

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

August 31, 2010

3:10 P.M.

Councilwoman Ladd, Chairman, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order, with Councilmen Rico, Scott, Benson, Gilbert, Robinson and Murphy present. Councilwoman Berz was out of town. City Attorneys Michael McMahan and Crystal Freiberg were present, as was Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council.

Others present included Gene Hyde, John Van Winkle, Carolyn Johnson, Joachim Volz, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Richard Beeland, Bill Payne, Dan Johnson, Dennis Malone, Dickie Hutsell, Jim Templeton, Alice Cannelli, Larry Zehnder, Captain Snyder, Chief Parker, Randy Ray, and Daisy Madison. Dardee Long and Phil Noblett joined the meeting later.

Mr. Norris explained the concept of the operation of the Furniture Bank on 11th Street with starter furniture available. He noted that Orange Grove had asked for a trial run at our Refuse Call Center to see if there was any workable furniture; that furniture items had been rescued for the Furniture Bank, and he was asking to extend the trial run longer—that there is a challenge of storage, transportation, etc. He was asking the Council's blessing to continue this trial. He noted that 206 families had been helped, along with homeless veterans; that there were challenges, and we were working with them, and it was not costing us anything. He asked to continue this trial longer as it helps keep things out of our landfill and also helps folks, too.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she thought this was a great idea but asked about people being injured and if we had any forms for this? Mr. Norris responded that things are dropped off at the Refuse Center. Attorney McMahan agreed that there could be some liability; however it would be very rare; but we could face some form of liability. He stated that we looked at such things on an individual basis and generally do not ask for releases for normal, everyday activities; that he thought there would be very few claims.

Councilman Benson stated that he thought this was great.

Mr. Leach began with **Ordinance 5(a)** on tonight's agenda dealing with Sewers, Mains and Drainage, noting that there had been a change in requirements; that a Public Hearing had been held and no one spoke up.

Ordinance 5(b) is an abandonment for Dale D. Darby located in the 5500 Block of Cassandra Smith Road and is a result of re-subdivision.

Ordinance 6(a) is an abandonment for Yerbey Concrete Construction, Inc., closing and abandoning an unopened alley along the 1900 Block of Central Ave. This is the Master Blasters Barbeque site and is a totally reconstructed corner with a nice parking lot.

Mr. Malone stated that the applicant put in the parking and detention area. Councilman Murphy asked if they owned all the property around it and was told “yes”.

Resolution (b) authorizes an increase in the amount for Haman’s New Drivers to complete driver training classes through the summer for an increased amount of \$79,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$192,000.00. Mr. Leach noted that Carolyn Johnson with Traffic Engineering was here to discuss the completion of our freshman year.

Ms. Johnson stated that they were pleased with the program and she would give an overview of the fall term. She explained that this was a five-week course with Haman’s that occurs two afternoons a week for three hours; that it cost \$50.00 to register for those between the ages of 14-22; that the total cost is \$350.00, and the City pays \$300.00 for each; that they get 6-hour behind the wheel driving, and the courses are concentrated during the summer. She mentioned the locations as being Greenway, Washington Hills, Westside, Patten Center, and Brainerd, stating that they wanted to make this available all over town and convenient for everyone; that the classes were jam-packed; that they brought in guest speakers and were taught road etiquette and roundabouts were discussed—also the wonders of photo enforcement, which pays for this program.. She went on to say that they had had 397 graduates and that the program is in demand and is a long overdue program—that they would like to have it in all the schools. She mentioned that it benefitted recreation centers as they got new audio-visual equipment and increased traffic; that it was also a benefit to students, who got to learn to drive with good driving habits—that they could get their Learner’s Permit through these classes. There is also an insurance discount and students are taught that driving is a privilege. She mentioned the possibility that in January there will be four classes on Saturday; that students will also learn how to share the road with motorcycles, and there could be a refresher course for older drivers, too. She added that John Van Winkle would talk about roundabouts and always told the students that they could teach their parents. She went on to say that they taught exposure to road hazards and there were courses for foreigners; that right now it was limited to city only, but they would like to be able to offer this to other municipalities. She handed out favors, noting that they advertised at school PTA’s, facebook, and television shows.

Chairman Ladd stated that they were doing a great job, and this is a great program.

Adm. Leach noted that Haman’s was our current contractor, and we will be advertising this again for competition.

Resolution © is a change order for additional engineering services with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc. for an increased amount of \$280,750.00 for an amount not to exceed \$430,750.00. Mr. Payne explained that this is a change order to a contract that is 6-7 years old

and was made prior to the mega-site distinction. He stated that several things resulted in this change order such as scheduling and deep fills; that there were two bidding phases. He noted that this had Federal funding—80% Federal and 20% local; that this was split at the advice of TDOT; that there have been re-designs and re-designs of intersections for a round-about; that we were looking at a parking lot for Volkswagen; that there has been re-design of irrigation as a result of construction.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she understood in regards to funding that some of the State money is TDOT and some local money. She asked on such a jointly-owned TDOT site if the County was paying anything? Mr. Payne responded that all of the local funds are being jointly-funded by the County; that no Federal funds are being used on the design work; that all of this is a City right-of-way for maintenance; that the irrigation is jointly-funded. Mr. Leach added that this is an 80/20 split on the section for the Interstate. Councilman Benson asked if local money is 50/50 and was told yes.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if Volkswagen Drive is a city street and was told “yes”.

Resolution (d) is a temporary Right-of-Way usage for Donna McConnico on behalf of Signal Centers for a portion of the south side of Montview Drive at its intersection with Germantown Road. A canopy has been built to the edge of the right-of-way. Mr. Malone explained that the right-of-way is used along the side for parking; that there is parallel parking along the road. Adm. Leach stated that the issue is the canopy.

Adm. Leach stated that under Departmental Reports tonight that there will be an SIA Report and informational briefing; that this is a State Project from Volkswagen to Highway 58; that he would talk through this tonight.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Resolution 7(b) authorizes an Agreement with Arcadis U.S.Inc. for professional engineering services for planning, design, and construction of Area 2 Closure Cap for City Landfill, for an amount not to exceed \$644,500.00. Mr. Malone explained that this is the Summit Landfill for design and will go through bidding stages. Councilwoman Scott stated that she wanted to talk with the Engineer before we vote next week. Adm. Leach asked if she was referring to our city engineer or Arcadis. She stated that it was Arcadis, and she had a list of questions. Mr. Malone stated that he would set something up for her.

Resolutions © and (d) are related and pay DSAC Corp. for Sanitary Sewer Easements relative to the Airport Road Pump Station and Force Main for Tracts 5 and 6 for property located on

Airport Road. Mr. Malone explained that these are two easements are with the same company; that we had to take it to Court for right of entry. Councilwoman Robinson asked if people refused to negotiate and why? Adm. Leach stated that sometimes people just did not want to be bothered and some felt like the City has deep pockets.

Resolution (e) authorizes a Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program Grant from the Tennessee Division of Forestry in the amount up to and including \$8,000.00. Gene Hyde was present to explain this and thanked the committee for allowing him to make a presentation. He noted that at their mature height, the trees would be 40 ft. He asked that the Council allow them to submit this grant; that the source of matching is Economic Community Development—that they were allowing us to match one department funding to another fund. Councilman Murphy asked where the trees would be and was told that the tree planting is downtown.

Resolution (f) authorizes acceptance of funds from UNUM Group for the purchase of pedestrian lights relative to UNUM Campus Streetscapes for a total amount of \$76,620.00 to be applied to the Streetscape Pedestrian Light Fixtures account. Mr. Malone explained that this was the campus with the parking deck; that they will do all of the streetscaping; that the lights will be purchased by the City.

Resolution (g) authorizes River Street Architecture on behalf of Dan Rose to temporarily use the right-of-way located at 100 Block of E. 14th St. and the 100 Block of Johnson Street for the purpose of providing parking, subject to certain conditions. Mr. Malone explained that this was the back side of the Chattanooga Choo Choo; that they were looking to build a crash pad for outdoor people. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know the square footage or acreage of the area shown in “blue”. Mr. Malone responded that it was 50 ft. wide and 200 ft. long, making 10,000 sq. ft. She asked if this would be used just by them, and the answer was “yes”. She asked if there was any reason why they could not own it? Mr. Malone explained that we would have to go through the abandonment process. She asked if it were abandoned, who would this go to? Attorney McMahan explained that it would go to the property owners on both sides of the roadway; that the City can’t sell a right-of-way, but we could just abandon it. Mr. Norris added that temporary usage encourages development in other areas. Councilwoman Scott asked if we were paying stormwater fees on this and was told by Attorney McMahan that there are no fees on roads. Mr. Payne agreed that right-of-ways are not calculated for water quality fees.

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Scott, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

