

AGENDA SESSION
February 19, 2013
3:00 p.m.

Chairman Ladd called the meeting of the Agenda Session to order with Councilmen Benson, Berz, Gilbert, Murphy, Rico, Robinson and Scott present; Councilman McGary was absent due to illness. Assistant City Attorney Phil Noblett and Carol O'Neal, Clerk of Council, were also present.

Others present included Daisy Madison, Dan Johnson, Steve Leach, Chief Whitmire, Bill Payne, Alice Canella, Lee Norris, Madeline Green, Susan Dubose, Johnny Feagans and Richard Beeland.

Mr. Johnson stated Ordinances on final reading, (a) – (f), were discussed last week. He stated the Ordinance on first reading **amends Budget Ordinance No. 12622**. Admin. Madison explained the budget is being amended to appropriate dollars to honor a commitment made by the Council to a \$500,000 matching contribution to the development of a comprehensive growth plan; that it was in response to a resolution passed by the Council earlier in the year. She stated it is an administrative clean-up.

Councilwoman Scott asked who we are matching and what are they giving. Admin. Madison stated Hamilton County is giving \$500,000 and (she) does not know all the other partners.

Beth Jones of SETDD stated the foundations put up one million dollars contingent upon Chattanooga and Hamilton Count providing \$500,000; that business and industry is also providing funding through the Chamber Foundation.

Councilwoman Scott inquired as to the other cities in Hamilton County and the amount they are contributing. Ms. Jones stated she is not aware they are putting up anything.

Councilwoman Scott asked if they have been asked. Ms. Jones stated it was not her role to ask and she has not asked; that she does not think they have been asked to put up money at this point.

Councilwoman Scot asked if we could ask them. Ms. Jones responded “yes”; that they will be asking a lot of people to put up money.

Councilman Benson asked if this includes North Georgia. Ms. Jones responded “yes”; that they have raised some money through some of their funding streams to match relative to their population and through their transportation planning organization.

Councilwoman Scott stated the process will be managed over a three year period and looks as if it is slated to come out of the contingency fund. She asked if this is for fiscal year 12-13 and coming out of last year’s contingency to which Admin. Madison responded “yes”.

Councilwoman Scott asked how much is in the contingency fund prior to this for last year. Admin. Madison stated we are ending up with a million and half in contingency.

Councilwoman Scott stated this is February and we are looking at having how much of our contingency left to get us through the end of this year. Admin. Madison responded “half million”; that we are taking half million out of it.

Councilwoman Scott asked if we will see this again next year. Admin. Madison responded “no”.

Mr. Johnson stated this puts a name to the previous resolution as it was unnamed; that Ms. Madison needs to have a record of where it goes.

Mr. Johnson stated **Resolution (a) for a settlement to a city employee** was discussed last week; **(b) temporary use** discussed in public works last week; and **(c) acquire park property** for General Services. **Dan Thornton** explained this is a replacement situation mandated by the state of Tennessee on February 1 of this year; that he was invited to a meeting at the attorney’s office and was informed by the state of Tennessee we were in a non-compliant status; that the park sold in 2003 had been purchased with federal funds and the equipment provided with federal funding. He stated we cannot do that unless we have a substitute in place for it; that we are now under a mandate by the state to replace the property.

Councilwoman Scott inquired as to which park property we are replacing. Mr. Thornton stated it is a piece known as Ridgedale Park that was sold to McCallie School in 2003.

Councilman Benson stated that was Ridgedale Recreation Center on the side of the Ridge and was sold under a different parks and recreation director and Mayor and inquired as to our option.

Mr. Thornton stated the only option is to replace it with like property at current appraised value which is now underway at the site. He stated the replacement property has to be within the area and they are looking for property to acquire.

Councilman Rico asked if anyone asked the question why we would sell something if we could not; did they not do their homework!

Mr. Thornton stated the real estate department at the time did not have the knowledge of any encumbrances or requirements for sale of property. He stated he has always striven to do that when we do sell property to detail as much as possible, do a deep title search, and go to the different departments that may have this property in their inventory to assure there is not a lien against the property.

Councilman Rico asked how much we got for the property. Mr. Thornton stated it was appraised for \$240,000 and we got \$200,000. Councilman Rico stated that does not make sense!

Councilwoman Berz inquired as to who sold the property. Mr. Thornton stated the then director of real estate sold it in 2003 – Harvey Webb.

Councilwoman Scott asked where we are looking for property to buy. Mr. Thornton stated it should be within proximity of Ridgedale, maybe within a three-to-four mile radius.

Councilwoman Scott asked if that is a requirement. Mr. Thornton stated it should stay within that area, “yes”.

AGENDA: FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Mr. Johnson stated **Ordinance (a) abandonment** on first reading will be discussed in public works next week. He noted **Resolution (a) is payment of 2013 dues** for the Conference of Mayors; **(b) renewal of FAA Lease** at the airport through 2033; and **(c)-(d) Brownfield capping contracts** that are covered through grant money.

Councilwoman Scott stated she was looking back in some of the Brownfield resolutions approved in 2009 noting we have been working on the sites and passing resolutions and money for these, noting even if it is federal money why is it taking so long to get them done.

Mr. Thornton stated there are more than these two sites; that there are several sites in the Alton Park area and takes several years in the “pipe line” to get it through.

Mr. Johnson continued by stating **Resolution (e) is a grant** for the Fire department; **(g) – (k) will be discussed in public works** next week; and **(l) amends an agreement with Terracon** for a Brownfield Grant.

PURCHASES

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- GT Distributors, 75 Bid Sky Rack Mounts, \$15,873.00;
- Applied Concepts, Ten Stalker Radar Units and Accessories, \$31,649.00
- IBM, Blanket Contract for Cop Link Annual Subscription/Support, \$37,000 (Annual Estimate)

GENERAL SERVICES:

- Emergency Purchase of Asbestos Abatement from Alternative Actions, Inc. at an estimate of \$31,400.00

BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT

- Re-appointment of **Jeffery Seitz** to Stormwater Regulations Board.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

The meeting was adjourned.

(A full digital audio of the Council meeting of this date is filed in the Clerk of Council's Office)