

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**September 8, 2009**  
**3:30 P.M.**

Councilman Rico, Chairman, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order, with Councilmen Benson, Berz, Murphy, Ladd, Scott, Gilbert, McGary and Robinson present. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Richard Beeland, Mayor Littlefield, Gary Hilbert, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Dennis Malone, Daisy Madison, Dan Johnson, Chief Cooper, Paul Page, Donna Kelley, Larry Zehnder, Stan Sewell, Chief Parker, Chief Maffett, David Johnson, Chief Raulston, Mark Keil, Al Chapman, Jim Templeton, Barry Bennett, Jerry Stewart, Greg Haynes, and Mo Minkari. Dickie Hutsell joined the meeting later.

Adm. Leach began with **Resolution 7(c)** approving an award to Parris Roofing for repairs for the Friar Branch Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$22,900.00. This is the second largest pumping station. **Resolution (d)** authorizes Carmike Cinemas to temporarily use the right-of-way for placement of a sign at 311 Broad Street. **Resolution (h)** declares surplus the City's interest in property owned jointly by the City and County part of the Enterprise South Industrial Park and authorizes a conservation easement for the protection of the large flowered skullcaps. Councilman Benson wanted to know how much we are spending to protect this little flower? Mr. Payne explained that this was an 80% match with our part being 20%--that he did not know the exact amount.

**Resolution (i)** regards the TIGER Grant for up to \$40,000,000 from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation to endorse the Enterprise South Transportation Efficiency Recovery Project (ESTEP). **Steve Meyer of Volkert** was present to explain this. He explained that it was a 100% Federal Fund Grant, with no matching funds required; that this looked at congestion mitigation and would improve the traffic flow with special electrical devices. This involves the transit portion, which CARTA will provide to the facility; they will encourage workers to use the transit, and there will be special provisions such as sensors and hardware and software. This will also improve the rail infrastructure with \$15 to \$16 million dollars of additional capacity for the plant; 80% of the goods will go by rail. He mentioned special switches to tell drivers to take alternate routes if they would be delayed by trains.

Councilman Gilbert asked about Swann Rd. and there being a blind spot with accidents in this area. Mr. Meyer stated that this could be evaluated; however this Grant application is due next Wednesday. Councilman Gilbert mentioned the Jersey Pike Railroad and asked if anything was being done there concerning traffic and the trains where traffic backs up. He stated this situation would increase the back-up more and asked if there would be anything constructed for trains or cars to go over? Mr. Meyer responded that it was not addressed in this Grant and would cost from \$20 million to \$25 million.

Mr. Meyer stated that there would be 2000 employees, and they would be encouraged to take the bus; that there would be 2300 spaces in Volkswagen for the first phase.

Councilwoman Berz mentioned when they first came before the Council, they were not spending money on concrete and traffic lights and wanted to know the percentage of this Grant for “people moves”. Mr. Meyer stated that this would be addressed in the Grant; they were trying to get people on busses; that there would be 14 Park and Ride Lots, which would be close to 1/3 of the Grant. Councilwoman Berz asked about the other 2/3rds and was told it was for rail and CARTA. A representative from Hamilton County stated that they would get goods out with rail. Councilwoman Berz asked if any overpasses were being built by the State, and Mr. Meyer responded that there were no plans for an overpass because of the cost; that people needed to watch the signs, and if they said “blocked”, they should know not to go this way; that this should be completed by March of 2012.

Councilwoman Scott noted that a great portion relies on the bus system, which is funded heavily by the City of Chattanooga; that the operating money will be back on CARTA. Mr. Meyer explained that there would be some sort of fare; that this had not been finalized with Volkswagen. He stated that that the City and County are already committed to this. Councilwoman Scott asked if it were in this Budget and was told “no”—that this was two years off, and these would be hybrid busses.

Councilman McGary thanked Mr. Meyer for this presentation but asked if there were any bike considerations? Mr. Meyer stated that bikes were not a high potential use—that this is a JOBS Grant. Councilman Gilbert stated that it was difficult to cross Highway 58 now. Mr. Meyer stated that this Grant was specifically for intersections—that they could not meet the timeline if they did everything. Councilman Gilbert asked if this would do anything for alternate routes and was told that other routes will improve. He asked if other funding was coming besides this Grant and asked for someone to let him know about Swann Rd. Mr. Meyer stated that John VanWinkle had information on this.

### **AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

**Ordinance 6(a)** is relative to placement of business directional signs. Dickie Hutsell was present to explain this. The distance is 1000 ft. off main thoroughfares; that they were not opening this up too greatly, and it was not for businesses. Councilman Benson asked if it could be written “where there is a safety hazard”? Adm. Leach stated that they would make sure this is not open to all businesses and would limit it to non-profits. Councilman Benson still felt that it could be linked to safety because we are having people killed. Adm. Leach stated that this was on next week’s agenda and that he would have John VanWinkle here.

**Resolution (d)** changes the right-of-way name of Wells Street to Forest Ave. due to 911 issues. This is in North Chattanooga and will make a continuous name. Councilwoman Scott asked if there was another Wells Street and this was the reason for the change?

**Resolution (e)** changes the street name from Natchez Circle to Notting Hill due to 911 issues. These are the Mansion Hill Apartments. Councilwoman Scott asked why the name change with Mr. Malone explaining it was 911 concerns, and the road was not continuous. Councilman Murphy wanted to know if the numbers overlap on both Natchez? Mr. Malone answered that he was not sure about the range. Councilman Murphy wanted to know if there was an issue because someone could not find the road. Mr. Norris confirmed through Mr. Malone that there had been no issues concerning this.

**Resolution (f)** changes the right-of-way name from Oak Street to Begonia Lane. It was noted only one house was affected, and the owner is in agreement.

**Resolution (g)** changes the right-of-way name of Beason Drive to McRoy Drive. This is a duplicate name and five houses are affected. Councilwoman Scott stated that this was a short street and wanted to know how they came up with an 800 Block? Mr. Malone stated that this was recommended by GIS and their grid system.

**Resolution (h)** changes the right-of-way name of West Crewdson Street to Moonhollow Lane due to 911 issues. Five lots are affected with four houses. This came through the 911 System.

**Resolution (i)** changes the right-of-way name of Charlotte Drive to Bryant Road. One house will be affected and there is a duplicate name. Councilwoman Scott asked if all the residents are fine with this, and the answer was “yes”.

**Resolution (j)** authorizes an Agreement with Arcadis, U.S., Inc. for a planning study for Moccasin Bend Architectural District in an amount not to exceed \$98,500. Mr. Malone stated this was a Study for the traffic flow in relation to the new Visitor Center.

**Resolution (k)** authorizes a contract with MAP Engineering/Bonny Oaks Sewer Relocation at Railroad Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$13,650.00. This is a Bonny Oaks Study by TDOT. Bonny Oaks needs to be widened to do design work for this.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.