Municipal Building Chattanooga, Tennessee April 28, 1998

Chairman Crockett called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Eaves, Hakeem, Hurley, Lively, Pierce, Rutherford, Swafford, and Taylor present. City Attorney Randall Nelson; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Lively gave the invocation for the evening.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Councilman Swafford, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published and signed in open meeting.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION UTC STUDENTS

Councilman Hakeem read a Proclamation signed by the Mayor proclaiming the Month of April as "Student-Athlete Month". He mentioned Student-Athletes who have found a balance between academics and athletics and who serve as role models; that they have been successful away from the game as community leaders; that they foster perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline and a belief in racial, gender and ethnic equality. He mentioned that it took hard work and dedication to juggle school work and athletics; that they used their athletic ability to allow them to obtain an education and to develop skills to help in later life. He stated that coaches, parents, and educators express highest expectations for academic performance as well as athletic performance.

Those present for the Proclamation were Soccer Coach Linda Whitehead; Peita Morley--Tennis; Talya Trudell and Megan Luring--Softball; Gretchen Cross--Soccer; and Mark Hill and Brent Hicks--Football.

Chairman Crockett thanked everyone for coming, stating he hoped they were faster in the school room and on the field than this Council was in passing Proclamations, as our Proclamation was dated April 14th as Student-Athlete Day.

AMEND CITY CODE (OVERTIME PAY)

On motion of Councilman Swafford, seconded by Councilman Pierce, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, SECTION 2-152(H), RELATIVE TO OVERTIME PAY FOR CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE (SAFETY BELT)

Chairman Crockett explained that this Ordinance was discussed two weeks ago in Safety Committee at some length; that this had also been discussed a great deal in the public media over the last week; that he felt that this was an issue where everyone supported the use of a seat belt. He stated that he would allow four people to speak on behalf of the Seat Belt Ordinance -- that they would be given three minutes each or a combination of twelve minutes; three people would be allowed to speak in opposition.

Councilman Pierce stated that in the past this Council had set guidelines for three to speak in support and three in opposition, and he felt it would be discriminatory to change the rules and allow four to speak in support; that if we changed the rules, they should be changed for all. Chairman Crockett responded that it was true that in the past we had allowed three speakers and also on more important issues we had allowed more speakers, and this was the Chairman's prerogative.

Glenn McClendon spoke on behalf of the "Buckle Up Chattanooga" Group. Each Council member was provided a packet to explain this Group's position. Mr. McClendon stated that they appeared before the Safety Committee two weeks ago and did not feel they gave a full explanation; there was a list of organizations that made up the group. He explained that their goal was to improve health care and to prevent injury and death; that Chattanooga was one of the leading cities in the State with 25% deaths due to automobile crashes. He mentioned the seat belt usage in North Carolina where they were doing a fine job, noting that we could achieve these same results in Chattanooga. He showed a photograph of shoes in a cemetery, noting that this signified 38 people who had died in automobile crashes -- that they were unbelted, and if they had been using seat belts, they could have survived the crashes. He stated that the packet contained letters from other municipalities and organizations in Chattanooga in support of this. He ended by saying this was just a brief introduction to the issue.

Dr. David Ciraula, a Trauma Surgeon, spoke in favor of changing the Ordinance to make the Seat Belt Law a primary one instead of a secondary law. He stated that 74% of the patients he saw were not wearing seat belts; that without seat belts there was a higher injury severity and head injuries were significantly worse and there were higher fatality rates. He noted that some maintained this was a personal decision and a constitutional rights issue; however he stated we all have responsibilities to other people -- our families, professional colleagues, and friends; that irresponsible behavior affects those around us. Dr. Ciraula also mentioned the financial impact on places of employment. He stated that no one was in isolation and neglecting to wear seat belts has a significant impact on society; that from a financial perspective, approximately 30% of automobile accident victims have no insurance -- 30% are in the Ten Care Program -- that only 40% of the people have insurance to cover liability. He asked why was this a concern and noted that hospitals are struggling with managed care issues. He asked who would subsidize these costs? He stated that society was responsible for the community and our citizens would pay these costs; that if we could prevent injuries we could cut financial medical costs. He reiterated that this should move from a secondary to a primary offense, and we need to enforce utilization of seat belts; that this was not a punitive measure and would not infringe on public rights but would enhance public safety and well being.

Janet Krause was next to speak in favor of the Ordinance. She prefaced her remarks by noting that she was not running for election; that she was a wife and mother and a tax payer. Ms. Krause stated that all of us like to brag about our children and pass around pictures; that she could pass around a picture of her child who was hit head-on by a drunk driver; that now she could not be a grandmother and pass around pictures of her grandchildren; that her son had permanent and severe brain damage because of an automobile crash. She stated that she is a member of a Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group—that she was speaking for these people because they could not speak for themselves; that 83 teen-agers and young adults had been injured, and these were our sons and daughters, and it caused a lot of pain and heartbreak. Ms. Krause mentioned that her husband was a machinist and a good man who paid his taxes; that he was the type of man who is the backbone of this country and one who trusted and respected the officials that he had elected to do the right thing for citizens and to do it willingly because it was something they should do.

Howard Roddy, Administrator of the Health Department, was the next to speak in favor of the Ordinance. He stated that those who had already spoken had given some of the reasons they were here; that their primary emphasis was saving lives; that there was a major problem in regard to seat belt use in that we had 55% compliance; that Chattanooga led the State of Tennessee in crash deaths -- that 38 people had died and 28 of these could have been prevented if they had been wearing seat belts. He stated their conclusion was that this is a low-cost high benefit option; that passage of this was estimated to result in a \$59 million dollar savings; that a Primary Law Ordinance would increase use of safety belts from 55% to 70%; that it would reduce crash deaths by 20%. Mr. Roddy thanked the Council for the debate that had ensued; that he felt because of this public debate that seat belt usage had gone up; that it was a good law to make people "buckle up". He stated that air bags must be used in concert with seat belts. Mr. Roddy gave a special thanks to Councilman Taylor who had stated that the use of seat belts does affect more than one person -- that it affects those who are left to grieve. Mr. Roddy stated that we needed to do a lot more to educate the people on this issue; that Dr. Ciraula had invited Council members to visit the Trauma Center at Erlanger to see the injuries that can be prevented. Mr. Roddy stated that there had been mistrust in regard to the Police Dept. mentioned with the fear that the police would misuse this power. He stated that next month was "Buckle-Up" month and asked that Ordinance be pulled from the agenda and give them more time summer for education. He ended by saying he did not feel infringed on peoples' rights.

Chairman Crockett called on the opposition to speak.

Ms. Dot Cashion was the first speaker in opposition. She stated that our children are a special commodity, and we do not have seat belts on school busses. She stated that she wears seat belts and has air bags and always obeys the law. She questioned if we had a Seat Belt law, why we needed an Ordinance -- that people paid attention to the law. She stated that she hoped people would consider our most special commodity; that this is a law about people who drive cars and not about our children; that this is just plain "old fee-grabbing".

J. B. Griffin spoke next in opposition. He stated he had a business in Councilman Pierce's district and lived in Councilwoman Hurley's district. He stated he was not against seat belts -- that he wore his to the meeting tonight; that he was against giving the government the right to say you must engage in the act -- that this would open the floodgates for other things; that if this was enacted then we should have an Ordinance that says everyone must come to City Council meetings and watch what goes on; that the Council is denying peoples' rights, and it is worse than anything he had ever seen in a Nazi movie. He mentioned that at the Riverbend Festival hard liquor is sold, and he felt like this might cause more injuries and fights than people not wearing seat belts. He stated if this was passed, we would

have to address everything; that arbitrarily pulling people over does not "fly well". He stated that he had heard about this on the radio all week and questioned where everyone was. He ended by saying he thought we should pass a law that says everyone has to come here and keep an eye on "these folks" (Council).

Dewayne Gass was the next speaker in opposition. He stated that the Council seemed to have a "Bull's eye" on their chests; that people had alluded to tyranny, but he was not here to point a finger; that people did not seem to believe that the Council was here to do what is best for the public, but he believed that the Council did hear what people were saying and would listen to the will of the people. He stated that he knew the Council office had had a lot of calls and that the Council did care about the welfare of the community. He mentioned the lady whose son had been in an accident and stated that he had lost his grandmother because she was not wearing a seat belt; that for a while he would not wear one himself. He stated that he loved our people; that he played softball and had pushed around a friend in a wheelchair who was there because he was not wearing a seat belt. He stated that we are not sheep! He asked that the public be educated to protect themselves; that people don't have to be pulled off the streets. He stated that he wears his seat belt now. He mentioned being a white male he did not have to be too concerned about discrimination, but that there was a discrimination problem because our police are human beings; that we need to tell people and appeal to the whole community and educate them, but we don't need to be legislated on every single thing. He urged the Council to "not take away our rights" and to let people make their own decisions.

Jamie Ortega was the next speaker in opposition. She stated she personally opposed this as a violation of her civil liberties. She started to say that she had talked to Councilwoman Hurley and she said . . .; however Chairman Crockett stopped her and asked her to stick to the issue and not address an individual Council member or someone in the audience. Ms. Ortega asked Chairman Crockett if he was telling her to "shut up". Chairman Crockett explained that he was not asking her to "shut up", only to stick to the issue; however, rather than continue speaking Ms. Ortega chose to sit down.

Ms. Shirley Deakins also spoke in opposition. She stated she knew people were wondering why she was attired in this "outrageous outfit", but stated she sometimes looked worse! She stated she was a citizen of this City and tried to do the best she could. She stated she was rebelling against too much encroachment and had had to endure this also from her own family -- that this was tyrannical -- that it was dangerous, and it would backfire. She noted that she likes to travel and had been a member of the Wellness Council until she found out that

it was very political. Ms. Deakins stated that she did not like to see people with power, whether appointed or elected, making rules that caused her to lose her freedom. She stated that she did wear her seat belt and reiterated that she does not want her freedoms taken away; that she was a responsible person, and she wanted the respect given to her that she gives to others; that if we were going to have legislation that it should be for integrity and ethics (noting she would not say morals); that if you "sandpapered" her skin off, who you see is what you get! She stated that she felt this was more of a revenue enhancement, and we needed better accountability for government funding now. She ended by urging seat belts on CARTA busses and school busses.

Chairman Crockett thanked everyone for coming, noting that the usage of seat belts is important and stated that he felt this had raised the visibility.

Councilman Pierce spoke as Chairman of the Safety Committee, noting that the Council had heard the "Buckle Up Chattanooga" group at a committee meeting and expressed his appreciation for them and their desires. He stated he did not think there was anyone one on this Council who did not think that "buckling up" was a good thing to do; however he stated he felt uncomfortable making this a primary law. Councilman Pierce noted that this had been talked about on the radio all week and stated he thought the Council should make a decision; that he felt uncomfortable in allowing this to be withdrawn; that the Council needed to "stand up and be counted". He made the motion to deny this ordinance. This was seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford.

Councilman Hakeem stated there was a rule we have learned in politics -- you can satisfy some of the people some of the time but you can't satisfy all of the people all of the time; that there were two different views that could be perceived, and you could not say "if you don't see this the way I see it, you are wrong!" He stated this was why the Council was paid "big bucks" -- to stand in balance and see both sides! He stated that neither side was wrong; that a decision would be made one way or the other; that he agreed with the concept that this would be more beneficial to the community but felt it would be less divisive if we look more at education; that he feels we may have over-regulated, and it is time we take a look at this and give people rights themselves; that this is already a secondary law, but we have to look at individual rights. He noted that there is the perception that power could be abused; that some on the Council have seen this abuse and have been exposed to it and know the reality of it -- that this could be just another tool to be used in an abusive fashion. He stated everyone would not like the Council's decision, but we are trying to have balance.

Councilwoman Hurley stated she guessed she was the one with the "bull's eye" on her chest; that she was not Hitler, nor was she trying to control and create "Hurleyville"! She stated that she supported efforts of "Buckle Up" and had spoken emotionally about this; that she had a good conversation with Ms. Ortega. She stated that she would have to vote with Councilman Pierce; that we had not had enough education and this had become a divisive issue; that we had heard enough concerns about the Police -- that the Police of this community need to be respected and supported to a person and if one single officer uses this in an abusive way or uses any other reason to hassle someone, we need to support Chief Dotson and see that this does not occur.

Councilman Taylor stated he had gotten an education this week; that he had spoken to those both for and against, and he noticed that all who called in against this do wear seat belts and do implement the process. He noted that compelling statements had been made. He stated there were two issues, and we had to make sure we separated the two issues — the two issues being seat belt usage and police brutality, which are co-mingled. He stated our citizens have a major concern about the attitude of our police, and we need to find out why our constituents have that fear — that it is not the seat belt but the result of being stopped because of a seat belt. He stated that we do need the opportunity to educate and get the message out.

Councilman Lively stated that his position remained the same -- that he does **not** support this Ordinance but strongly supports wearing seat belts and greatly respected these people for bringing this to the forefront and putting it on peoples' minds; that just because he does not support this does not mean that he is not on the "Buckle Up" peoples' side.

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-46, RELATIVE TO SAFETY BELT AND CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICE REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

was denied on roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN EAVES	"YES"
COUNCILMAN HAKEEM	"YES"
COUNCILWOMAN HURLEY	"YES"
COUNCILMAN LIVELY	"YES"
COUNCILMAN PIERCE	"YES"
COUNCILWOMAN RUTHERFORD	"YES"
COUNCILMAN SWAFFORD	"YES"
COUNCILMAN TAYLOR	"ABSTAIN"
COUNCILMAN CROCKETT	"YES"

Chairman Crockett thanked the "Buckle Up Chattanooga" group for pointing out facts and for coming to the meeting.

ITALIAN GUESTS

Chairman Crockett broke from the agenda at this time to recognize two Italian guests that were in the audience. He stated they were here as guests of the State Department to look at our cities. The two gentlemen were Carlo Montalbetti, Director General of Comieco, who was engaged in a European Union effort to reduce paper waste; and his interpreter Professor Vittorio Felaco. Chairman Crockett welcomed them to the City and Country and asked Mr. Montalbetti if he wanted to address the Council.

Mr. Montalbetti thanked the Council very much and stated because of his poor English he wished to use his interpreter and friend. He stated he wanted to tell the Council that Chattanooga was a great place to come to and a great city; that in ten years or more the city had come from one degree of disadvantage to great organization and hope for the future. He stated two things had captured his imagination and fantasy: (1) Consensus of all the citizens and (2) The aim to better the environment of the City and better the life of everyone. Mr. Montalbetti stated that he hoped Chattanooga would continue along this line, and he would tell everyone when he got back home what Chattanooga was doing and hoped that the people of Milano could work with Chattanooga in these wonderful goals; that it was having an impact on the rest of the world, and he thanked the Council very much.

Chairman Crockett expressed his appreciation for their being here and the fine remarks; that the Council was honored by their presence.

CONTRACT (RIVERBEND CONST. CORP.)

At this point Councilwoman Rutherford noted that she must leave the meeting and moved that Resolution (e) be moved up on the agenda, as it was in her district. This was seconded by Councilman Pierce.

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Lively, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. RW-1-98, CONSTRUCTION OF EAST BRAINERD ROAD AT DAVE L. BROWN, TO RIVERBEND CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THEIR LOW BID IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$571,661.00) TO BE PAID FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND was adopted with Councilman Swafford abstaining.

AGREEMENT (COMQUEST, LLC)

On motion of Councilman Swafford, seconded by Councilman Taylor, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMQUEST, LLC, TO DESIGN THE FRIAR BRANCH/McCUTCHEON ROAD DETENTION AREA AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$49,200.00) was adopted.

AGREEMENT (DENNIS W. SMITH)

On motion of Councilman Swafford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DENNIS W. SMITH TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON CONTRACT NOS. 73C, BIG RIDGE COLLECTOR SEWERS V; SR-3-97, HIGHLAND PARK SANITARY SEWER POINT REPAIRS; AND SWM-4-97, DRAINAGE AND WATER QUALITY ABATEMENT, IN ADDITION TO CONTRACT NOS. SWM-3-96, DRAINAGE AND WATER QUALITY ABATEMENT; AND 73D, BIG RIDGE COLLECTOR SEWERS IV, FOR AN ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) was adopted.

PAYMENT (LEGAL TITLE & ESCROW, INC.)

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LEGAL TITLE AND ESCROW, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1308 CRAWFORD STREET (TAX PARCEL #158B-C-002) FROM E. G. MIZE AND ANN C. MIZE, FOR USE AS A STORMWATER DETENTION FACILITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$37,909.00) was adopted.

AGREEMENT (CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.)

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Eaves, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR A SEWER LINE AND ACCESS ROAD CROSSING OF RAILROAD TRACKS FOR THE WILLIAMS STREET COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL FACILITY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT AND 41/100 DOLLARS (\$10,178.41) was adopted.

TEMPORARY USAGE

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Lively, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGLISH ROSE TO USE TEMPORARILY THE SIDEWALK AT 1401 MARKET STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING UP TO THREE (3) TABLES AND A FEW CHAIRS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS was adopted.

CONTRACT (CTI)

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CTI, RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHASE I-STAGE B CAP AND PHASE II GAS COLLECTION SYSTEM AT SUMMIT LANDFILL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$285,005.00) was adopted.

TEMPORARY USAGE

On motion of Councilman Swafford, seconded by Councilman Pierce, A RESOLUTION GRANTING ELECTRIC SUBMARINE, 507 BROAD STREET, TEMPORARY USAGE FOR HANGING A THREE FOOT (3') DIAMETER CIRCULAR DOUBLE-SIDED NEON SIGN OVER THE FRONT ENTRANCE AT THIS LOCATION, ENCROACHING THREE FEET (3') INTO THE SIDEWALK, WITH A NINE FOOT (9') CLEARANCE ABOVE THE SIDEWALK ELEVATION, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS was adopted.

SUPPORT FOR TVA PROGRAMS

On motion of Councilman Eaves, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF APPROPRIATED FUND PROGRAMS FOR THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending April 24, 1998 totaled \$110,416.96.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for Human Services:

CHARLENE D. JACOBS -- Hire as Field Supervisor for Foster Grand-Parent Program, \$21,714.00 annually, effective 4/24/98.

CAROLYN WILLIAMS -- Resignation of Disability/SFE Coordinator, \$43,915.82, effective 4/3/98.

RANDOLPH BECK -- Resignation of Program Services Aide, \$18,909.30 annually, effective 3/26/98.

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Swafford, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the following purchase was approved for use by the Chattanooga Human Services Dept.:

LITTLE TIKES (Lower and better bid) Requisition No. 0031380

Playground Equipment

\$20,732.00

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matter was reported for the Department of General Services:

ARTHUR KEITH, JR. -- Promotion to Shop Foreman, Amnicola Fleet Maintenance, Pay Grade 13/7, \$32,638 annually, effective 4/24/98.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the Public Works Department:

GERALD HARRINGTON -- Lateral Transfer to Sanitation Worker I, effective 4/30/98.

GARRY ROSHELL -- Voluntary Demotion to Laborer I, Pay Grade 2/9, \$16,872.00 annually, effective 4/29/98.

LLOYD L. HUSSEY -- Lateral Transfer to Laborer II position, effective 4/29/98.

RAY E. FORTNER -- Promotion to Truck Driver II in Brush and Trash Collection from Laborer II in Parks and Recreation, Pay Grade 5/4, \$17,664.00 annually, effective 4/15/98.

VERDIEL STEELE -- Promotion to Truck Driver II from Laborer I in Street Cleaning Section, Pay Grade 5/5, \$18,169.00 annually, effective 4/15/98.

MACK H. BYNUM -- Return from Family Medical Leave, effective 3/26/98.

ANTONIO L. TERRY -- Resignation of Truck Driver II in Brush and Trash Collection Section, effective 4/24/98.

RALPH E. QUINN -- Resignation of Equipment Operator II in Street Construction Section, effective 4/16/98.

ROBERT D. YOUNG -- Family Medical Leave, effective 3/17/98 to 6/9/98.

TOMMIE GARTH -- Dismissal of Truck Driver III in Garbage Collection Section, effective 4/15/98.

BOBBY D. FIELDS -- Dismissal of Laborer I in Street Cleaning Section, effective 4/29/98.

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the following purchases were approved for use by the Public Works Dept.:

DUNCAN ELECTRIC CO. (Lower and better bid)
Requisition No. R0033626

Replacement of Variable Speed Drives and Related Accessories for the Interceptor Sewer System Dept.

\$94,400.00

MOUNTAIN VIEW FORD (Lower and better bid) Requisition No. R0031930

1/2 Ton S/W Base Pickup Truck

\$18,590.00

SWOPE EQUIPMENT (Lower bid meeting City Specs.) Requisition No. R0031953

Tractor/Loader/Backhoe 12 Ft. Compact, 4 Wheel Drive

\$27,771.85

MID SOUTH EQUIPMENT (Lower and better bid) Requisition No. R0031916

Portable Rotary Screw Air Compressor

\$10,139.00

TENNESSEE HYDRAULIC HOSE & EQUIPMENT (Lower and better bid) Requisition No. R0031924

Brush Chipper

\$15,353.60

CHATTANOOGA FORD TRACTOR (Only bid meeting weight specs. of City)
Requisition No. R0031920

2 Wheel Drive Tractor

\$20,989.00

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Swafford, the following purchase was approved for use by the Fire Dept.:

TENN FIRE EQUIPMENT (Lower and better bid) Requisition No. 0030688

(50) Sections of 4" Hose, 100 Ft. Sections

\$20,900.00

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the following purchases were approved for use by the Police Dept.:

TIBURON, INC. (Proprietary Product and exempted from bidding process)
Requisition No. 0027988

Software and Maintenance

\$21,050.00

GT DISTRIBUTORS (Lower and better bid) Requisition No. R0033404

Equipment for Police Training

\$10,012.60

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Hakeem, the following purchases were approved for the Finance & Administration Dept.:

MICRO WORLD (Lower and better bid) Requisition No. R0029168

Six (6) Months Requirements Contract for NT Server and Options for Information Systems

(See minute material for prices)

PURCHASES (CONT'D.)

NEWTON CHEVROLET (State Contract)
Requisition No. P0004237

Automobile for City Attorney's Office

\$16,575.00

PROPERTY TAX REFUND

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Hakeem, the City Finance Officer was authorized to make the following refund:

PARKRIDGE HOSPITAL -- Bill#43005 -- Adj. Value -- \$111,378.24

NEW DEPARTMENT

Councilman Pierce mentioned that there was a new Department called Neighborhood Services. It was noted that this includes Better Housing and is Moses Freeman's Dept. Councilman Pierce questioned if the Council should not have been made aware of this name change. Adm. Boney pointed out that this is in the Budget Ordinance.

HEARING FOR PAUL HILL

City Attorney Nelson noted that a hearing was held the night before for Paul Hill and called on Councilman Taylor, who chaired the hearing. Councilman Taylor stated that Councilwoman Hurley and Councilman Lively were also on the panel, and they voted to uphold Administration's decision.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES ASSIGNMENT

Chairman Crockett informed the Council that he had assigned committees, and they were posted in the Council's books and were available for the Public as well. He then proceeded to go over each committee and its Chairman, which is as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE -- Councilman Swafford

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -- Councilman Hakeem

PUBLIC WORKS AND BETTER HOUSING -- Councilman Taylor

SAFETY COMMITTEE -- Councilman Eaves

OF

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE -- Councilman Pierce

PARKS AND RECREATION -- Councilwoman Rutherford

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HOUSING -- Councilwoman Hurley

Chairman Crockett stated he would make sure all Departments have this by tomorrow.

COMMITTEES

Councilman Taylor reminded the Council of the Public Works Committee meeting set for May 5th at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at 6,00 P.M.

(A LIST OF NAMES OF PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE IS FILED WITH MINUTE MATERIAL OF THIS DATE)