Chairman Ladd called the meeting of the Agenda Session to order with Councilmen McGary, Benson, Scott, Berz, Gilbert, and Rico present. Councilmen Murphy and Robinson joined the meeting later. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Bill Payne, Gary Hilbert, Chief Dodd, Chief Parker, Mark Keil, Jim Templeton, Larry Zehnder, Fire Marshall Whitmire, Capt. Dunn, and Dennis Malone. Daisy Madison, Jerry Stewart and Dickie Hutsell joined the meeting later.

Mr. Johnson proceeded with the agenda. **Ordinance 5(a)** amends Ord. No. 12534, Capital Improvements Budget to provide funding for street and outdoor lighting improvements within the city limits.

**Resolution 7(a)** authorizes the Mayor, Council member or Coordinator of the City’s Gang Initiative to sign a graffiti release on behalf of the City of Chattanooga. **Resolutions (b) and (c)** are appointments for Special Police Officers for the Public Works Department.

**Resolution (d)** authorizes acceptance of BlueCross/Blue Shield of Tennessee’s proposal to provide administration services for self-insured health and hospitalization benefits for City employees, eligible retirees, Dental Plan, Vision Plan and stop loss insurance. Chairman Ladd asked if this was not a decrease in cost? Mr. Johnson responded that there was no increase across the board.

**Resolution (e)** changes the TDEC grant amount from $85,000 to $170,000 for the collection of household hazardous waste. **Resolution (f)** is a Special Exceptions Permit for Charles Patterson for use of a late night entertainment center located at 4021 Hixson Pike.

Councilman McGary went back to **Resolution (e)** and asked if this were for one year or two years? Mr. Johnson responded two years.
Ordinances (a) through (d) are zoning matters.

Resolution 7(a) authorizes a Change Order relative to the sports field renovation at Montague Park with Integrated Structural Services, Inc., increasing the contract amount by $42,154.79, for a revised contract amount of $189,702.14. Mr. Johnson asked Adm. Zehnder to explain this. Mr. Zehnder stated that this was their contract for putting in a field at Montague Park; the contract for moving dirt was donated; we are paying for the surface; there is one finished field, and the plan is to do two additional fields. Mr. Zehnder explained that we were going to get Integrated Structural Services to go ahead and give us a change order, including a parking area. He stated that they thought this was the wise way to go; that we are trying to do the project as much as possible with donated services, and he asked this company to give him a price to do the rest of the work. Councilman Benson asked about the long-range plans for Montague as to how we hope and plan to use it; that we had given the lights away. He wanted to know how Montague would function? Adm. Zehnder stated that this could be covered in a committee meeting. Councilman Benson asked if this would entail new lighting? Adm. Zehnder responded “eventually”—that this is a five-year plan. Councilman McGary inquired as to structures at Montague?

Attorney McMahan went back to Ordinance 6(c) and explained that he and Mr. Payne had discussed this item, and it will be taken off the agenda.

Continuing with Resolutions (b) and (c), they will be discussed in Public Works next week. Resolution (d) authorizes the Fire Department to apply for a Clean Tennessee Energy Grant under TDEC for use to install new exhaust systems in older fire stations. This will be discussed in Legal and Legislative committee.

Resolution (e) declares surplus and authorizes sale of property at 400 West 45th Street. Mr. Johnson called on Danny Thornton for an explanation concerning this. Mr. Thornton explained that this was the former brownfield in Alton Park—Anchor Glass. We went through the RFP process and got no respondents—Charles Clay offered a partial response and part of his intent is to move the business from this parcel of land, and he will employee four people. Councilman Rico asked if Mr. Clay had not been cited? Mr. Thornton noted that this is part of the Intent Letter.

Councilwoman Scott asked about the terms of his proposal and if the intent was to expand? She wanted to know what he was paying and was told $5,000 for 1.3 acres. She asked the cost of renewal for this property and was told $200,000. She questioned renewal at $200,000 and us selling it at $5,000? Mr. Thornton stated that it was with conditions. She asked about a reversion and asked that the Council be provided with a copy. Mr. Thornton agreed to have this next week.
Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over tonight's purchases. The first was for General Services and a blanket contract for Police Interceptor Vehicles from Mountain View Ford for approximately $1,750,000. Councilwoman Scott noted that we had had questions concerning vehicles in the past and wanted to know what kind of vehicles these were? Mr. Thornton explained that we were bidding for vehicles with light packages already installed. She asked if these were for the Police Dept.? She wanted to know from someone within the Police Dept. if they needed these vehicles to do their job. Captain Dunn came forward. She asked him about the $1,750,000 million dollars for Interceptor Vehicles? She wanted to know if they would meet their needs? Chief Dodd had joined the meeting again and verified that these vehicles would meet their needs. Councilman McGary wanted to know how many vehicles and was told 70.

The next purchase was also for General Services and a Blanket Contract for Mid-Size Diesel Sedan Vehicles from Village Volkswagen for approximately $250,000 annually. These are Passats. Councilman McGary asked how many and was told ten. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know who they were for and was told that it is the General Police Fleet; that department heads can use them; and they are diesel, also.

The third purchase was for Public Works and the purchase of an electric motor with pump from Smith & Loveless, Inc. for $37,465. The fourth purchase was also for Public Work. Purchase No. 5 was for General Services and was an emergency repair to replace the chiller in City Hall from Jake Marshall, LLC for $220,000.

Purchase No.6 was for the Fire Department and 30 Cyanokits from Meridian Medical Technologies for $19,500. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know what these kits were and was told by Chief Parker that they are antidote kits; that we give them to EMS’s and hospital emergency rooms; that it is grant money that passes through us.

The next purchase was for Neighborhood Services, and the following one for the Police Dept. T

The last purchase was for Information Services and was required software support for Oracle from DLT Solutions for $118,699.57. Councilwoman Scott asked Mr. Keil if he had previewed all of these and was told “yes”. She wanted to know if these were initial sources or follow-up? He did not understand her question, and she asked if we had been using this. She was told that we have been using this and it is a sole source purchase.

This meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.