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

Others present included Dennis Malone, Chief Maffett, Gary Hilbert, Greg Haynes, Jim Templeton, Larry Zehnder, Chief Parker, Donna Kelley, Dickie Hutsell, Daisy Madison, Dan Johnson, Kathy Fulghum, John VanWinkle, Caroline Thompson, Steve Leach, Chief Dodd, Lee Morris, Richard Beeland, Chief Kennedy, and Jerry Stewart. Danny Thornton joined the meeting later.

Mr. Johnson proceeded with agenda items, noting that there would be a Special Presentation consisting of “Election of Officers”. Ordinances First Reading were zoning matters. Councilwoman Scott asked about Ordinance (b) Gunbarrel Partners, removing existing conditions on properties located in the 2300 Blk. of Gunbarrel Rd. and 7342 McCutcheon Rd. She wanted to know about a construction access on Gunbarrel and if this had been worked through? Grey Haynes stated that he was not familiar with a construction access; that they were wanting two accesses on Gunbarrel and that they were recommending just one. Councilman Benson stated that a meeting had been held and something agreeable to all was being worked out; that they would be here at tonight’s meeting.

Resolution (a) authorizing a change order relative to the sports field renovation at Montague Park was discussed last week—two additional items were added to an existing contract. Resolutions (b) and (c) are Public Works’ items. Resolution (d) authorizes the Fire Department to apply for a Clean Tennessee Energy Grant from TDEC with a 20% match and was discussed last week. Resolution (e) expresses sentiment for support of the Bessie Smith Strut and will be discussed in Legal and Legislative Committee.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she was not here for the first item concerning a rezoning on Conner Lane and asked if Greg Haynes would be presenting this. She stated that she had heard nothing from anyone. Mr. Haynes explained that this was a housekeeping matter and was a five-year case.

Ordinances, First Reading, are abandonments and are Public Works’ items.
Resolution (a) is a contract with Two Rivers Roofing, Inc. for a green roof to the Chattanooga City Council building for a total project cost of $301,160. Mr. Johnson stated that this was discussed last week. Councilwoman Scott had a question regarding the green roof, noting that thinking back to the first discussion about the roof, it was noted that a routine roof that was not a green roof would cost about $80,000; that additional architectural parts were added with two changes, and the cost had gone up three times the $80,000 routine price and between last week and this week there was a $40,000 stormwater fee for the roof. She wanted to know why we were doing this? Mr. Johnson explained that part of the money was transferred from stormwater during the last fiscal year for the Office of Sustainability; that the rest was coming from a Grant; that the $80,000 from the General Fund is the same. Councilwoman Scott still questioned why this roof was costing three times the amount, and she also did not understand how stormwater fees worked into this, noting that the stormwater fund was painful when we raised fees, and we were trying to settle a Federal issue, and she was concerned about the priority of how we were spending this money; that she would like to understand this before she voted. Mr. Johnson stated that he would have Dave Crockett here next week to explain this in infinite detail, to which Councilwoman Scott responded “good”.

Resolutions (b), (c), and (d) are Public Works’ items. Resolution (e) authorizes an on-the-job injury settlement between Hewitt Coleman and Walter Dana Young in the amount of $10,001.00. Mr. Johnson indicated that Donna Kelley would cover this in Public Works’ Committee.

Resolutions (f) and (g) are General Services items. The first authorizes an Interlocal Lease Agreement with Hamilton County to construct and operate a homeless health care clinic. The second declares surplus and transfer 23 acres of the former Chattanooga Coke Site in exchange for 53 acres of property located at 401 Workman Road. The second Resolution referenced LQK, and Councilwoman Scott wanted to know who they were. Mr. Thornton stated that they were a national company with 13,000 employees—that they were high level and this would raise standards. She wanted to know if this was the legal name and was told “yes”.

Resolution (h) authorizes the Mayor to accept a donation of a deed of conservation easement from Vulcan Lands, Inc., along the Tennessee River for the expansion of the Tennessee Riverwalk. Mr. Johnson stated that he would let Adm. Zehnder explain this—that it is a new extension of the Riverfront. Chairman Ladd explained to the Council that she heard about this, this morning and agreed to put it on the agenda for next week. Mr. Zehnder explained that it was an easement from Vulcan Co. along the Tennessee River and that the County was also doing this—that the company may be changing hands, and we had been working on this for one and one-half years in order to get it donated, and it was important to move quickly—reiterating that the County was doing this, likewise. Councilwoman Scott asked if any environmental cleanup was required? Mr. Zehnder responded that this was contingent upon due diligence of Reclamation and was Phase I. Councilwoman Scott asked “then we don’t have to clean up”? The answer was that we did not, with Councilman Murphy noting that it was a conservation easement.
Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over tonight’s purchases, noting that the first was for the Police Department, and the next five for Public Works. (The list is made a part of this minute material).

**On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.**

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