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


Mr. Johnson read Resolution (a) authorizing the City Finance Officer to enter into a Settlement and Release Agreement with Comcast of the South in the amount of $48,912 for payment of franchise fees from December 1, 2007 through March 31, 2011 and the City’s agreement to waive its right to collect interest on the franchise fees shall not constitute a waiver of a future default. He stated that Mr. Thornton wanted to delay this to use as leverage.

Resolution (b) declares surplus and authorizes sale of property located at 501 West 12th Street for Highway 27 road widening improvement.

Ordinance First Reading (a) appropriates $20,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the East Chattanooga Improvement, Inc. to be used for the continuation of the Weed and Seed Program.

Resolutions (a) and (b) are Public Works’ items.

Resolution (c) is for Parks and Recreation and authorizes the approval of a Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Integrated Structural Services to add items to the proposed irrigation system, for an increased amount of $14,560, for a revised amount not to exceed $147,637.35.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she had looked back at the original contract, which included installation, irrigation, and design, and it read “not to exceed” for the same things. Attorney McMahan stated that he knew nothing about this and Adm. Zehnder was out of town. It was noted that Greta Hayes was also unavailable. This will be discussed again next week when they are present.
Resolution (d) authorizes the Director of General Services to enter into an Agreement with JDH Company, Inc. for the re-roofing of the Chattanooga City Hall Annex Building in the amount of $93,225 and a contingency of $4,661.25, for a total amount not to exceed $97,886.25.

Resolution (e) authorizes the Personnel Administrator to amend the Agreement with Morris & McDaniel, Inc. for the development and administration of exams for promotional testing for the positions of fire lieutenant and fire captain and to authorize an increase of the assessor travel expenses in the amount of $15,757.90, for a revised contract amount not to exceed $87,257.00.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over purchases, all of which were for Public Works. The first was a blanket contract for traffic paint from Safety Coatings, Inc. for an estimated $45,000. The second was a blanket contract for Refuse Transport from Tennessee Waste Haulers for an estimated $240,000. Councilwoman Scott asked for an explanation on this one. Tony Boyd explained that this was hauled from the Recycling Centers and Refuse Centers. She asked if this was the same group as the last time and was told “no”. The third purchase was for a Box Culvert from Sherman Dixie Concrete in the amount of $24,640. The next was for the purchase of two Cryogenic Wafer Valves from Venture Technology Group for $24,354.00. The last was for the purchase of two SF6 Power Circuit Breakers from Siemens Energy, Inc. for $73,000.

Mr. Johnson made two corrections on what was reported last week for Board Appointments. Mr. Ronald Loving’s term will end November 1, 2014 and Mr. Worthington, Jr.’s term will end November 1, 2013. He wanted this read into the record.

Chairman Ladd asked that councilmembers look at their calendars for December and January to see if we need to make any changes in the Holiday schedule in order to be able to notify departments as to when they need to get contracts in. She asked the Council to think about this.

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

This meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.