

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2011
3:45 P.M.

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

Others present included Lee Norris, Dan Johnson, Gary Hilbert, Dickie Hutsell, Danny Thornton, Tony Boyd, Jim Templeton, Dennis Malone, Jerry Stewart, Steve Leach, Eddie Tate, John Bridger, Richard Beeland, Alice Canneli, John Van Winkle, Attorney Keith Reisman, Daisy Madison, and Randy Ray.

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

Adm. Leach wished everyone Happy Holidays. He began with **Ordinance VI(a)**, an abandonment for Memorial Health Care System of a portion of Robbins Street. He stated that people were present on both sides of this issue.

Mr. Malone spoke to Robbins Street. He stated that the right-of-way at Kilmer will remain open and a portion of Kilmer will be renamed to Robbins.

Councilman Murphy stated that this was not clear at the Planning Commission meeting, noting that they proposed to have an east/west connection maintained; that some thought Robbins would be eliminated, and we had a resident here who wished to speak.

Before she spoke, Mr. Payne read the conditions of the Abandonment.

Mrs. Charlene Kilpatrick, who lives close to the Hospital, spoke. She asked if she were understanding that they were saying that Kilmer Street would be renamed? Councilman Murphy explained just this portion. Mrs. Kilpatrick went on to say that she had talked to Mr. Roddy and had told him that they should notify people who live close to the Hospital; that it was unfair that they did not know about this; that she would appreciate if Mr. Roddy would notify people who live close so that they could have input.

Ms. Everlina Holmes of the Glenwood Neighborhood spoke next. She stated that she had attended four presentations by Memorial on this project—that one concerned helicopters and noise; the other was the Plat and noise and the Avondale Neighborhood was included. She stated that she met at Memorial Hospital to look at the plans with the architect; that she was not here when it was presented to the Association, but she had met with Mr. Roddy and the architect. She stated that there had been a lot of transparency and opportunity; that a financial situation had caused Memorial not to be able to move forward. She stated that she had been

to five presentations where Milne was mentioned; that where it merges into Kilmer she had suggested it be changed to Milne but changing to Robbins Street was just as good. She mentioned a blind spot and Memorial had agreed with her; that she was very supportive of this move in the neighborhood; that they were ahead in the planning process.

Mr. Roddy thanked everyone, stating that he was Howard Roddy; that they had been having community meetings for about three years with neighborhood associations; that the economy crashed, and they delayed the project for two years; that they had begun Phase I, and it is coming along well; that they had met with the Glenwood Neighborhood Association and the Avondale Association to keep the neighborhoods informed. He brought drawings and renderings with him of the new buildings and also a map. He explained that the portion from North Chamberlain to Kilmer will remain public and have public access. The other end of Robbins Street will be closed and used for ambulances for public safety. He showed the current Day Care Center that will be moved and the new Bed Tower and the Chattanooga Heart Institute. He mentioned that Robbins Street is really busy; that there will be a circular drive for the new hospital being built there. He provided an artist rendering of the new Bed Tower, showing that the roads are interconnected.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she would abstain from voting on this due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Resolution (d) authorizes the purchase of used equipment from Stowers Equipment in the amount of \$103,840 and a hydraulic excavator in the amount of \$137,120.

Resolution (e) authorizes a Change Order for East Tennessee Grading, Inc. relative to Sanitary Sewer Improvements on Old Lee Highway at Apison Pike for an increased amount of \$15,768.36 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$514,666.36 and releasing remaining contingency of \$34,133.64. Mr. Leach stated that this was in conjunction with Exit 9 Project.

Proceeding to next week's agenda, **Ordinance 5(a)** will be the final reading for the Memorial Health Care System abandonment.

Ordinance 6(b) is an abandonment for North Chattanooga Enterprises, LLC of a right-of-way parallel to the 800 Block of an unopened alley. This is being recommended for denial. Councilman Murphy asked why? Mr. Leach explained that Franklin Street serves the abutting land, and this is not an appropriate abandonment; that this serves as an access; that the Planning Commission also recommended denial.

Councilwoman Scott asked about the utilities. Mr. Leach agreed that utilities can be problematic. She wanted to know if all of the utilities cleared this—that she thought two had an issue. Mr. Payne explained to her that they do not look at utilities.

Councilman Murphy stated that this was heavily sloped and if Public Works contemplated this would ever be used? Mr. Payne responded that eight houses are under construction, and the alley is necessary for access.

Resolution (a) authorizes a MOU with the Hamilton County Geographic Information Systems Department relative to On-Line Mapping Services for an initial set-up cost of \$21,300 and an annual maintenance fee of \$10,900. Mr. Leach explained that we had changed from an old base system to a newer system. Councilwoman Scott asked if this would give us all the capability that Hamilton County has on their website? Mr. Payne responded that he was not sure about the website—that this was just the GIS element.

Resolution (b) authorizes an agreement with Norfolk Southern Corp. relative to the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway for construction, engineering, accounting, and flagging services relative to the Walking Trail under the South Chickamauga Bridge Project for a revised amount of \$18,753.92 and returning the remaining \$37,996.08 back into the project fund account. Mr. Leach explained that we negotiated with Norfolk Southern, and a result of the project is a fee we had to pay.

Resolution (c) authorizes a contract for roof replacements for Moccasin Bend Waste Water Treatment Plant to Parris Roofing in the amount of \$143,590, with a contingency amount of \$15,000, for an amount not to exceed \$158,590.

Resolution (d) authorizes a change order with True North Emergency Management Services to monitor performance of debris removal contractor reducing the contract amount by \$200,245 with a final contract amount of \$949,755. This is for the clean-up effort after the storms in the Spring.

Resolution (e) authorizes Change Order #1 for East Tennessee Grading, relative to Intersection Improvements for the Northbound Off-Ramp at Bonny Oaks Drive for an increased amount of \$4,385.60, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$214,702.60 and to release the remaining contingency of \$16,707.40.

Resolution (f) authorizes Change Order No. 1 for Highways, Inc. relative to the Enterprise South Roadway Extension for a decreased amount of \$195,989.88 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$2,203,585.12 and to release the remaining contingency of \$240,000.00. This is related to Resolution (i) and is a City-County project.

Resolution (g) authorizes Change Order No. 1 for Halcrow, Inc. relative to Construction Feasibility Studies and Conceptual Designs for Improvements to Wilcox Tunnel for an increased amount of \$1,239,675 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$2,048,646. Councilman Gilbert asked if the report is due in by February for the TIGER Grant. Adm. Leach noted that this is in the Capital Budget.

Resolution (h) authorizes Change Order No. 1 for Yerbey Concrete Construction, Inc. relative to City Sidewalk Requirements Contract for an increased amount of \$28,813.61, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$349,275.61, and to release the remaining contingency of \$3,224.39. Mr. Malone noted that areas of town are by district as to where sidewalks will be installed.

Resolution (i) authorizes Change Order No. 1 for Highways, Inc. relative to Enterprise South Roadway Extension for an increased amount of \$119,355.06, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$3,122,391.81, and to release the remaining contingency of \$180,644.94.

Resolution (j) authorizes an Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. for professional services relative to Design and Construction Phase Services of Bar Screen and Fine Screen Replacements for Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$642,000.00. An example of the project was shown. Councilwoman Scott asked if a CD was in the screen?

Resolution (k) authorizes the Mayor to accept a proposal from the Tennessee Department of Transportation regarding State Route 317 (Apison Pike) from Old Lee Highway to State Route 321 (Ooltewah-Ringgold Road).

Resolution (n) changes the right-of-way name from the 900 Block of Kilmer Street to the 2600 Block of Robbins Street. This has to do with the Memorial Hospital project.

Resolution (o) authorizes the Mayor to execute an Agreement Amendment with Hamilton County relative to additional grant support from TDOT for the Downtown Riverwalk for an additional funding amount of \$4,722,875.000, with a City match being met with private contributions. This is an 80/20 match.

Resolution (p) authorizes the Mayor to apply for a 2012 Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program Submittal Grant for the Moccasin Bend Gateway Project for the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District Visitor and Interpretative Center for an amount of \$2.5 million dollars.

Resolution (q) authorizes a Change Order No. 1 for Volkert and Associates, Inc. relative to Enterprise South Roadway Project, CEI Services for a decreased amount of \$146.24, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$712,831.58.

Resolution (r) authorizes Change Order No. 2 for Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon, Inc. relative to the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Project for an increased amount of \$53,100 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$324,100.

Resolution (s) authorizes Change Order No. 1 for Rembco Geotechnical Contractors, Inc. relative to Lightfoot Mill Road Ground Improvements for a decreased amount of \$2,631.40, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$26,798.60, and to release the remaining contingency of \$2,943.00. Adm. Leach stated that there are issues out there, and we are trying to figure out what is going on.

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

Adm. Leach stated that Eddie Tate was present to give a Pavement Management Report. Councilman Murphy stated that since two members are out today that this matter be put over until the next time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.