AGENDA SESSION
JANUARY 3, 2012
3:00 P.M.

Chairman Ladd called the Agenda Session to order with Councilmen Rico, Scott, Benson, Gilbert, and Berz present. Attorney Mike McMahan and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Dave Crockett, Chief Dodd, Lt. Carroll, Tony Boyd, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Jim Templeton, Dickie Hutsell, Gary Hilbert, Richard Beeland, Danny Thornton, and Jerry Stewart.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over the agenda, beginning with Resolution (a) that authorizes payment to Arthur J. Gallagher for renewal of property, equipment, and fleet insurance, including library locations for an annual premium of $316,061.40. This adjustment was made with the library in mind.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 10, 2012

Ordinance (a) amends the City Code, establishing the Office of Administrative Hearing Officer and will be discussed in Legal and Legislative Committee.

Ordinance (b) and (c) amends Ordinance No. 12296 and No. 12299, annexing certain territory contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City and changes the effective date of annexation to December 31, 2012. Mr. Johnson asked Mike McMahan to address these two Ordinances. Attorney McMahan noted that the first was the Hunter Rd. area, to the left towards Knoxville, and this was settled by agreement. The second was the Morris Hill Rd. area—east side, which will also be effective December 31, 2012. He noted that there were two remaining areas—Ramsgate and Big Ridge.

Councilwoman Scott asked if any specific areas were left out of the annexation. Mr. McMahan responded “no”—that this was a complete area.

Councilman Benson asked if both of these had been settled; that he had heard from Mr. John Harris who was a leader in the Hunter Rd. area, and he wanted to know with whom Mr. McMahan had settled—was it an attorney? Attorney McMahan explained that there was only one petitioner—Mr. Shaw, who owns a convenience store—that he was the only party, and they came to a settlement with him and his attorney. Councilman Benson confirmed that there was only one litigant, stating that Mr. Harris was very upset.

Ordinances (d) through (k) are zoning matters.
Resolutions (a) and (b) authorize appointments of special unarmed police officers for the Public Works Department and will be discussed in their meeting today.

Resolution (c) authorizes the Director of the Office of Sustainability to obtain additional services from HDR Engineering for an increase in the contract amount of $25,000, for a total of $135,000. Mr. Johnson noted that Dave Crockett was present to explain this.

Mr. Crockett explained that this comes from our Energy Grant. He presented a handout, reading what we have done in the area of street lights. One, Two, and Three refers to the street lights; four and five are more involved with computer analysis with TVA, EPB, and HDR. He noted that we invited large vendors to come to us with ideas on how to run this smarter with analytic tools; that he had collaborated with the Engineering Department, and we have a good project going, and we will have someone with the expertise to bring this to a conclusion. He called on Dean from HDR.

Mr. Dean stated that they had been working with the City for over a year; that they had been working with vendors and consultants. He noted that stormwork needs to be done, and the SIM Center has been helpful in helping the City to understand this issue. HDR has played a key part in bridging the communication gap between the City and the University.

Mr. Crockett again talked about analytic tools that could be used to see the City in multi-dimension—three dimensions to show what it looks like; the fourth dimension as to what the future looks like and the fifth dimension is the dollars that it will cost. We will be looking at a model that can be built on a computer. He stated that we had asked them to see what they could do.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she understood that the first part was funded by a Grant. She wanted to know if this additional service was from the same Grant? Mr. Crockett responded “yes”.

Chairman Ladd thanked Mr. Crockett for being brief.

Resolution (d) is a Special Exceptions Permit for an Institutional PUD and ties in with an Ordinance previously mentioned.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.