

**AGENDA SESSION
FEBRUARY 7, 2012
3:00 P.M.**

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

Others present included Dan Johnson, Gary Hilbert, John Bridger, Danny Thornton, Mark Keil, Larry Zehnder, Jim Templeton, Tony Boyd, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Dennis Malone, Bill Payne, Greta Hayes, David Johnson, Missy Crutchfield, Daisy Madison, Johnny Feagans, Jerry Stewart, Richard Beeland, and Dickie Hutsell.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over agenda items, beginning with **Ordinance 5(a)** that appropriates \$50,000 to the Urban League and \$25,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of supporting small businesses, multicultural, minority, and women-owned businesses in the City of Chattanooga. **Ordinance 6(a)** pertaining to Parks and Recreation will be covered in the next committee meeting, as will be **Ordinance 6(b)**.

All of the Resolutions were covered in last week's Public Works Committee.

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Ordinance 6(a) First Reading is a zoning matter in District 6.

Resolution 7(a) authorizes the Chief of the Police Dept. to award a contract to Thompson Engineering for the Police Service Center parking lot, that needs repaving, for a total amount of \$84,620.00.

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

Councilman Gilbert was concerned about the Special Exceptions Permit for an ethanol transfer facility, which was the last Resolution. He stated that he was curious—that he thought the whole idea concerning this property was to get trucks off the road. Mr. Bridger responded that that was part of it. Councilman Gilbert noted that he was hearing this emphasized a lot. He asked if they had gotten connecting rights yet concerning the pipelines and wanted to know if they did not get these rights—then what? Mr. Bridger responded that he was not aware of the specifics of this—that the Council could approve this subject to them obtaining these rights. Councilman Gilbert asked if this could be deferred? Mr. Bridger agreed that that was another option—that this was at the discretion of the Council. Councilman Gilbert questioned why they would get the Special Permit at this point—that we needed all documentation before we said “yes”, and they build a building they can't use.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she had been listening attentively; that the Resolution contains conditions that there be no more than two freight trucks per day. She wanted to know if this was what Councilman Gilbert was talking about? Councilman Gilbert asked who would keep up with this and get trucks off the road? He stated that he asked if they had the permit, and they said they were working on it—that they should have it by now; that he had asked this before.

Councilman Benson stated that a Special Exceptions Permit is a way of diluting zoning. Mr. Bridger reminded that the Council voted on having this option—that the Council approved this as a tool. Councilman Benson agreed that the Council approved this but questioned why the Special Exceptions Permit was being used here? He wanted to know on what grounds—other than bypassing the zoning laws. Mr. Bridger responded that the Council could deliberate next week and make a final determination. Councilman Benson stated that the sooner we do away with Special Exceptions Permits, the better.

Chairman Ladd stated that there seemed to be a lot of questions; that Councilman Murphy could have this discussed in his committee and that Englewood Enterprises could be asked to be here next week.

Councilwoman Scott requested that the Clerk research information on who actually requested this Special Permit in the first place. Councilman Murphy noted that this did not need to be researched, that he thought his memory served him that it came from District 4 representative.

Chairman Ladd stated that we could have this discussed next week and could be addressed by Englewood Enterprises.

Mr. Johnson went over the purchases for tonight's agenda, and this is made a part of this minute material. Councilwoman Scott had a question concerning the purchase of cubicle relocation services for Public Works from COS Business Products. She wanted to know what kind of supplies this involved and was told by Mr. Johnson that they would have the answer tonight.

This last purchase was for Information Services and an emergency purchase of Oracle Software from Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$12,316.39. Councilwoman Scott asked for a little more detail on the system. Mr. Keil responded that it was a dire emergency—that their contract ran out, and it was cheaper to put a bid out on the street, and they needed a month's maintenance.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.