

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 8, 2012**  
**3:20 P.M.**

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

Others present included Gene Hyde, Dennis Malone, Johnny Feagans, Dan Johnson, Mark Keil, Mike Patrick, Jim Templeton, Alice Cannella, Steve Leach, Joachim Volz, Lee Norris, John Bridger, Beverly Cosley, Gary Hilbert, Jana Lowery, Danny Thornton, Chief Parker, Chief Dodd, Chief Kennedy, Officer Snyder, Jerry Stewart, Richard Beeland, Beverly Johnson, John Van Winkle, and Dickie Hutsell. Daisy Madison joined the meeting later.

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

Mr. Leach stated that there were a lot of items to cover but first he wanted Lee Norris to talk about the “Mayor’s Proclamation—Public Works Week” and the activities involved. Mr. Norris stated that this was the annual Public Works’ Week celebration with three main events between May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>. The first event is a “Touch Truck” demonstration where there will be a lot for kids to do and hard hats provided; the second event is a Public Works’ Outreach Day on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Miller Plaza where equipment will be present; the third event is on May 25<sup>th</sup> and is an Employees’ Luncheon where employees are recognized and also the “Manager of the Year”.

At this time, Adm. Leach stated that he had spent time with John Van Winkle and the kids from Arts and Sciences.

**Ordinance Final Reading (b)** is an abandonment for Memorial Health Care System closing and abandoning several sewer easements located within properties located at 950 North Chamberlain Ave. and 1005 Glenwood Drive. This is north of Memorial Hospital and part of the redevelopment of the campus.

**Ordinance First Reading (d)** is an abandonment for Tony Coco/Santek Waste Services of a portion of the 3300 Block of Wood Avenue from the corner of Wisdom Street. This is a 140’ abandonment and subject to the EPB and the Chattanooga Gas Co. maintaining the easement in the full width.

**Resolution (e)** authorizes a Change Order for Cranston Engineering Group, P.C. relative to Contract for the Brainerd Levee FEMA Compliance Determination, for an increase of \$115,915 for a total amount not to exceed \$627,435. Adm. Leach asked the Council to remember that the Brained Levee is a city asset

given to us by TVA and this is to bring us into compliance with FEMA concerning vegetation and free-boarding. He stated that the City's Hydraulic Engineer is present for questions. Councilwoman Scott asked for a definition of "free-boarding". He responded that it involved split elevations where the Levee meets and FEMA is requiring "free-boarding". She asked if this was added in and was told "yes". Councilman Gilbert asked if this deal swith flooding? The response was that we are required to do this with FEMA because of new flood maps; that this is certification of the Levee. Council Murphy asked if we had to add three feet in some small places? The response was "yes"—on the I-24 side of Spring Creek Rd.—increasing the flood wall and between Eastgate and Spring Creek Rd. Councilman Murphy confirmed that we were not talking about the walking trail.

**Resolution (f)** awards a contract to Service Electric Co., Inc. for Power Circuit Breaker Replacement Substation Construction in the amount of \$149,976 with a contingency amount of \$15,000 for an amount not to exceed \$164,976. Alice Cannella explained that this was a contract to replace two large gas circuit breakers—that the existing ones are 30 years old, and it is time to replace them.

**Resolutions (g) through (m)** are street name changes done with due diligence. **Resolution (g)** is a change at the west end of the Wilcox Tunnel—there is just a short segment to re-name. **Resolution (h)** names an unnamed alley near Dallas Rd. to the 800-899 Block of Stellar View. This alley never had a name, and it is now Stellar View. **Resolution (i)** changes the right-of-way name from the 5800-5899 Block of Northwoods View to the 6000-6099 Block of Stardust Trail. This is in the Hixson area north of Highway 153; there is a police issue up there due to multiple 911 calls in the area, and we are trying to re-do this. **Resolutions (j), (k), (l), and (m)** are all changes on parts of Baldwin Street and set a record. This is four different locations, and we are trying to straighten a situation out. **Resolution (k)** changes the 1400-1499 block of Baldwin St. to 1400-1499 Passenger Street. **Resolution (l)** changes 3000-3099 Blk. of Baldwin Street to 3000-3099 Blk. of Doubleday Way. **Resolution (m)** is near the UTC Campus.

**Resolution (n)** relates to State Industrial Access (SIA) funding relative to the Volkswagen Drive Intersection Improvements of the TDOT Enterprise South Traffic Improvement Study. Adm. Leach explained that these are two critical intersections, and we have been working on the project for 14 years. Characteristics of the road is that it is good for carrying traffic, and we are in desperate need of this right now because of the volume of work—the existing round-about will be enlarged. He stated that we were working with VW and Amazon concerning their shift work; that this is an interesting process.

Councilman Gilbert asked the timeframe for widening Bonny Oaks? Adm. Leach responded that it is an ongoing three year Plan with major impediments such as the railroad and utilities. Councilman Gilbert asked if this would be started in four years? Adm. Leach responded "no"—that we would be in the middle of construction.

Councilwoman Scott noted that the State gave us significant funding for this and wanted to know our total cost? Mr. Malone responded \$471,000 is the estimated cost; that a good part of the right-of-way is owned by the Industrial Development Board and held by the City. She asked with this \$475,000 was it for IDB or were we purchasing it for ourselves? Mr. Malone went over the worst case scenario—the decision of whether the City or the State will actually manage this project. Councilwoman Scott mentioned the back-up documentation that talked about \$995. She wanted to know if the cost of \$471,000 covered one and two options. Mr. Malone explained that it was 80/20 split construction; that the right-of-way utility cost is 50/50 split. She wanted to know if Options 1 and 2 are covered by the \$475,000 or if \$475,000 was just for Option 1? Mr. Malone explained that the \$475,000 covers the City's 20% for both Options. Councilman Murphy noted that this may never happen but if a second assembly plant should also be built, would this handle that volume, too? Mr. Malone responded that if there were a second plant, it would require a secondary entrance. Councilman Murphy asked if Amazon and Volkswagen had different time slots for shifts? Adm. Leach responded that we worked with both last fall and made some temporary changes for the holiday season to make this run better; that we have to make sure that we coordinate. Councilman Murphy asked about aggravation that people had to spend their last twenty minutes on the last mile? Adm. Leach stated that we were doing things to make differences.

Councilman Benson asked about the timeframe for Shallowford Rd. between Jenkins and Gunbarrel; that he had been by and there were only two people working. Mr. Malone explained that we were in the utility construction period; that we were still on schedule to start June 1st. Councilman Benson complimented Public Works on the round-about.

**Resolution (o)** authorizes an agreement with Alton Place LP, Alton Park Apartments for an upgrade of the Alton Park Pump Station and construction of sewer manhole at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street with APA contributing \$160,000 in cash and design services and City's funds of \$215,000 for an estimated total cost of \$375,000. Mike Patrick explained that we were upgrading the existing pump station.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Ordinance 6(c) First Reading** amends the City Code, relative to One-Way Streets. This involves a very narrow right-of-way. Mr. Malone explained that it was E. Main St. at Rossville Ave. involving development of residences on Johnson St. This street is 18 ft. wide and does not allow two full lanes; it is Rossville Ave. to Baldwin Street on Johnson St.—this will be one-way.

**Resolution (b)** accepts donations from the Community Foundation's "Take Root" Account in the form of trees, tree planting supplies, and educational materials for the enhancement of the City of Chattanooga's urban Forestry Program. Gene Hyde was present to answer any questions.

At this point, Adm. Leach noted that Bill Payne was not here today—that his wife had a baby on Sunday.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.