AGENDA SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
3:00 P.M.

Chairman Ladd called the Agenda Session to order with Councilmen Rico, Benson, Scott, and Robinson present. Councilmen Gilbert and Berz 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 Richard Beeland, Dan Johnson, Beverly Johnson, Steve Leach, Alice Canneli, Johnny Feagans, Ron Swafford, Gary Hilbert, Brian Kiesche, Lee Norris, Jim Templeton, Dennis Malone, Tony Boyd, Eddie Tate, Justin Holland, Officer Carroll, Chief Parker, John Bridger, John Van Winkle, and Daisy Madison. Danny Thornton, Bill Payne, and Mayor Littlefield joined the meeting later.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over agenda items noting that Ordinance (a) Final Reading lifts conditions and Ordinance (b) amends conditions.

Resolution (a) HOMEAgain Program Funds was discussed last week. Resolution (b) is a Public Works’ item and will be discussed in more detail in their meeting. Resolution (c) deals with rights of voters and was called Councilman Benson’s Resolution by Mr. Johnson. Councilwoman Scott noted that the Agenda said Versions 1 and 2, stating she had only seen one version. Councilman Benson indicated that Version 1 contains a waiting period and Version 2 takes out the waiting period. Councilwoman Scott stated that she would like to see the written copies.

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Ordinance (a) First Reading amends the City Code relative to use of hand-held mobile telephones while driving. Councilwoman Scott asked if the Council had anything to read on this or if it were still being worked on? Attorney McMahan stated that he would check on this and also Versions 1 and 2 of the Voter Resolution.

Ordinances (b) and (c) are zoning issues.

Resolutions (a) thru (j) are Department of Human Services Resolutions and Councilman McGary will be asked to call a committee meeting to further discuss these Resolutions. Resolutions (k) thru (p) are Public Works’ items and will be discussed later.

Resolution (q) asks for approval to hire Randy Glaze as Occupational Safety and Health Coordinator for the City’s Personnel Dept. Councilwoman Scott asked what made this a need? Adm. Leach responded that this person could cite to court and was an authority for safety. She asked what the position was and was told Safety Director. Mr. Johnson stated that he did not have the job description with him. Councilwoman Scott asked if it were a new position? Mr. Johnson indicated that the slot had been vacant for a long time.
Councilman Benson added that Lee Doney had occupied this position, and it was a strong position; that this person could make a lot of people mad but needs the authority because there is tremendous responsibility.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if the Occupational Safety and Health Coordinator could observe something that might be of danger to the public and could instigate enforcements to ensure public safety? Attorney McMahan responded that this is OSHA—that there is no local enforcement, and he was not sure about the responsibilities, but there would be no private inspections.

Councilman Benson stated that we needed these questions answered; that this position is sensitive, and he would like to see the Resume of this person. Councilwoman Scott stated that these were her comments also, and she would like to see the Resume.

Mr. Johnson asked Chief Parker to explain Resolution (r) issuing a change order to Thomas Brothers Construction for $71,500 for additional concrete work at Fire Station No. 7, for a total amount not to exceed $455,149.36. Chief Parker stated that there had been paving at Station No. 7, and we went with something that was cheaper at the time; that the City Engineer came out and looked at it, and we will have to replace; that the repairs amount had been decreased; that we will upgrade and go to straight concrete, and there will be an additional cost, but they did have the funds—that the only difference is the concrete price. He stated that he could send the Council more information. Councilwoman Scott stated that she would like to see an investigation by Public Works of “roller compacted concrete”. She mentioned a road that had to be re-done in her district—that the “roller compacted concrete” failed within weeks of putting it in place and there had to be additional time to save the project, and the road is in much worse condition now. She wanted to know what the problem was; that before the City begins one more project with City dollars, we need to have an investigation; that Public Works does not need to go down this road again; that we went above costs and did not have a good track record. Chief Parker responded that they did do an inspection with Bill Payne and had chosen to go with straight concrete; that this had been an issue with Volkswagen, too.

Resolutions (s) and (t) are Public Works’ items.

Resolution (u) accepts a donation of a Conservation Easement from Joe Chod, Inc. located at 4065 Caine Lane. Mr. Zehnder will “tag on” to Public Works with this item.

Mr. Johnson went over two purchases on tonight’s agenda—The first was for two aerial bucket trucks for General Services from Brooker Ford, Inc. in the amount of $178,595; the second was an emergency purchase for structural repairs for the Wilson Road Bridge from Talley Construction in the amount of $24,721.12.
Mr. Johnson went over four Board Appointments that will be handled at tonight’s Council meeting.

Councilwoman Scott asked if Public Works could add to their committee a summary of the Wilson Road Bridge Repair.

Chairman Ladd stated that there would be a meeting at 5:00 P.M. to hear from Anita Ebersole of the Mayor’s Office about activities that will occur next week.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.