

**Municipal Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
October 31, 2000**

Chairman Hakeem called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Crockett, Franklin, Hurley, Lively, Pierce, Rutherford and Taylor present; Councilman Eaves joined the meeting later. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation was given by Councilman Taylor.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**2000-174: Hillard Wall**

The applicant was not present; there was no opposition in attendance.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated Ordinances 6(a), (b), and (c) were discussed in Public Works Committee last week with the recommendation of denial for (a) and approval for (b) and (c).

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Lively,

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING PART OF AN OPENED  
TEN FOOT (10') WIDE ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN CLIO AVENUE AND  
ROSSVILLE BOULEVARD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND  
AS SHOWN ON PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF  
BY REFERENCE**

**was denied.**

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**2000-184: Jeanette Martin**

The applicant was not present; there was no opposition in attendance.

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Lively  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING HIGHLAND ROAD  
FROM OLD RINGGOLD ROAD TO A DEAD END ABOVE THE TUNNEL,  
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT  
ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE,  
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**  
passed first reading.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**2000-200: S. Reginald Ruff, III**

The applicant was not present; there was no opposition in attendance.

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN ALLEY LOCATED  
NORTHEAST FROM WEST 47<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED  
HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A  
PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE**  
passed first reading.

**SPECIAL POLICEMAN**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID R. RIDGE  
AS A SPECIAL POLICEMAN FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS  
PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**  
was adopted.

**AMEND PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT:  
ED BRITTON**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Franklin,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ED BRITTON SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT FROM NINE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$9,634.00) TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FOR PERFORMING VARIOUS LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS**  
was adopted.

**DONATION OF PROPERTY**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Lively,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF CURTAIN POLE ROAD, TAX MAP NO. 136C-A-002.01, TO THE CHATTANOOGA FOOD BANK**  
was adopted.

**SALE OF PROPERTY**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF CURTAIN POLE ROAD, TAX MAP NO. 136C-A-002.01, TO SYNAIR CORPORATION IN CONSIDERATION FOR A RIVERWALK EASEMENT AND A TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) DONATION TO THE RIVERWALK FROM SYNAIR CORPORATION**  
was adopted.

**AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND ARCADIS GERAGHTY MILLER (CTI-AGM) JOINT VENTURE**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND ARCADIS GERAGHTY MILLER, A JOINT VENTURE (CTI-AGM), RELATIVE TO THE OXYGEN AND SLUDGE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MOCCASIN BEND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, FOR AN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$73,850.00), FOR A TOTAL REVISED FEE NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,761,850.00)**  
was adopted.

**EMINENT DOMAIN**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST RONALD HAWS FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY ON TRACT NO. 8, CONTRACT NO. RW-4-00, WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SHALLOWFORD ROAD**  
was adopted.

**CONTRACT: MAYSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Lively,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 69C, HIXSON PIKE SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION, TO MAYSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THEIR LOW BID IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 84/100 DOLLARS (\$322,496.84)**  
was adopted.

(Councilman Eaves joined the meeting at this point.)

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending October 27, 2000 totaled \$20,717.98.

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchase was approved for use by the Chattanooga Human Services Department:

**D & M LAWN MAINTENANCE (Lowest and best bid)**  
**Requisition R0047390/P0015249**

Lawn Care Services

\$7,500.00

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matter were reported for the Parks and Recreation Department:

**WILLIAM RYAN** – Termination, Crew Worker, TN Riverpark/Downtown, effective October 27, 2000.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the following purchases were approved for use by the Parks and Recreation Department:

**STOVALL TURF (Lowest and best bid)**  
**Requisition R0051760/B0000525**

Reel Grinder

\$12,899.00

**PURCHASES (Continued)**

**TIECO – NASHVILLE (State Contract SWC 223)**  
**Requisition R0053735/P0015409**

Two Hustler Tractors per TCAB-56-301 at \$11,567.00 each

\$23,134.00

**PURCHASES (Continued)**

**TIECO – NASHVILLE (State Contract SWC 223)**  
**Requisition R0053762/P0015408**

Hustler Tractor per TCAB-56-301

\$11,567.00

**PERSONNEL**

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

**JAMES CORNETT** – Family Medical Leave, Heavy Equipment Operator, Waste Resources, effective October 25, 2000 – January 16, 2001.

**GERALD SHIPLEY** – Retirement, Plant Maintenance Mechanic, Waste Resources, effective October 31, 2000.

**JACKIE WALDEN** – Promotion, Crew Worker Senior, Waste Resources, Pay Grade 5/Step 6, \$22,260.00 annually, effective October 13, 2000.

**RICKIE D. LANE, SHERMAN L. SALES** – Employment, Equipment Operator, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 6/Step 1, \$18,945.00 annually, effective October 18, 2000.

**DARRELL L. SATTERWHITE, SR.** – Dismissal, Crew Worker, Citywide Services, effective October 18, 2000.

**PURCHASES (Continued)**

**ARLEY L. HARVEY** – Lateral Transfer, Street Maintenance/Drainage Truck Operator, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 10/Step 3, \$25,844.00 annually, effective November 1, 2000.

**DANMEGA WILLIAMS** – Lateral Transfer, Citywide Services, Street Maintenance/Drainage Crew Worker, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,535.00 annually, effective November 1, 2000.

**GRADY SHOOK** – Family Medical Leave, Crew Worker, Citywide Services, effective October 12, 2000 – January 4, 2001.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the following purchases were approved for use by the Public Works Department:

**H & H BROWN, INC. (Single source purchase)**  
**Requisition R0052737**

Mechanical Services to Repair Filter Presses, Centrifuges and Mechanical Mixers per TCA 6-56-301

\$50,000.00

**SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF MAHWAH, NJ (Single source purchase)**  
**Requisition R0043941**

Twelve Months Lease Agreement for Sharp Digital Copier per TCA 6-56-301

\$4,006.80 Annually

**SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF MAHWAH, NJ (Single source purchase)**  
**Requisition R0043942**

Twelve Months Lease Agreement for Sharp Digital Copier per TCA 6-56-301

\$5,166.00 annually

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Chattanooga Fire Department:

**MARTHA M. HUTCHISON** – Hire, Accounting Technician, Pay Grade 8/Step 1, \$21,219.00 annually, effective November 3, 2000.

**RICHARD M. AKERS** – Suspension (one day without pay), Lieutenant, effective November 3, 2000.

**STANLEY HALES** – Suspension (one day without pay), Lieutenant, effective November 8, 2000.

**TONY OTT** – Promotion, Senior Firefighter, Pay Grade F2/Step 4, \$29,480.00 annually, effective October 20, 2000.

**SCOTT ROUSE** – Promotion, Senior Firefighter, Pay Grade F2/Step 5, \$30,762.00 annually, effective October 20, 2000.

**DONALD C. HENLEY** – Retirement (25+ years of commendable service), Lieutenant, effective October 20, 2000.

**W. LARRY ELAM** – Retirement (25+ years of commendable service), Captain, effective October 20, 2000.

**WALTER C. HOUSE** – Retirement (25+ years of commendable service), Captain, effective November 3, 2000.

**DAVID L. TATE** – Retirement (25+ years of commendable service), Lieutenant, effective November 3, 2000.

**STEVE L. RHODES** – Retirement (25+ years of commendable service), Firefighter, effective November 3, 2000.

**RONALD L. BAKER** – Resignation, Cadet, effective October 24, 2000.



**HOTEL PERMITS**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following hotel permits were approved:

**KNIGHT'S INN** – 2100 South Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**COMFORT INN** – 3109 Parker Lane, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchases were approved for use by the Chattanooga Fire Department:

**CENTRAL STATES FIRE APPARATUS, INC. (Change Order #1)**  
**Purchase Order P0014608**

Fire Apparatus

\$1,380,570.00 - Original Purchase Approved  
by City Council May 2, 2000  
600.00 - Change Order #1  
\$1,381,170.00 - Total

**MOTOROLA, INC. (Single source)**  
**Requisition R0043012**

MOSCAD Fire Alerting System

\$12,100.00

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Chattanooga Police Department:

**RONALD P. CONNER** – Retirement (29 years of dedicated service to the City of Chattanooga), Police Captain, effective November 2, 2000.

**DONALD W. HOLDBROOK** – Retirement (32 years of dedicated service to the City of Chattanooga), Police Officer, effective November 2, 2000.

**JOE L. DUTTO** – Resignation, Animal Services Officer, effective October 26, 2000.

**PERRY L. BATES** – Resignation, School Patrol Officer, effective October 20, 2000.

**ROSA L. TRUSS** – Resignation, School Patrol Officer, effective October 27, 2000.

**ANGELA MCREYNOLDS** – Resignation, Police Records Clerk, Sr., effective October 19, 2000.

**JOHNNY MARTIN** – Police Officer (3 days suspension without pay), effective October 30 – November 2, 2000.

**JASON HARTMAN** – Hire, Police Technician (part-time), \$9.48/hour, effective November 6, 2000.

**KIMBERLY DIANNE BRADLEY** – hire, Police Technician (part-time), \$9.48/hour, effective November 3, 2000.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchases were approved for use by the Chattanooga Police Department:

**R & T SPECIALTY OF PEORIA, IL (Single Source)**  
**Requisition 0051361/P0015304**

“DARE” T-Shirts per TCA 6-56-304.2

\$11,025.00

**OFFICER FREDERICK MOORE**

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that she had an opportunity to “ride along” this weekend with Officer Frederick Moore, who is an absolutely model officer. He stated that it was her wish that there were more like him; that he made an arrest and his conduct was exemplary; that she and wanted Chief Dotson to be aware of this. Chief Dotson stated that Officer Moore is one of the Department’s fine, bright “super stars” who is “up and coming” (in the Department).

**\$3 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT**

Chief Dotson relayed “excellent news” to the Council that the Police Department was awarded a \$3 million dollar grant today thanks to Congressman Wamp, which goes toward the purchase of a technology package. He stated that he came before the Council several months ago and proposed that the Department get “on line” with new technology. He stated there are no matching funds with the grant; that there is a balance of \$1.5 million to complete the package. He stated the \$3 million would put them well on their way toward coming “on line” with the first complete technology package. He stated this is a great day for the City and residents!

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**

Chief Dotson stated Council members might have read in the newspaper this week about the Domestic Violence Task Force and the decision that will have to be made whether to continue; that their funding will expire at the end of this calendar year. He stated there are currently two agencies that are still apart of the Task Force -- the Sheriff and Chattanooga Police Departments. He stated if the Task Force dissolves plans have been made to continue the same level of service by having the Police Department’s domestic unit take over; that they plan to take the same amount of officers and assign them to their youth and family investigative unit. He stated the officers would be cross-trained to work at the same level if not better that what is presently being done in those cases. He stated he wanted the Council to be aware that there will be no drop off as far as the level of services are concerned with regard to domestic violence issues; that it is still the number one issue as far as he is concerned in the Police Department. He clarified that there would be no decrease in any level of service.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**  
**(Continued)**

Councilman Crockett stated with regard to the current level of services, the Chief wrote a letter after the last budget was approved regarding two technicians. He asked if this involved the domestic violence team?

Chief Dotson stated that they were able to add civilians; that the Department does not have bodies sworn to that assignment; that at the end of this calendar year he is looking at the possibility of losing through retirement 56 sworn bodies. He stated he is already making plans to keep the basic service level up and running at the same level of efficiency.

Councilman Crockett asked if the Chief is indicating that the Attorney General and other people will not continue to do what they are doing?

Chief Dotson reiterated that there are only two agencies currently involved with the Task Force: the Chattanooga Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's office. He stated the other agencies withdrew their staffing several months or a couple years ago.

Councilman Crockett again inquired about the Attorney General's office. Chief Dotson stated that to his knowledge the Attorney General's participation would continue; that the investigative process will be handled by those within the respective governments – the Sheriff's office for Hamilton County and the Chattanooga Police Department for the City of Chattanooga.

Councilman Crockett inquired as to whether Chattanooga ever got their "numbers" established? He stated Nashville had a measurable reduction in homicides and aggravated assaults.

Chief Dotson stated that there is no question that a tremendous difference has been made, which is one of the things they are excited about. He stated the Task Force has heightened awareness of everyone involved and focused on a higher level of training expectations from law enforcement as it was intended to do. He stated that is why the Police Department feels even if the Task Force does not exist it will continue to operate at the same level; that there has been an immeasurable decrease in some of the homicides and aggravated assaults in this City and the Department is very committed to continue that practice.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**  
**(Continued)**

Councilwoman Rutherford inquired as to the number of officers assigned. Chief Dotson stated there are two sworn officers from the Chattanooga Police Department and a civilian staff person has been assigned to work with them.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated to keep the Task Force operating, what has to be done and who has to do it?

Chief Dotson stated from his knowledge, when the Task Force was first implemented there was a total of 8 - 10 sworn personnel assigned plus a manager from Hamilton County. He stated when the other departments withdrew, that left the bulk of those cases and staffing supported by the Chattanooga Police Department and Hamilton County. He stated as it stands now we only have two sworn officers assigned from the Police Department and it is his thinking Hamilton County also has two left; that there is some civilian support staff. He stated in order for the effectiveness to continue there is a need for more people if the Task Force is to continue as it was once implemented; that the good thing that has been learned from the Task Force is how to go about investigating these cases and what it will take to continue.

Councilwoman Rutherford asked if the Task Force is being disassembled because the money has run out? Chief Dotson stated that the grant money would conclude at the end of this calendar year; that from what he has been told there has not been an effort to pursue any additional funding.

Councilwoman Rutherford inquired as to who would pursue it? Chief Dotson stated he did not know; that when it became employed with the City the Task Force was already in effect. He stated that he thought it was a great venue and venture and still thinks so. He stated that he knows the City cannot afford this as far as dollars are concerned, but that he has the personnel to operate the Task Force exclusively themselves; however, this is not to say what will happen two or three years from here.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated she does not see this as the City's responsibility; that it should be a countywide effort where the City plays a major role. She stated that she really hates to see the Task Force dissolve.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**  
**(Continued)**

Chief Dotson agreed that he, too, hates to see it dissolve; that if it does the Department is definitely prepared to continue the level of effectiveness. He stated that he could not speak for the Sheriff's office; however, the Police Department is prepared to continue the same level of efficiency.

Councilwoman Hurley stated that it is her understanding that we are really talking about investigations; that other social service supports in the community are part of the group that created the Task Force, and would assume that that relationship will continue. She stated that she has been to several rape crisis teams at Family and Children's Services where the Task Force is represented; that there is a good supportive relationship and thinks people will understand that relationship will continue.

Chief Dotson stated there would be no diminishing of service; that the only difference is that he will not be able to physically assign additional officers to leave another function and go where the Task Force is located. He stated that he is prepared to take the operation as far as those cases in the City are, move them to the Service Center, establish our own domestic unit and operate it twenty-four hours a day.

Councilman Crockett stated that he heard what the Chief indicated about the sworn officers and asked if technical people do a lot of the work or whether the work has to be done by a sworn officer?

Chief Dotson stated that is the question that has been asked: whether they can do the work-up and leg work. He stated that he cannot ever take away the skill and experience that a trained investigator has; that the technical people can fill some of the void but not totally.

Councilman Crockett indicated that if the Chief asks for more manpower he would support it.

Chief Dotson expressed appreciation for Councilman Crockett's remarks; that he is looking at 50+ vacancies and has another 56 contemplating retirement. He stated if the Council gives him the money he would go out and "steal" other police officers. (Council members indicated their authorization.)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**  
**(Continued)**

Chief Dotson concluded his remarks by stating that he would entice them to work for the City; that it is not a matter of actual dollars, but a matter of how we go about filling positions with qualified people.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the following Board appointments were approved:

**CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- ❖ Appointment of **HEATHER BELL**, replacing Dale Mabee, for a term ending May 31, 2004.
  
- ❖ Reappointment of **J. T. MCDANIEL** for a term ending May 31, 2000.

**LIQUOR LICENSE**

Admin. Boney reported that applications for liquor licenses have been received for Allen R. Fine (doing business as Highway 58 Liquors) and William H. Russell (doing business as Uncle Bill's Liquor Store); that both are existing liquor store locations with change of ownership. He stated that an investigation of the two men has been undertaken and both have successfully met all the criteria for obtaining a license. He stated signatures from five Council members would satisfy approval provisions. (Signatures were affixed immediately following Council meeting.)

**REZONING NUMBER 2000-129: M & M**  
**DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

City Attorney Nelson stated a request has been received by the Clerk of the Council that rezoning number 2000-129 in the name of M & M Development Corporation be placed on the December 5 Council agenda for second and third reading.

**REZONING NUMBER 2000-129: M & M  
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (Continued)**

City Attorney Nelson stated the matter came before the Council and passed first reading on August 15 and the applicant requested that second and third reading be held. He stated the applicant is now requesting that the matter come before the Council for second and third reading on December 5.

Jerry Pace of the Planning Agency clarified that the request involves the front of Hurricane Creek and Morris Hill Road.

**The matter was approved for inclusion on the December 5, 2000 Council agenda.**

**COMMITTEES**

Councilman Eaves scheduled a meeting of the **Safety Committee for Tuesday, November 7 immediately following the Public Works Committee.**

**The Public Works Committee's meeting time was changed from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. for Tuesday, November 7.** In the absence of the Committee Chair, it was decided that the stormwater update would be presented at the Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21 at 4 p.m.

**ALLIANCE FOR REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP**

Councilman Crockett stated that the Alliance for Regional Stewardship will be meeting in the City and invited everyone to the reception scheduled for Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Aquarium.

**CLARIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR SOUTHSIDE  
STUDY**

Councilman Pierce clarified that the study requested a couple weeks ago for the Southside area should be a **zoning study**. He stated for the benefit of the Council, the study requested was that zoning match the plan already in place in the Southside.



**CLARIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR SOUTHSIDE STUDY (Continued)**

He stated **what will be coming back will be a zoning study**; that he wanted to clarify that so that the request would not be mixed up when it comes back.

**NOVEMBER 7 COUNCIL MEETING**

Chairman Hakeem inquired as to the Council's "pleasure" with regard to having a Council meeting on next Tuesday; that some Council members have expressed that they will not be present.

**The general consensus of the Council was that the regularly scheduled Council meeting would be held and that the Public Works Committee meeting would begin at 5 p.m.** as opposed to 4 p.m. (Councilwoman Rutherford indicated that she would not be present for the Public Works Committee and that someone would need to be designated to chair it.)

**HAMILTON PLACE AREA STUDY**

Chairman Hakeem distributed information regarding the Hamilton Place area study and stated that Council members have a full report regarding this matter in their mailboxes. He stated the information is a response to a request by the Council and the Mayor for an indepth study in regard to the East Brainerd area. He stated a Selection Committee will be responsible for consultant selection of the firm that will be involved. He sought clarification in that the Executive Committee of the Planning Agency will be involved and stated that he took that to mean all of the persons listed would have opportunity for input and be a part of the meeting; that the actual voting would take place by the Executive Committee in regard to the firm selected.

Mr. Pace stated this is still open for discussion; that they need feedback from the Council. He stated language could be inserted that would spell out as to who the voting persons would be; that the intent was to keep people involved and have someone from the neighborhood to make sure of the whole process from beginning to end, so that when it was reported back to the Council there would be the understanding that the community was involved. He stated he can take the message back to Planning and reword that portion in a manner that would spell out who was voting and who the Selection Committee would be or are.

**HAMILTON PLACE AREA STUDY (Continued)**

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that when we chose a firm to do the process in Eastgate, the neighborhood people were part of the selection committee; that she served on it, as well as the owners of Eastgate. She stated that it is her thinking that Councilman Eaves should be a part of this Selection Committee and that Messrs. Smith and Tawser if they want to serve and have some say so. She stated that the reason Eastgate went so well is because they had the neighborhood and both residential and business owners involved; that they attended five different interviews and (she) feels Councilman Eaves is an absolute essential to have the final voice in it.

Councilman Crockett stated that was also done in the Bushtown and Alton Park consultant choice.

Councilman Eaves stated that he was not sure about this at all; that he actually views this as an "end run". He stated we have a 21 page report trying to figure out what we were talking about, whether a zoning or a study. He stated he considers this to be an "end run"; that if Planning is incapable of doing planning, he does not know why we have them. He again stated that he considers this an "end run" and the 21 page report that we had from the City Attorney resulted in nothing but a direct attack on the Planning Director. He stated that it is his thinking that is what we are looking at here; that this is an "end run", uncalled for and unnecessary.

Councilman Hakeem stated to get a "feel" as to what we are doing, he asked Councilwoman Rutherford if there was broad representation in the Eastgate process and whether she felt it was an "end run" to go around her or "out to get anyone"?

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that she was part of the process from day one; that she was one of the people who initiated the process and did not feel it was an "end run". She stated the situation with Eastgate is so very different; that this zoning has been talked about for five years; that Eastgate had been a dormant subject. She stated there was no rezoning at Eastgate, only revitalization of the mall; that it was her thinking the two could not be compared. She stated the process at Eastgate worked so well because of the entities that interviewed the five companies and chose one to come and do a study. She stated that she knows Councilman Eaves does not look at this in the way she looked at Eastgate.

**HAMILTON PLACE AREA STUDY (Continued)**

Councilwoman Rutherford continued by stating that it is her thinking that if Councilman Eaves would become a part of the interview and selection process it would help him to really grasp all of this, as well as help constituents deal with it. She stated that Councilman Eaves would be the “winner” if he would be part of the selection process.

Councilman Eaves expressed agreement with Councilwoman Rutherford comments “up to a point” and stated that he did not think the Council is looking at anything except another way for a direct attack on the Planning Director. He reiterated that that is what he thinks this is, pure and simple.

Chairman Hakeem inquired as to who is running an attack on the Director? Councilman Eaves responded that it is the Vice Chairman and whoever her assistant is.

Councilwoman Hurley stated she is the Vice Chairman and finds Councilman Eaves comments amazing; that she never said a word about the Planning Director; that he (Planning Director) has been part of the Planning Commission and (she) has worked with him for years. She suggested that the Council move from this discussion and concluded her comments by stating that she found the last statement absolutely incredible. Councilman Eaves immediately injected, “however, true”.

Councilwoman Hurley stated that she never said one word about it; that it is her thinking Councilman Eaves’ hearing is failing, reiterating that she never said a word to confront Mr. Bennett. She expressed her belief that the Council has invested a great deal of money, particularly in the center of this City; that what we have at Hamilton Place is a concentration of enterprise that rivals the center of the City and thinks it deserves the kind of outside expertise we have spent downtown. She stated that she imagines the traffic count in the Hamilton Place area rivals the traffic count in the center of the City; that citizens out there, commercial, enterprise and the rest of us who use it deserve this same level of expertise. She stated this has nothing to do with her confidence in the staff of the Planning Commission; that we have had really substantial investment in all the companies on the list. She stated this is one of our major tax producing areas and deserve the same kind of attention.

**HAMILTON PLACE AREA STUDY (Continued)**

Councilwoman Rutherford inquired as to the companies on the list. Chairman Hakeem reiterated that all the information is in each Council members' box.

Councilman Crockett stated that his comments are the same that were made last week; that he agrees that a different kind of planning help is needed that is not just focused on trying to get zoning outright; that this procedure was used with great results in other parts of the city such as downtown, Eastgate, Bushtown and South Chattanooga (Alton Park). He stated we might be in for a surprise, and we sure need one around there; that he has developing about the same kind of situation in his district in being "twixt and 'tween" where Brainerd was as they do not want to close the commercial district in Hixson, do not want to close the mall and do not want to replicate what Councilman Eaves is having to do.

Chairman Hakeem suggested that the names that have been outlined are all invited to the first meeting and, at that point, through discussion it will be determined what role everyone has. He stated Councilman Eaves officially has been **afforded** the opportunity to become an active participant whether he does or not.

Councilman Eaves stated that he did not "**avoid**" anything, and asked if that is what Chairman Hakeem stated, that he avoided being a part.

It was clarified that Chairman Hakeem's comments were that Councilman Eaves was "**afforded**" the opportunity to participate, not "**avoided**" (the opportunity).

At this point, Chairman Hakeem inquired as to whether everyone was clear on the procedure. The response was "yes".

**SISTER BEY**

Sister Bey stated that she has not seen anything that has been done in the Alton Park and Bushtown areas and does not know what the Council is trying to prove. She stated people in those areas are disgusted with the Council. She informed Council members that they would be looking for new jobs after next year's election. She stated people in both areas know what is going on and resent the Council; that they are tired of the Council using them to cover up their "tricks".

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Hakeem adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at 6 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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