

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 14, 2012
4:00 P.M.

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

Others present included Dennis Malone, Johnny Feagans, Bill Payne, Dan Johnson, Steve Leach, Chief Parker, Jerry Stewart, Chief Maffett, Larry Zehnder, Greg Haynes, Chief Dodd, Richard Beeland, Chief Kennedy, Tony Boyd, Jim Templeton, Danny Thornton, Gary Hilbert, John Van Winkle, Karen Hundt and Daisy Madison.

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

Adm. Leach proceeded to go over Agenda items, beginning with **Ordinance 5(a)**, amending the City Code relative to the Board of Electrical Examiners. Gary Hilbert was present and stated that several months ago they presented an Ordinance changing the make-up of this Board and the time for renewal; it read "send out a notice every two years on **odd** years", and it should have read "**even**" years. This was basically a housekeeping issue.

Ordinance 5(b) amends the City Code relative to building permit and other fees and adding a new section regarding design methodology for retaining walls and reinforced soil slopes. Mr. Hilbert explained that when the Ordinance was approved in May to adopt the new Building Code, they cut and pasted the wrong fee schedule and needed to get the new fee schedule inserted. As for the retaining walls, several criteria were mentioned but not "how", and this adds a paragraph on how to design retaining walls.

Resolution (b) authorizes the appointment of Michael A. Ballinger as a Special Unarmed Police Officer for the Dept. of Public Works.

Resolution (h) authorizes a contract for the Paul Clark Building Roof Replacement to Total Building Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$130,800.40, with a total contingency amount of \$15,000, for an amount not to exceed \$145,800.40. Adm. Leach explained that this building was "cobbled" together; that they were not suggesting a green roof system, and this was the alternative.

Resolution (i) authorizes a Federal Preservation Grant from the Tennessee Historical Commission to update four Historic District Guidelines relative to St. Elmo, Battery Place, Ferger Place, and Fort Wood, in an amount not to exceed \$16,570.00, with 60% Federal Funds and 40% City in-kind funds. This will recodify the Ordinance to make it more uniform and readable.

Councilwoman Scott asked if we knew what the money would be spent on? She wanted to know if it would pay for the writing or assist the people in the district? **Sharon**, a young lady who works with the Historic District, responded that it would pay for the writing and overall design; that they would update pictures and had talked with UTC about an intern, who will help with the re-writing; that they had an estimate for one company to do the overall design work and printing costs, as well. This will be digital, as well.

Resolution (j) authorizes payment to Envirotech Systems Corporation for a Sanitary Sewer Easement for tract No. 5, property located at 7460 Bonnyshire Drive, for an amount not to exceed \$7,504.00. There are three more projects with the same issues in this area. This is a massive project, and it is taking a long time to get easements.

Resolution (k) authorizes reimbursement to the City of Rossville for overcharges relative to monthly wheelage and treatment billing for the Waheela area sewers for the period from 2004-2010, in an amount not to exceed \$17,856.48. This is really part of East Ridge, the City, and Rossville. We have overbilled and are trying to settle up with Rossville. Councilman Murphy noted that since this went back to 2004 that it was “better late than never”. He asked if Rossville raised this issue some years ago? Adm. Leach responded no, “we just figured this out” and are correcting the way we are billing; that he was sure Rossville would like to recoup everything.

Resolutions (l) and (m) are connected and pertain to the Citywide Services Tool Supply Bldg. **Resolution (l)** authorizes a Change Order for Thompson Engineering for the design of roof replacement for an increased amount of \$3,040, for a revised contract not to exceed \$25,985.00. **Resolution (m)** authorizes a Change Order for J. D. Helton Roofing Company, Inc. for a decreased amount of \$2,840, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$153,541 and releases the remaining contingency—not as much “decking” was needed, which reduced the cost. Councilwoman Scott asked if this was a “green” roof. Mr. Malone explained that this building would not support a “green” roof—that this is a “white” roof.

Resolution (n) is an agreement with Fred M. Newton and Kathryn L. Newton, relative to responsibilities and covenants pertaining to the repair of an existing WPA ditch at 2888 Rossville Blvd. Ditch Improvement. Adm. Leach stated that this project had a lot of history; that there had been a lot in the press about Clifton Hill School flooding because the WPA Ditch had collapsed. This had to be opened up and the channel re-established with certain repairs.

Councilwoman Robinson asked how this got paved over in the first place? Adm. Leach responded “we can’t say”. She asked if it were the responsibility of the people? Attorney McMahan responded that we were told that the City approved the plans; that 20-30 years ago there was no interest in WPA ditches—that it is only in more recent years it has become necessary for us to maintain—that 30 years ago, it was not our responsibility. Councilman Benson stated that this was long overdue. Adm. Leach mentioned that Water Quality fees would be used.

Resolution (o) authorizes an agreement with the Southeast Tennessee Development District for technical and professional administrative services for 8 city projects financed through a Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, for a total project cost in the amount of \$20,000.00. A third party Staff will make sure the contractor meets standards; this will free up our Staff and acts as a supplement to the Staff.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 21, 2012

Ordinance 6(a) First Reading amends the City Code as to restricted on-street parking area. Adm. Leach stated that more Staff time was needed on this issue; that Fort Wood had petitioned them concerning this—that they have a permit system and need to be able to access their property. There has been a Parking Study in the Fort Wood area that deals with expanding the boundaries and expanding the hours of parking and removing the one-hour grace period. He stated that the Staff needed to think about this more. He added that Fort Wood was anxious to get something in place, and we will talk about this more next week. He also noted that their Staff member, who is working on this, is sick, and they needed to schedule this for next week; that there will be a hearing next week. He again stated that Fort Wood was anxious for this to be adopted.

A resident of Fort Wood asked if this would be in another Committee meeting? They were told that it would be handled in Legal and Legislative Committee at 3:00 P.M.

Resolutions (c), (d), and (e) all authorize payment to Woodland Park Baptist Church for sanitary easements at Standifer Gap Rd. Adm. Leach stated that they were working through this and major improvements are to be made, which require some easements.

Resolution (f) authorizes Enzo's Southside Market to temporarily use a portion of the right-of-way at West Main St. for the installation of a retaining wall and for the installation of a canopy.

Resolution (g) authorizes Mike and Taylor Momen to temporarily use the right-of-way located at 850 Market Street for the installation of planters below the existing windows and a small stoop for access to the business.

Resolution (h) authorizes James Barrett to temporarily use the right-of-way located at 100 Tremont St. to install a canopy. Councilwoman Robinson noted that this was formerly Rock Creek.

This meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.