

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

JULY 17, 2012

3:10 P.M.

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

Others present included Dan Johnson, Jim Templeton, Gary Hilbert, Dennis Malone, Patrick Bobo, Lee Norris, Steve Leach, Johnny Feagans, Bill Payne, Danny Thornton, Chief Parker, Larry Zehnder, Dickie Hutsell, John Bridger, Beverly Johnson, John Van Winkle, Tony Boyd, Richard Beeland, and Joachim Volz.

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. Norris noted that **Ordinance 6(b)** was covered last week. **Ordinance 6(c)** is an abandonment for Jay Caughman of an alley at the west line located in the 1600 Block of Rossville Ave. Mr. Payne noted that there were three versions—The third version is the applicant's; the middle version is the Planning Commission Staff's; and the first version is that of Public Works. Mr. Payne stated that Alley 3 needed to be abandoned; that Mr. Caughman was not present, but Mike North of Betts Engineering was here to request that a portion of the Ordinance be withdrawn and that only Alley 3 be included.

Mr. North apologized for the confusion, explaining that when this was submitted that the applicant was unaware of the boundaries and after survey work was done, there was a question about the location of the lot lines affecting the alley. He stated that it would be in the best interest of the applicant and the best interest of the public for them to request that Alley 1 not be considered and only action taken on Alley 3. He went on to say that Public Works wants Alley 2 left open, and they would ask for temporary use for Alley 1 and Alley 2, which would suit their purposes.

Mr. Payne stated that if they would consider the withdrawal of Alley 1, that their recommendation would change.

Councilman McGary stated that he was trying to keep track of this—that at this point does Public Works want Alley 3 to remain open and Alley 1 withdrawn? Mr. Payne responded that the northern part of Alley 3 needs to be closed. Councilman McGary asked if they were considering Alley 1? Mr. North responded that Alley 1 would be withdrawn. Councilman McGary asked if Alley 2 would also be withdrawn? Mr. North responded that it would not necessarily be withdrawn, but it could be left open; that they were hoping the Temporary Use would be approved and take care of this.

Councilman McGary summarized that Alley 1 would be withdrawn; Alley 2 stay as is; and Alley 3—the northern part—would be closed.

Resolution 7(b) authorizes L. Raymond Debarge to temporarily use a portion of two adjoining alleys that intersect near the 1600 Blk. of Rossville Ave. for the installation of a pedestrian sidewalk, fence, and trellis along said alley’s center line. Mr. Debarge is one of the partners and Public Works does recommend the temporary use, and this is part of all the discussion surrounding Ordinance (c)—the two are connected.

Resolution 7(d) authorizes Jamestown Warehouse Row to temporarily use the right-of-way located at 1110 Market Street, Suite 319, for the installation of a sign along right-of-way. These are banner type signs.

Resolution 7(a) on next week’s agenda has to do with Haren Construction Co. This has been deferred once, and Mr. Johnson asked Attorney McMahan to speak to this. Mr. McMahan explained that the Purchasing Staff was looking into this; that the Department and the Purchasing Staff want to go with the second low bidder because the first was not a good contract in the past; that he would suggest that we award nine (9) minutes each to each party to state their case. **Resolution 7(b)** authorizes a maintenance contract with TDOT for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, relative to the State reimbursing the City for maintenance work on State highways routes through the City. This is an annual contract.

Resolution 7(d) authorizes an Agreement with Littlejohn Engineering Associates, Inc. relative to professional services for the Tremont Street Drainage Basin Separation of Combined Sewers. We are looking at the drainage basin in North Chattanooga, trying to figure out what to do with this. Councilman McGary asked if as a result of the Study, if we would get (x) amount of dollars? Adm. Leach responded that right now we don’t know; that Littlejohn is looking at the best solution.

Resolution 7(e) concerns a Partnership Agreement with Noodles, Inc., relative to 405 Market Street Streetscape Improvements and acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$4,500 for project related costs.

Resolution 7(f) authorizes payment to Williams Realty and Joseph V. Williams, III, for a Sanitary Sewer Easement relative to relocating a 24” Sanitary Sewer Easement for Tract No. 101, property at 23 Cherokee Blvd. Councilwoman Robinson asked if the sewer easement was on a vacant lot? Adm. Leach responded that we were hoping it was vacant. Mr. Malone explained that the lot has a structure on it, and we will do a “bore”. She wanted to know what building is there now and how it will be affected? Mr. Malone responded that it would not be affected. She wanted to know the purpose and was told that it is an issue with the sewer line.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.