AGENDA SESSION
AUGUST 2, 2011
3:00 P.M.

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

Others present included Dan Johnson, Mark Keil, Johnny Feagans, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Ron Swafford, Jimmy Templeton, Joachim Volz, Jerry Stewart, Bill Payne, Gary Hilbert, Danny Thornton, Paul Page, Dennis Malone, Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Haskins, Daisy Madison, Chief Parker, Attorney Ken Fritz, and Dickie Hutsell. Officer Snyder and Dave Crockett joined the meeting later.

Chairman Ladd jokingly noted that Councilman Benson was concerned about starting the meeting on time and now she could not get him to stop talking!

Mr. Johnson proceeded with agenda items, beginning with Ordinance (a) that amends the Budget Ordinance to allow $75,000 to support some agency that is yet to be determined. Ordinance (b) allocates funds to the Capital Improvements Budget for the Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

Ordinance (a) First Reading adjusts the boundaries of the City of Chattanooga and the City of Collegedale to provide that a certain portion become part of the corporate limits of the City of Collegedale by mutual agreement. Councilwoman Scott stated that last week she asked for a map with landmarks and not just the road, and she never received it. Attorney McMahan apologized, stating he would get her one in a few minutes.

Ordinance (b) repeals a section of the City Code dealing with Libraries and replaces it with a new section.

Ordinance © creates a new Section to allow for the City Treasurer to accept the partial payment of property taxes and water quality fees. This was discussed last week.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she had one question about the Ordinance relating to Libraries; that Section 22-4 spoke about the Audit being under the direction of the City Council. She asked if this is currently being done or if it were something different? Attorney McMahan responded that the Audit was part of the City’s External Audit; that the Library has some additional funds listed for certain uses. Councilwoman Scott felt that it would read better if it said “all library accounts shall be audited annually—that the wording now makes one wonder if the City Council is responsible. Attorney McMahan agreed, stating that they could make the change.
Resolution (a) authorizes Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with J.D. Helton Roofing Company, Inc. for flat roof renovation at the Washington Hills Recreation Center in an amount not to exceed $12,950.00. This was discussed last week.

Resolutions (b) thru (f) are Public Works’ items that were discussed last week.

Resolutions (g) and (h) authorizes the Office of Sustainability to apply for grants from Foundations.

Resolution (i) authorizes the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Collegedale to adjust the boundary along 8300 thru 8700 Block of Apison Pike so that it will be maintained and included in the City of Collegedale.

Resolution (j) adopts a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, subject to future revision.

Resolution (k) is an add-on for Public Works and Adm. Leach explained that it is an agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for professional services, relative to the Summit Landfill Gas Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project in an amount not to exceed $228,890.00. A portion of this agreement is in relation with Volkswagen to provide methane gas as part of their LEED certification. He stated that if there were specific questions, there was a representative from Jacobs here.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she understood that this is a Resolution for a contract; that the back-up involves re-writing the Interlocal Agreement with Volkswagen if we are increasing the gas flow from 500 to 1000. She asked if we were obligated to oversee and provide this. She wanted to know if the Agreement had been re-written and if the Council could see it? Adm. Leach responded “yes, yes, and yes”. He stated that this was completed in September of 2010 and this will enhance the gas and quantity and will supply Volkswagen for a 10-year period.

Councilwoman Scott again asked if the Interlocal Agreement had been re-written? Attorney McMahan stated that it has been re-written but not fully executed. Adm. Leach added that the Landfill Gas Agreement was signed in August of 2010. Councilwoman Scott stated that that was the first one; that she would like to read the second one before we vote on it. Adm. Leach stated that he was not aware of a second one. Councilwoman Scott asked “why not”? Attorney McMahan responded that the production of landfill gas overtime is good maintenance practice; that we are dealing here with a contract to accomplish these objectives for us and also Volkswagen; that it is regulated by an Environmental Permit, prompting Councilwoman Scott to say then we don’t need an Interlocal Agreement—that a contract and agreement are two separate things. Attorney McMahan indicated that he was not aware of anything else; that Volkswagen had done due diligence, and we were now ready to wrap this up. He stated that he would get with Councilwoman Scott after this meeting and try to get all the documents that she needed.
Resolution (l) authorizes the Director of the Office of Sustainability to apply for a HUD Grant in order to work with the Department of Neighborhood Services, Community Development, and the Department of Human Services, also Public Works and RPA for a Choice Neighborhood Initiative Plan, in the amount of $300,000.00. A $15,000 match may be required.

Councilwoman Scott pointed out that the Resolution says “may” require a $15,000 in-kind or cash match if awarded. She wanted more information on this.

Dave Crockett stated that it did not say it required a match, but it was in the body of the document; that he did not expect a cash fund match.

Councilwoman Robinson asked him to elaborate more on this program. Mr. Crockett stated that they found out about this Grant at the last minute, and he appreciated the Council adding this to the agenda; that other sources could be identified whether we get this Grant or not; that we identified two specific neighborhoods that are low income and contain a number of businesses and entities; that we are working holistically to make these sustainable neighborhoods in the purest sense of the word. He mentioned the JOBS Program and projects such as rain barrels and a number of other programs. He noted there was not just one thing—that we would learn how to do it one place and replicate this quickly into other neighborhoods; that we will develop one model and others will follow very quickly.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that he had mentioned a couple of neighborhoods and asked if this was either/or? Mr. Crockett responded that there were 12 inner city neighborhoods that would be eligible for foundation funding; that this particular one would be the Glenwood Neighborhood and then there might be 12 more. Councilwoman Robinson noted that Community Impact had made a sizeable investment and had the framework in place and needed help. She asked that Mr. Crockett communicate with Betty Lynn Smith as he went forward.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 9, 2011

Ordinances, First Reading, are zoning matters.

Resolution (a) authorizes the Fire Chief to order 3,180 Mark 1 Kits from the Hamilton County Health Department to replace existing kits carried on all front-line fire apparatus, for a total project cost in the amount of $123,766.00.

Resolution (b) is a Special Exceptions Permit for a home for the aged and handicapped on property located at 614 Mooremont Terrace. Mr. Johnson stated that this might require some discussion.
Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over purchases, the first one being for the Fire Department and the purchase of Motorola Radios and Accessories from Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of $56,625.76. The next was for General Services and the purchase of One Vacuum/Jetter Truck from Lee-Smith, Inc. in the amount of $317,000. Councilwoman Berz asked for an explanation, which was given one by Jim Templeton. The third purchase was for Public Works for a Blanket Contract for Variable Frequency Drive, Direct Current Drive, and Electronic Board Repair Services from Tennessee Armature & Electric for approximately $200,000. The next was also for Public Works and the purchase of an emergency generator & automatic transfer switch from Clarke Power Generation, Inc. in the amount of $55,840.00. The next was for the Police Dept. for software subscription & support from LeadsOnline for $13,788.00. The last was an emergency purchase for Public Works for design of structural repairs from American Consulting Professionals, LLC in the amount of $22,094.00. Councilwoman Scott questioned how a design for structural repairs could be an emergency? Bill Payne explained that they got a call on Tuesday morning about an accident on Wilson Rd. where someone had hit a bridge; that part of it had broken loose, and there was no guardrail, which necessitated an emergency. He noted that the driver did have liability insurance, and we are consulting with TDOT, as well. He stated that they wanted to bring the bridge back up to standard quickly. Councilwoman Scott remarked “good answer”.

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.