

AGENDA SESSION
DECEMBER 13, 2011
3:00 P.M.

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

Others present included Lee Norris, Dan Johnson, Tony Sammons, Gary Hilbert, Dickie Hutsell, Danny Thornton, Tony Boyd, Maria Noel, Jim Templeton, Dennis Malone, Jerry Stewart, Steve Leach, Eddie Tate, Wayne Cropp, John Bridger, Richard Beeland, Alice Canneli, John Van Winkle, Attorney Keith Reisman, and Daisy Madison.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over tonight's agenda, noting that **Ordinance VI(a)** would be discussed in Public Works. **Ordinance (b)** reapportions the nine districts for the City Council.

Resolution (a) 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. Vice Chairman Benson indicated that some discussion was needed on this Resolution. Councilwoman Scott stated that Mr. Crockett had called her five minutes ago stating that he would be late and asked this to be put at the end of the agenda.

Resolution (b) authorizes payment of library consultant fees to June Garcia in an amount not to exceed \$14,500. This was discussed last week.

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

Resolutions (d) and (e) are Public Works' items.

Vice Chairman Benson went back to Resolution (c) and asked if anyone had seen the picture of Mayor Littlefield next to President Obama in the National League of Cities' newsletter? This occurred at the Conference of Mayors.

Resolution (f) authorizes Neighborhood Services to enter into various contracts with neighborhood organizations in an amount not to exceed \$71,850. Mr. Sammons was present to answer any questions.

Resolution (g) authorizes the Chief of Police to apply for and accept a Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant for the "Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program" in the amount of \$49,320.00.

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Ordinance 6(a) is a zoning issue. **Ordinance (b)** is a Public Works' item.

Resolutions (a) thru (k) are Public Works' items.

Resolution (L) authorizes installation at Dogwood Manor of a new Ames Six inch Backflow Device for upgrade repairs to the fire system in the amount of \$10,081.00.

Resolution (m) authorizes payment of 50% of the insurance premium for City/County jointly-owned properties in the amount of \$11,443.42. In regards to jointly-owned buildings, Councilwoman Scott asked if all the items listed are jointly-owned—including the Pavilion and Court System? Mr. Johnson explained that allocations were made according to usage—in regards to the Court building, we are charged 14% of all operations—that the owner of the building is the County, itself; that the City did contribute to the building of this structure. Councilwoman Scott asked if every single one was accurate? Danny Thornton added that we occupy 14% and pay 14%. Councilwoman Scott asked if we owned it and was told “no”.

Mr. Johnson went over the one purchase on tonight's agenda.

Vice Chairman Benson stated that he had gotten a call from the newspaper and wanted to know the City's roll about appointing to the Erlanger Board and the Board position that was not filled? Mr. Johnson explained that this position was appointed by the Medical Society and both the County and City Mayors sign; that this should not be an issue—that people stay on the Board until they are replaced.

At this point, Councilwoman Scott stated that Mr. Crockett had called again, stating that he would be late and to go ahead without him. Vice Chairman Benson jokingly said “it will be our pleasure”. Mr. Johnson noted that the Architect was present. He went on to say that he thought there was a question on the load limits and information had been sent out by e-mail. (Councilwoman Scott stated that she thought Mr. Crockett had some family issues).

Bob Franklin of Franklin Associates Architects, Inc. stated that he thought there was some debate over their analysis; that he had not yet been employed to engineer this; that they had taken the information that they knew but would need time to digest this and engineer it and be clear on it. He asked to be turned loose with an Agreement for structural engineering; that they intended to meet the specifications in the City Code.

At this point, Mr. Crockett joined the meeting, prompting Vice Chairman Benson to say that we were glad to see him.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she had been provided with answers to her questions, and she did not have any reservations.

Councilwoman Berz stated that a representative of Appalachian Land Design was here and wanted to make comments concerning local usage.

Mr. Tyler stated that he was with Appalachian Land Design, which was a local landscaping company and had read about the warranty discussion and structural stuff; that the roof top would be covered under warranty. He mentioned two local installers that would be available if something should happen locally. He urged the Council to please go local with installers and growers.

Mr. Crockett stated that he appreciated these comments; that we had heard from people all over the country and had chosen a local architect on purpose; that there were 6-7 local installers in the area, and we wanted building expertise locally; that we wanted to keep this an open design process and try to get as many people qualified as we can; that he took all this to heart; that they wanted to start businesses and grow businesses.

Councilwoman Berz stated that Appalachian had contacted her, and she thought it might be helpful to hear from them. She asked Mr. Crockett how the local people got “wind” that this was happening? Mr. Crockett responded from publicity from the Council; that it was discussed during the Capital Budget, and it was advertised, and we heard from local firms and all over; that they made a decision for a local architect, and there were 6-7 installers that could do this; that this was not the only game in town; that we had bids for the roof and a live roof.

Vice Chairman Benson asked Mr. Crockett if he could guarantee this roof won’t fall in? Mr. Crockett suggested having this discussion next door—that the roof we are putting on will be lighter.

Councilwoman Robinson noted that it was supposed to be nine pounds less, stating that after it rains, the weight will go up. Mr. Franklin agreed. Vice Chairman Benson mentioned the weight of machines on top of the building.

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