussed in Public Works Committee.

Resolution (a) refers to an Interlocal Agreement between the City, Hamilton County, IDB, Health and Housing Board, and Volkswagen. Mr. Johnson noted that Daisy Madison was not present at this time and asked if the wording was satisfactory. Attorney McMahan noted that a couple of statements are being “tweaked”. Councilwoman Scott asked when the Council would see what is being “tweaked”? Attorney McMahan stated that he only saw it about 30 minutes ago and had not read it yet. Mayor Littlefield pointed out that this just authorizes him to sign it. Councilwoman Scott indicated that she felt strongly about this, and it had not been discussed, and she did not want to vote until it had been discussed. Mayor Littlefield indicated that the change in language had to do with Water Quality fees and that this had been resolved; however waiting to vote on it until next week would be fine with him. Mr. Johnson stated that this could be deferred.
Resolution (b) is an authorization for the Director of the Office of Sustainability Outreach Coordinator to contract with HDR, Inc. **This is to be deferred until March 1**, as the contract is not ready yet.

Resolution © authorizes Parks and Recreation to accept a grant from the Lyndhurst Foundation in the amount of $40,000 to support the administrative costs of the Public Art Program.

Resolution (d) authorizes an interlocal agreement with the Hamilton County Trustee to collect City Hotel Motel taxes at an annual cost of $30,000. This is a reoccurring thing that we do periodically.

Resolutions (e) thru (j) will be discussed in Public Works.

Resolution (j) is a Special Exceptions Permit for Misty Dawn Powell for use of a nightclub located at 5709 Lee Highway. Councilwoman Berz noted that a number of Councilmembers would be leaving early tonight or not be at the Council meeting at all; that a number of people would be present from the neighborhood, and she would like to have this item moved to the front of the agenda. She asked if we would have a quorum tonight and was told “yes”.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

Ordinance First Reading (a) grants the Chattanooga Gas Co. a franchise for the purpose of operating a system of gas distribution and service within the City of Chattanooga. The question arose as to whether everyone had received this. Attorney McMahan indicated that it was like all other franchise agreements; that it would probably take three to four months for this to be implemented; that it takes into consideration over 5% of gross revenue as a franchise fee. Councilwoman Scott verified that the 5% would go into effect until 2015, stating that she would like to know the gross sales receipts that this was calculated on. Attorney McMahan suggested that she get with Ms. Madison. Councilwoman Scott stated that she needed to know the ballpark figure. Mr. Johnson asked if we wanted a session in committee about this next week? Chairman Rico indicated that a committee meeting could be arranged.

Ordinance (b) is an abandonment that will be discussed in Public Works committee.

Resolutions (a), (b), and (c) are Parks and Recreation items for the use of the Warner Park Swimming Pool and rental fees involved. This is an annual thing.

Resolutions (d) and (e) have to do with the General Services Director accepting offers to sell property as surplus.

Resolution (f) is a Public Works’ item that will be discussed later, as well as Resolutions (g), (h), (i) and (j).
Mr. Johnson went over two purchases for tonight, both for Public Works. The first was for chain saw parts in the amount of $12,500 annually. Councilwoman Scott asked for an understanding of why we need the parts, assuming that the amount is based on previous years. She questioned how many brand new chain saws we could buy for this amount? Councilman Murphy stated that these chain saws were not like the ones used in a home and would cost thousands of dollars per unit; that they had to fix their inventory; that he knew it sounded like a lot, but the City cuts up a lot of trees. Councilwoman Scott stated that she thought in dealing with right-of-ways that this was a contracted service and asked what all the City does in relation to cutting trees in this regards. Mr. Norris noted that this was handled in-house and also by contract; that they got a multitude of tree calls; that parts are broken; that repairs are done in-house, and the saws are used on a regular basis. Councilwoman Scott asked if we were supplying equipment to contractors and was told “no”.

The second purchase was for ground maintenance (cutting grass) at a cost of $50,000 annually.

There was one Board Appointment—Stormwater Board—Mark Schorr for a four-year term to expire in 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.