

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 9, 2011**  
**3:10 P.M.**

Chairman Rico called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order with Councilpersons Ladd, Berz, Gilbert, Benson and Scott present. Councilman Murphy 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 Dan Johnson, Richard Beeland, Greg Haynes, Greta Hayes, Gary Hilbert, Dennis Malone, Bill Payne, Steve Leach, Jerry Stewart, Johnny Feagans, Vickie Haley, Paul Page, Danny Thornton, Ron Swafford, Larry Zehnder, Chief Parker, Dickie Hutsell, Barbara Readnower, Tony Boyd, Jim Templeton, Lee Norris and John VanWinkle.

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

Adm. Leach directed attention to Page 5 of the Agenda, **Resolution 7(a)** awarding CDBG City Sidewalk Requirements Contract to Yerbey Concrete Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$475,075. **Resolution (b)** is also a Sidewalk Requirements Contract to Yerbey Concrete Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$360,000. He noted that both are Requirements Contracts and that (a) is for the Community Block Grant area, while (b) is the normal Public Works Requirement Contract that is outside the community development area. He read a list of the areas that pertain to Resolution (a).

Mr. Malone noted that the question is often asked as to how they choose the sidewalks on the list. He explained that they had a long list of requests that they look at and determine the need in relation to the proximity to parks, schools, mass transit, etc. He added that the accessibility need is also taken into consideration. He noted that handicap ramps prior to the 1990's need to be brought up to Code. He showed \$750,000 worth of sidewalks last year. He referred to the proposed areas in red on the map. He noted that the green area were other sidewalk projects that were upcoming; some in the green area are currently being paved by the State. He showed Cassandra Smith Road and Hamill Road that are being finalized. He also showed where they planned to work.

Councilwoman Scott asked him to back up one slide, stating that she would like to bring it to their attention that north of the river and the left side is in the City of Chattanooga, too!

Mr. Malone went over the CCDBG Contract and the City-wide Contract, also. Adm. Leach added that Resolution (b) includes Walnut Street, North Moore Rd., Tunnel Blvd, East Brainerd Rd., and others.

**Resolution (e)** authorizes the City Finance Officer to execute an Amendment #1 to Loan Agreement with the TDEC to increase the amount from \$5,500,000 to an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000. Adm. Leach explained that this was relative to the Treatment Plant; that it was a large increase, but they had analyzed a need.

Mr. Stewart stated that this was for this year and last year with 2.7% interest. He proceeded to go over the projects covered, noting that they were also purchasing generators. He covered the biggest projects.

Councilwoman Scott asked how this compared to the Capital Budget? Mr. Stewart again stated that it was last year and this year—that we had more money available. She wanted to know how this changed Debt Service? Mr. Stewart responded that Debt Service was going down; that this was taken care of by the 5% increase. Councilwoman Scott asked if he could show the Council in writing how this differs from the Capital Budget and why we are doing this right now? Mr. Stewart mentioned applications for loans in February, stating that this is one of the steps to acquire money; that they did not know this money was available.

Councilman Benson asked if what this Loan Agreement means is that it is in increments? Mr. Stewart explained that this is a subsidized Loan with lower interest; that we are trying to get the lowest interest rate—that grant money is few and far between. Councilman Benson asked if this had nothing to do with Capital money? Attorney McMahan explained that this was for reporting and auditing purposes—that it is a long-term loan.

Adm. Leach noted that Councilwoman Scott had a question about the Service Agreement for J-Vap Sludge Dewatering and Drying System from Siemens Industry, Inc. She asked if this was nothing but actual per diem and labor services—that she assumed this was being done by the Public Works' staff primarily. She stated that she questioned the amount of money—that did not include emergencies. Mr. Stewart noted that if they had needs, it was an emergency; that this service was available to them on call and on-line with two full days on site. Councilwoman Scott asked if our people were not able to do what they were doing? Mr. Stewart responded that they provide expertise and are trouble-shooters—that they supplement our staff. She asked if they were doing training? Mr. Stewart indicated that it was new and repeat training, also cross-training.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.