AGENDA SESSION  
DECEMBER 6, 2011  
3:00 P.M.

Chairman Ladd called the meeting of the Agenda Session to order with Councilmen Rico, Benson, Gilbert, Scott, Berz and Robinson present. Councilman Murphy 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 proceeded to go over agenda items, beginning with Ordinance 6(a) that amends the City Code to establish the Office of Administrative Hearing Officer. He stated that this would be covered in the Legal and Legislative Committee. Attorney McMahan stated that this would need to be passed another week because one of the Judges was in Nashville.

Resolutions (a) thru (e) are Public Works’ items that were discussed last week.

Resolution (f) authorizes the Personnel Administrator to extend the agreement with Mercury Payment Services to process credit, debit and medical reimbursement card transactions at the WellAdvantage Pharmacy for a term up to one year. Mr. Johnson noted that Donna Kelley and her compadres were here on this subject.

Resolution (g) is a Public Works’ item that was discussed last week.

Resolution (h) authorizes the Director of the Office of Sustainability to enter into a contract for professional services with Franklin Associates Architects, Inc. for a green roof for the City Council Building in the amount of $26,890. Councilwoman Scott stated that she had inquired about this a couple of times. She wanted to know if we knew for a fact that this structure will accept the weight of a green roof. She wanted to know if we knew this for a fact?

Mr. Crockett was present and responded “yes”, noting that his assistants, Heather Adcock and Leslie Jacobs were present. He stated that he had some of the answers for Councilwoman Scott.
Mr. Crockett went on to say that they had selected the Architect and Engineer—Franklin Associates—that all of the components are identical to the County System and Health Department—that the specifications are the same; that we don’t know the prices right now; that this would have to be bid out in components, and they would come back to the Council; that the engineer was present, and he would let him answer questions—that the short answer is “yes”, and we have an Engineering Study to insure this. He mentioned a 20-year warranty on the trays and a one-year warranty on plants; that there were 6-7 vendors in this area, and there would be competitive bidding before we negotiate a maintenance contract for plants; that on an annual basis, there would be soil testing after the second year—that it would be engineered soil.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she was not against a green roof—that it had a lot of merit but wanted to make sure—that she thought putting a green roof on a new structure might be the way to go and was better than retro-fitting. She stated that she had looked at the contract for engineering and had calculated 88 tons— that if we were going to do a green roof, she would be more confident knowing everything up front with a guaranteed warranty; that this company had done some warranty work for an old building and wanted to know if this would last as long if not longer, and if we could sustain it. She mentioned the green roof on the Outdoor Chattanooga building and wanted to know how it was doing? Mr. Crockett noted that this was a partial green roof. Councilwoman Scott still wanted to know how it was doing, asking if anyone knew? Mr. Crockett responded that he thought it was doing pretty good but was not what would be on the City Council building. He talked about a lot of approaches in Europe where they had been doing this for 200 years and would take an old tile roof and grind it up for trays—that they were much more sophisticated—that we were not as sophisticated as say places like Chicago—that this will work and is not what is on the Outdoor Chattanooga building.

Matthew Twitch with Franklin Associates spoke. He stated that Philip Hodge came here and reviewed the roof structure and measured allowable loads for this structure; that it will take a 6” deep tray system with a TPO roof and additional insulation. Mr. Crockett indicated that we were doing a 4” deep system.

Councilman Rico stated that he had heard that this building would not hold a green roof. Mr. Crockett stated that he thought he was talking about the Study that was done for the new Police Station, which does not have the carrying capacity. Councilman Rico asked about the maintenance cost per year? Mr. Crockett indicated that we would know this when we pick a vendor; however he went on to say that there would be virtually no maintenance cost because there would be irrigation with it; that maintenance could cost $800 per year; however we have some workers around the City grounds and could do it ourselves.
Councilman Benson stated that he was concerned about the timing of this, wanting to know if we needed it right now? Mr. Crockett responded that the roof is “shot”—that it is 20 years old and failing, and a roof analysis was done; that there is R-2 insulation and this should be a 25% to 50% savings.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she had not had the opportunity to read the information that Mr. Crockett had sent her, and she would like to ask that this be deferred; that she was a little bit concerned about putting on a green roof before we had all the information.

Mr. Crockett stated that it was not his business about deferring but that we had had a full engineering report on the structure and had answered all questions.

Councilwoman Scott responded that she had asked for this information and she wanted it.

Mr. Crockett apologized for not getting it to her sooner, explaining that his wife had been in the hospital and he had tried to send the information on his Blackberry and had failed; that the information was on the website; that he could wait another week (but had rather not).

Councilman Rico stated that he did not know if we needed to wait another week—that the roof needs to be repaired. Mr. Crockett mentioned a Leak Detection System.

Mr. Johnson stated that Resolution (i) adopts a revised Debt Management Policy and will be discussed in the Budget meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 13, 2011**

Ordinance 6(a) will be discussed in Public Works’ Committee next week.

Ordinance 6(b) reapportions the nine districts for the City Council.

Resolution (a) authorizes payment of library consultant fees to June Garcia, to obtain executive recruitment of the Chattanooga Library Director in an amount not to exceed $14,500. She has filled in for a number of months.

Resolution (b) authorizes payment of the 2012 Membership Dues for the National League of Cities in the amount of $10,610.00.

Resolution (c) will be discussed in Public Works’ committee next week, as will Resolution (d).

Resolution (e) authorizes Neighborhood Services to enter into various contracts with neighborhood organizations for Neighborhood Partners Projects and related activities and initiatives, in an amount not to exceed $71,850.
Resolution (f) authorizes the Chief of Police to apply for and accept a Governor’s Highway Safety Office Grant for the “Chattanooga Police Department Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program” for the period of October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, in the amount of $49,320.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over tonight’s purchases. The first was for Public Works and a blanket contract for Wood Chip and Leaf Compost Hauling from TAG Grinding Services, Inc. for an estimated $23,000 annually.

At this point, Councilman Benson asked to go back to Resolution (f). He wanted to know if this is the same program that we had a few years back with extra patrol for speeding. He noted that this does not show which highway. Chief Maffett explained that it was for aggressive driving.

The second purchase was for the Fire Dept. and the purchase of MSA Fire Suppression Equipment from Safe Industries for $14,520.16. The last four were for Public Works—a blanket contract for Sewer Line Cleaning Services with Sani-Tech JetVac Services, LLC for approximately $350,000 annually; a blanket contract for Air Filters with Air Filtration Service for approximately $40,000 annually; Relay panels and Enclosure from RSI Global, Inc. for $114,458; and a Gear Reducer and Spiral from Parkson Corp. for $15,604.

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.