

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

February 6, 2007

4:00 P.M.

Councilman Rico, Chairman, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order, with Councilmen Benson, Bennett, Gaines, Page, Franklin, and Robinson present. City Attorney Randall Nelson; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Adm. Leach, Daisy Madison, Frank Hamilton, William Payne, Lee Norris, Jerry Stewart, Paul Page, and Kim McClurkin. Dan Johnson joined the meeting later.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GARY HILBERT**

Adm. Leach took this opportunity to introduce **Mr. Gary Hilbert**, the new Director of the Land Development Office. He noted that Mr. Hilbert was a long-time architect with over 35 years of experience; that he was looking for a change and that we interviewed inside folks for this position and five outside folks and that Gary was the top applicant. He stated that he would be coming on board the 16<sup>th</sup> of February and that we were delighted that he was here. He added that Mr. Hilbert was a Tyner High graduate and also went to UT and that we were absolutely delighted to have him.

Mr. Hilbert stated that he was looking forward to the challenge and opportunity; that he thought that when he resigned from his present job that he would have some time off but was told he needed to be here the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Leach went on to say that Mr. Hilbert had served on the City of Chattanooga Board of Construction Appeals, which deals with changes to building code standards—that he had been on this Board for 10-11 years; that he was very familiar with codes and that we were absolutely delighted to have him.

Mr. Hilbert stated that he was glad to be here.

**FRANK HAMILTON**

**Frank Hamilton**, with the Chattanooga Fire and Police Pension Fund, was present. He mentioned that the Council had expressed a vote to do an audit and that their Board did not object; however if they had known this would be coming up, they would have been present to answer any questions. He asked that the audit look at the entire Plan and not just the DROP—that the Plan was upgraded in 2000 and the DROP meets the needs of the City. He explained that the DROP was deferred and not an early retirement incentive. He went on to say that he hoped to have good news—that they were getting great returns and hoped to reduce the cost to the City. He stated that if there were to be any further discussion in regards to the Fire and Police Pension Fund that they would appreciate being included.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

Adm. Leach stated that later in the meeting there would be a Report on Water Quality.

He then proceeded to go over this week's agenda, beginning with **Resolution (e)** authorizing Change Order No. 1 (Final) relative to Contract No. E-02-008-201, Hamill Rd. from H/W 153 to the Railroad, with Talley Construction Company, Inc., decreasing the contract amount by \$28,881.53, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$1,391,262.94. This is the final change order on the reconstruction of Hamill Road.

**Resolution (f)** authorizes Amendment No. 1 with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for additional engineering services relative to the Odor Assessment Study for the Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant, increasing the contract by \$9,950.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$49,950.00. Adm. Leach noted that Jerry Stewart and David Bible with Arcadis were present for questions; that they had identified sources at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Stewart explained that they had identified the odors; that he had talked to Nashville; that they needed to see how the odors are dispersed, and the problem is not all us. He stated that this was not in the original scope of work.

Adm. Leach noted that this was only for Moccasin Bend.

Councilwoman Bennett wanted to know if the odor problem had triggered this.

Mr. Stewart explained that at the Wastewater Plant there are odors that create offsite issues; that we are having a lot more growth and need to look at where we will be down the road and get an idea where the odors are coming from.

Councilman Page noted that we had had this odor thing for many years and asked if we could get rid of the odor?

Mr. Stewart explained that we were just trying to identify the specific areas where it is coming from.

Councilman Benson stated that he would like to add to what he thought Councilman Page was getting at, namely did it take \$50,000 to tell us where the odors are coming from?

Mr. Stewart stated that we were trying to identify how we can solve the problem.

**On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the above items will be recommended for approval by the entire Council.**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

**Resolution 7(b)** authorizes Contract No. W-06-008-201, 2006 Miscellaneous Sanitary Sewer Point Repairs Contract to Mayse Construction Co. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. This is for main sewer line repairs.

Mr. Stewart explained that this is for point repairs and others and is part of CMOM and supplements what we are doing.

**Resolution 7©** authorizes an Agreement with Lamar Dunn & Associates, Inc. relative to Contract No. W-07-001-101, Mountain Creek Pump Station Modifications, in an amount not to exceed \$19,700.00. This involves design for the generator in the Mountain Creek area and allows uninterrupted power at onsite generators.

Mr. Stewart explained that we need to make sure there are no overflows; that often trees fall on lines and cause overflows; that we need to keep overflows from occurring and need a separate generator.

**On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Bennett, the above two items will be recommended to the full Council for approval.**

**PURCHASES**

Adm. Leach went over two purchases that will be on tonight's agenda. The first is for the Waste Resources Division—Biosolids Data Management Systems. The low bidder was Material Matters in the amount of \$44,600.00. The second purchase was for de-icing salt, which Adm. Leach added was a timely subject, in the amount of \$27,475.00 from Cargill, Inc.

**On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilwoman Bennett, the above purchases will be recommended for approval by the entire Council.**

**WATER QUALITY INFORMATION**

Adm. Leach stated that Kim McClurkin would give a brief overview on Water Quality.

Ms. McClurkin presented a handout, which is made a part of this minute material, and first went over how they got the message out—Hamilton County School System; Private Schools; Colleges and Universities; Garden Clubs; Greenway Alliances; Churches; Radio Stations; Neighborhood Organizations; Newsletter; Large Scale community events, such as Arbor Day, Earth Day, Riverbend Festival, Tri-State Home Show, and the Hamilton County Fair; Stormdrain Stenciling Events; World Water Monitoring Day; Watershed Appreciation Days; and Partnerships such as Greenway Alliances, Chattanooga Environmental Education Alliance, Hamilton County Stormwater; TN Environment and Conservation, City of Chattanooga Neighborhood Services, Tennessee Waterworks, and Scenic Cities Beautiful Commission.

She elaborated on the Watershed Appreciation Days, explaining that this is an event with the objective to enlighten the community about what actions they can do to reduce trash in the stream and in turn empower the citizenry to protect the integrity of their watershed. It was noted that the goal is to have "Watershed Appreciation Days" in each watershed in Chattanooga. She asked if there were any questions.

Adm. Leach noted that Kim was one of the reasons we are able to get this message out, noting that it is not good to dump waste near stormwater.

Ms. McClurkin added that they try to educate from kindergarten to senior citizens.

Councilman Benson asked if we had been forced to take money away from Stormwater and put it into Water Quality? Adm. Leach explained that Stormwater is a part of Water Quality. Councilman Benson noted that we have a lot of stormwater problems, and the State is mandating that money go to Water Quality.

Mr. Payne explained that we are making sure we do what is required for Water Quality.

Councilman Benson noted that he was of the opinion that we had been using stormwater money for water quality. Mr. Payne explained that the money could be used for either purpose, with Adm. Leach adding that meeting requirements for Water Quality is what we are after. Councilman Benson continued, saying that citizens wanted their houses not to be flooded, and he thought the first impact was stormwater.

Councilwoman Bennett stated that way she understood it was that we were not given a choice; that Water quality is mandated.

Mr. Payne agreed that the State is requiring us to do this, agreeing however that citizens want to see drainage and flood issues taken care of. Councilman Benson added that the Federal Government does not seem to be concerned with this. Mr. Payne stated that we have to be concerned with what the Federal Government is concerned about, and they were not looking for a balance.

Councilman Franklin added that we would get fined if we were not doing this.

Councilman Page asked about the Pollution Control Board, noting that there would be public hearings. He wanted to know if the Council needed to be a party to this, because he was not sure how to respond.

Mr. Payne asked if he was talking about the State Water Pollution Board? Councilman Page responded that it was a local board, and there was a list of agenda items, and he wanted to know if any Council action needs to happen. Mr. Payne then wanted to know if he was talking about Air Pollution?

Adm. Leach asked if there was to be a series of public hearings? He added that we were getting “nailed” on particular issues and need to see how we will be affected.

Councilman Page asked that Administration review this and see if the Council needs to be more active in this. Adm. Leach stated that he would talk to Bob Colby about this.

### **PAUL PAGE**

Mr. Page was present to go over Resolutions on tonight’s agenda. The first was **Resolution ©** from Chattanooga Office Supply for system furniture, lateral shelving and storage, task and side chairs, chair mats, and tables relative to the City Hall Renovations Project in an amount not to exceed \$582,563.04. **Resolution (d)** is a companion to this from Central Business Group for a high-density file system relative to the City Hall Renovations Project in an amount not to exceed \$148,856.00.

**Resolution (i)** had been added, amending Resolution No. 24814 by reducing the purchase price from Parthenon Properties, Inc. for the Morrison Springs Apartments property from \$3,015,000.00 to \$2,890,000 and authorizing the Director of General Services to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate said sale. This is the result of aluminum wiring and Parthenon can't get insured.

**Resolution (j)** also was added and amends Resolution No. 24993 by reducing the purchase price from Donald Kurkowski and Eric Poirer for the Carr Street Apartments property from \$115,000.00 to \$103,000.00 and authorizing the Director of General Services to execute and any all documents necessary to facilitate said sale. Mr. Page explained that this was a "due diligence" thing.

Councilman Page stated that he was not sure what Mr. Page was talking about.

Mr. Page responded that it is the Carr Street Apartments that we are selling; that they showed us the problem of getting in an order at \$26,000, and he had told them he would come to the Council with a cost of \$103,000.00.

Councilman Benson added that these are the CNE apartments that we are disposing of, with Mr. Page adding that they needed to be disposed of. Councilman Page wanted to know if Mr. Page needed authority from the City to sell these apartments and if the money would then go to CNE?

Mr. Johnson explained that these **are** City properties, with Councilman Benson adding that the City only gets a portion.

**On motion of Councilwoman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Page, these two Resolutions will be recommended to the full Council for approval.**

#### **APPROPRIATION TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VISUAL ARTS**

Councilwoman Bennett stated that Christa was here to go over **Ordinance 6(a)** on next week's agenda that appropriates \$10,000.00 to the Association of Visual Arts to support the annual 4 Bridges Festival.

Christa stated that she was doing some homework. She stated that they were thrilled to get this appropriation from the City for a project that is growing considerably; that it is held in the First Tennessee Pavilion, and the date has been changed to April so as not to compete with the Chattanooga Market. She stated that the County was coming on board, as well, to help with the production of this event; that it is a free event with local and national artists and that she would be here next week when this Ordinance comes up.

Councilman Page asked if it were an Ordinance or Resolution. Councilwoman Robinson wanted to know about a fee.

Christa explained that it was free, and they would like for it to continue this way.

Councilwoman Bennett wanted to know the economic impact, with Christa responding that it had about a \$1 million dollar impact.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.