

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
November 28, 2000**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
INVOCATION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Crockett gave the invocation.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

**QUARTERLY UPDATE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Chairman Hakeem called on **Ms. Sherrie Gilchrist** to make the presentation and to introduce the lady with her. Ms. Gilchrist introduced **Ms. Bertha Seals**, Chair Person for the Chamber.

Ms. Gilchrist presented each member of the Council with their Audited Financial Statements for the year, noting that they had completed the Audit Report for the past Fiscal Year; that it was done by Tate and Associates and was presented for the Council's review. She mentioned their list of accomplishments for the first quarter, including a Monthly Business Exchange, Business Development Week, Business Cultivation, and Data Base, as well as works in progress. Ms. Gilchrist stated that it had been a very rewarding year and thanked the Council and the Mayor for their leadership. She mentioned that they had received the Chamber of the Year Award last year. At this time she turned the presentation over to Ms. Seals to make comments.

QUARTERLY UPDATE
(CONT'D.)

Ms. Seals thanked the Council for the opportunity to present to them their ability to accomplish all that they had accomplished during the first year. She stated that they had tried to bring a service to the community, and she felt that they were on the right track; that they had 16 Board members and had tried to remain true to their mission in working to facilitate access to resources. She stated that they hoped to add another 300 members in their second membership drive. She invited each and every one of the Council members to become members of the African American Chamber of Commerce, noting that anyone could be a member who supports their goals.

Ms. Seals went on to say that they had looked at several different areas to grow existing businesses and had worked diligently to do this; that they had looked at the national and international scene in order to see where opportunities existed and had formed alliances with the Small Business Association and the Greater Chamber of Commerce to leverage resources.

Ms. Seals mentioned that they had hired a Grant Writer in order to become more self-sufficient; that they wanted to make sure that they weathered the first early years and were moving to become more self-sufficient. She stated that they were reminded every day that they have an obligation to the community and the taxpayer and strived to bring value to the community. She stated that they had two staff members and now a Grant Writer and lots of volunteers. She also mentioned the diverse and solid Board of Directors. She then turned the presentation back over to Ms. Gilchrist.

Ms. Gilchrist noted that Ms. Seals had about summed it up and this would end their presentation unless the Council had specific questions. She did note that the last sheet of their handout dealt with **Works in Progress** and joint ventures. She stated that they were working with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on an initiative to include disadvantaged businesses in securing procurement opportunities and to enable small companies to be more competitive. She mentioned that they were looking to open an incubator for contractors and micro-businesses in order to enable them to network with other people. She stated that these were just a few of the things that they were trying to focus on in the next year or so. This concluded the report if there were no questions.

Councilman Taylor thanked Ms. Gilchrist and the Board for bringing this report at this time. He applauded them for their efforts as they move forward.

Chairman Hakeem asked Ms. Seals about their relationship with the Greater Chamber of Commerce—if it was at the Board level? Ms. Seals responded in the affirmative, noting that it was in regards to the Growth Initiative.

T. J. JOHNSON

Chairman Hakeem stated that tonight the Council had a Special Presentation recognizing **T. J. Johnson**, who has served as the producer of the City Council Highlights shown on WTCL. He noted that Mr. Johnson was very talented—probably one of the most talented producers in the nation and that truly he would represent the City very well in his future endeavors. He called on Councilwoman Hurley to make the presentation.

Councilwoman Hurley stated that Mr. Johnson had been working with the Council for a year, and it was the quality of his work and not the length of time that was being applauded. She congratulated Mr. Johnson and presented him with a Proclamation making him a Special Ambassador on behalf of the City of Chattanooga and also a “mystery” gift.

Chairman Hakeem mentioned Mr. Johnson's new venture, which is **The World's Largest Pencil Drawing**, noting that the first stop of the tour would be our very own Eastgate Town Center and encouraged everyone to stop by Eastgate to show our support for Mr. Johnson and his talent while “he is still humble and before he becomes famous”.

Mr. Johnson stated that he was extremely honored; that he wanted to take something of Chattanooga with him, and it was an honor to launch this project among friends.

CLOSURE & ABANDONMENT

2000-163 (City of Chattanooga)

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A TRIANGULAR AREA TWELVE FEET (12') BY SEVENTEEN FEET (17') BY ELEVEN FEET (11'), A PART OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD RIGHT-OF-WAY AT MARKET STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE

passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Lively, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

CLOSURE & ABANDONMENT

2000-164 (TJD Properties—Jack Steiner)

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Taylor,

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PARTIALLY OPENED TEN FOOT (10') ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 1300 BLOCK OF WEST 13TH STREET AND THE 1300 BLOCK OF WEST 14TH STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE

passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE
ONE-WAY STREETS

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-504, SCHEDULE IV, ONE-WAY STREET, SO AS TO DELETE THEREFROM "ROSSVILLE AVENUE, SOUTHEASTWARDLY FROM MAIN STREET TO WILHOIT STREET"

passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE
"GENERAL PENSION PLAN"

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Taylor,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, SO AS TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 7 TO ARTICLE III TO BE ENTITLED "GENERAL PEN

passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

2000-192 (Peter Alden Gibson)

This case was held from November 14, 2000. Mr. Jerry Pace of the Planning Staff made the presentation, stating that the property is located in the North Chattanooga area off of West Bell Avenue and Gurley Street off of Cherokee Blvd. The property to the south is zoned C-2 and the property to the east and north is zoned R-1. Mr. Pace presented a slide presentation showing an apartment complex above the area along Gurley Street. He stated that the site was covered with kudzu and there was a house nearby that was used for commercial use. This request is from O-1 to G-2 for self-storage units on a site that is presently vacant. The recommendation from the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission is to deny the request.

The applicant, **Peter Alden Gibson**, was the next speaker. He stated that he was an individual who saw a need and was trying to fulfill this need and had been very active in the community making his case and had achieved success. He explained that his intentions were to build a very high quality self-storage that would be climate-controlled; that he had been going to the medical community and the Red Bank Hospital regarding their storage needs; that this would be a very secure facility; that he had submitted new plans and photos, and this would be very attractive, and it would behoove the community to endorse this as it looks as good as anything in the community now. Mr. Gibson stated that he had a couple of supporters with him tonight and asked if they could speak to finish up his time.

Mrs. Mary Bean spoke in his behalf, mentioning a good news write-up that had been in the paper about their business (a map store). She stated that the intersection at West Bell Ave. and Gurley Street was a dangerous one; that they told their customers to go to Nickey's and come down to them. She stated that she felt like self-storage would be a good compromise; that this was not a good street for something that would be very busy, and she thought this would be great as people who use storage usually have it in for 60-90 days. She stated that it looked like an attractive facility and would take care of the kudzu and bring a little traffic on the street, which they needed. She stated that she had a letter of support from someone who could not be present tonight because she babysits.

Mr. Otis Bean spoke next, stating that he and his wife had a map store across the street from the applicant. He stated that he saw this as a plus for the neighborhood; that it would not diminish anything and would be good for the neighborhood.

REZONING (CONT'D.)

Linda Bennett, President of the Northside Neighborhood Association, spoke in opposition. She stated that they had looked at the Plan and impact of the rezoning; that everyone knew the importance of downzoning in this neighborhood; that they were trying to protect a small residential area; that they had talked with the Planning Staff and Urban Design, and it was the vote of their Board and officers to oppose this request to rezone. She encouraged Mr. Gibson to be an active part of the design process.

Mr. Gibson indicated that he wanted to be associated with the community and be a good community member and was going to live here; that he was not going to leave it; that this was not an attractive site; that he presently lived on the ridge and his street was happy with him, and he was a good neighbor; that he had a duplex on the ridge and got along well with his neighbors. He assured that he would do a good job of landscaping. He stated that he did not golf and working in the yard was his pleasure, and he would not infringe on anything; that this would add no more density; that he would reside here, and it would be a "Class A" operation.

Councilman Taylor stated that he would like to note that Mr. Gibson did bring in some revised plans and wanted to make sure that the neighborhood is aware of this. He asked for Council support in deferring this for one week.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Crockett,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 600 BLOCK OF WEST BELL AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM O-1 OFFICE ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE
was deferred for one week.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that the next two Ordinances were discussed in Public Works Committee and come with a recommendation.

CLOSURE & ABANDONMENT

MR-2000-013 (City of Chattanooga)

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER
EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE BELLEAU WOODS SUBDIVISION,
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN
ON PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY
REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT NEW SEWER
EASEMENTS WILL BE DEDICATED AND RECORDED ON THE
PROPOSED PLAT**

passed first reading.

CLOSURE & ABANDONMENT

MR-2000-014 (City of Chattanooga)

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING SEWER
EASEMENTS LOCATED UNDER THE NEW EASTSIDE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED
HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND
MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE**

passed first reading.

BILLBOARD LEASE AGREE.

Adm. Traugher asked Councilmembers if they had received a picture of the billboard in question; that the property in question was purchased sometime ago and is off of Market and 17th Street; that the billboard in question is behind Choo-Choo Hot Fish; that the Lease Agreement with Eller Media Company was transferred to the City and there is a 30-day clause whereby this can be terminated. He stated that he would like to have the Resolution changed from the fee of \$50.00 per month to a negotiated amount.

Councilwoman Hurley questioned this, stating that she thought we were trying to minimize the number of signs rather than increasing them.

Adm. Traugher explained that this would just continue until a use is determined for the property; that we are not adding a billboard, and it can be terminated at the appropriate time.

BILLBOARD (CONT'D.)

Attorney Nelson changed the Resolution to read "negotiated fee" and read the body of the changed Resolution.

Councilwoman Hurley still questioned if we had any contractual reason to do this.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated as a follow-up to Councilwoman Hurley's question, was the \$50.00 per month all we would be getting out of this?

Adm. Traughber stated that the billboard was worth much more than this; that when the property was purchased by the City, the Billboard Lease was unknown to us, and we were asked to continue this on a month-to-month basis until a final resolution of this property is made.

Councilwoman Rutherford confirmed that if the Council denied this, there would be no great effect on the City.

Adm. Traughber stated that if the Council's denial were based on the fact that the Billboard should not be here, then he would have to inform them to take it down.

Councilman Franklin asked if there was any movement to do anything with this property at this point. Adm. Traughber responded that there had been the discussion of the school and this may be a part of this discussion.

Councilman Franklin moved to deny this. It was seconded by Councilwoman Hurley.

Councilman Pierce asked if we had been collecting this since we purchased the property. Adm. Traughber responded that the previous owner collected it, but it was passed on to us. Councilman Pierce stated that this was in his district, and he did not feel a few more months would hurt; that it is not a part of the school's negotiation, and he did not think it was any big eyesore and questioned the urgency.

Councilman Crockett stated that he was trying to get in his mind where there is located in relation to Cowart Street. Adm. Traughber responded that it was close to 17th St., which ran into Cowart Street. Councilman Crockett pointed out that we are trying to make Cowart Street a residential-type neighborhood, and he was trying to get a picture of where this was. Councilman Pierce stated that it was the main street leading into Cowart Place.

Adm. Traughber stated that he would respond to the Council's action and inform the property owner that it is not our desire to continue.

BILLBOARD (CONT'D.)

Chairman Hakeem asked if Adm. Traughber could withdraw this Resolution.

Councilman Pierce stated that he thought if Adm. Traughber was going to ask them to remove the sign that we needed to go through with a motion to deny.

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A MONTH-TO-MONTH BILLBOARD LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ELLER MEDIA COMPANY FOR A FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) PER MONTH

was denied with Councilman Lively voting "No".

Councilman Franklin stated that the next two Resolutions came before the Parks and Recreation Committee with a recommendation to approve.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) TO THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP AS THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S PORTION FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING IN THE DOWNTOWN AND COOLIDGE PARK AREA

was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Taylor,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH CHATTANOOGA RECREATION COMPLEX TO SOLOFF BUILDERS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,400,000.00)

was adopted.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that Resolutions (d) through (h) came before the Public Works Committee with a recommendation for approval.

AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Lively,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC., RELATIVE TO A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY ON THE EASTGATE AND AIRPORT ROAD SEWAGE PUMP STATIONS, FOR A TOTAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00)

was adopted.

CORRECTION

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NOS. 22423 AND 22692, ENCAPTIONED HEREINBELOW, SO AS TO CORRECT THE CONTRACT NUMBER BY DELETING "CONTRACT NO. SS-1-00" AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF "CONTRACT NO. SS-2-00" IN EACH RESOLUTION

was adopted.

AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH VARIOUS INFILTRATION/INFLOW PROBLEMS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)

was adopted.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RELATIVE TO SR-29 (US-27) FROM TENNESSEE RIVER BRIDGE (OLGIATI BRIDGE) TO SR-8 (US-127, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD)
was adopted.

GRANT AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22183 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY, TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF FIFTEEN (15) REPETITIVELY FLOODED PROPERTIES ALONG ASTER AVENUE, WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S SHARE TO NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$150,000.00)
was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending November 24, 2000 totaled \$18,095.21.

GENERAL SERVICES
INSURANCE CONCERN

Adm. Traughber reported to the Council that State Law provides for on-the-job injuries for Firemen and Policemen with heart or lung conditions. He stated that there had been a lot of changes since the law was originally passed. He stated that they had recently reviewed older cases going back 20-25 years and pre-dated what we have now; that payments were made on situations not covered under on-the-job injury; that we had paid 100% for knee surgery in one case. He stated that they had to review the older cases and notify these individuals that we will not continue to pay the 100%; that these cases will be taken care of under normal insurance procedures.

INSURANCE CONCERN
(CONT'D.)

Adm. Traugher stated that he wanted the Councilmembers to be aware of this in case employees contact them with inaccurate information; that they would be glad to discuss this information with employees. He stated that a number of letters would be sent out the first of December.

STUDENTS

At this point Chairman Hakeem recognized students in the audience, including **Vivian Foster**, a Political Science student at UTC; **Alanna Williams**, student at UTC; a student at UTC studying Special Education; and **Matt Sullivan**, a student at UTC studying Criminal Justice.

PERSONNEL

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

GARY ANDERSON AND FREDRICK BLAKE – Promotion to Captain, effective 12/1/00, Pay Grade 4/6, \$40,526.00 annually.

RONALD ALEXANDER – Promotion to Captain, effective 12/1/00, Pay Grade 4/8, \$43,768.00 annually.

JAMES B. MOORE AND JEFFREY ELDRIDGE – Promotion to Lieutenants, effective 12/1/00, Pay Grade F3B/1, \$40,451.00 annually.

GARY BAKER- Promotion to Lieutenant, effective 12/1/00, Pay Grade F3/9, \$39,056.00 annually.

VANCE WOODWARD – Promotion to Lieutenant, effective 12/1/00, Pay Grade F3/5, \$33,477.00 annually.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the Chattanooga Police Dept.:

SHELBY J. FINNEY – Hire as Communications Officer, Pay Grade II/1, \$24,630.00 annually, effective 12/01/00.

NICOLE GRAY – Termination of Police Records Clerk, effective 11/30/2000.

DIANNE HARVEY-Resignation of Communications Officer, effective 11/17/2000.

SCOTT JOHNSON- Suspension of Officer, effective 11/25/00 for seven days without pay.

MARCUS EASLEY- 7-day Suspension overturned by City Council; seven days pay will be restored.

PURCHASES

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

G. T. DISTRIBUTORS (Lowest and best bid meeting specs.)
Requisition R0051464/B0000544

Uniform/Body Armor Vests

\$10,607.36

G.T. DISTRIBUTORS (Lowest and best bid meeting specs.)
Requisition R0051456/B0000542

Uniform/Body Armor Vests (CPD Bomb Squad)

\$11,997.09

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matter was reported for the Finance Department:

SHEA NORWOOD – Rescind Hiring of City Court Clerk; Accepted Position with Police Department.

HEARING- JEFF CHAMBERS

A hearing for Officer Chambers was scheduled for **January 8th** at the last meeting. The panel to hear this case will be **Councilwoman Hurley (Chair), Councilwoman Rutherford, and Councilman Pierce. The time will be 4:00 P.M.**

HEARING – SHAWN HICKEY

City Attorney Randall Nelson reminded the Council of the hearing set for Officer Hickey at **4:00 P.M. on Monday, December 4, 2000, with the panel consisting of Councilwoman Hurley (Chair), Councilman Lively, and Councilman Franklin.**

HEARING – MARCUS EASLEY

Councilman Taylor reported that a hearing for Marcus Easley was heard last night (November 27th) regarding a seven-day suspension without pay. After hearing from both sides, the panel consisting of Councilmen Crockett and Lively, with Councilman Taylor as Chair, reversed administration's decision with the provision that if Officer Easley goes for twelve months without further incident, this suspension will be removed from his record. It will be reinstated at a minimum of seven days if there is a second occurrence.

PERSONNEL HEARINGS

Chairman Hakeem stated that Councilmembers had expressed an interest concerning attempting to streamline the process we have now in regards to Personnel Hearings. He stated that we would be coming to a Legal and Legislative Committee concerning this; that Mr. Randy Burns, Management Analyst, would be working on streamlining the process and would afford us a good view of the process. Chairman Hakeem indicated that this might be done in a number of ways; that Councilman Crockett had brought up the idea of using Human Resources people from companies, and this could be put before the Council for consideration.

Councilman Lively noted that we don't have a General Election coming up where this could be accomplished by a City Charter change; that we were looking at a change to take the Council out of this process and turn it over to professionals; that it is sometimes difficult to look at these cases objectively, and he felt it could be done in a better way. He suggested changing the City Charter.

PERSONNEL HEARINGS
(CONT.D)

Chairman Hakeem again stated that this would be presented to the Legal and Legislative Committee.

Councilman Crockett stated that we can't do a Charter change until sometime in the future. He stated that as Councilman Pierce had pointed out, the Supreme Court allows less time to talk about the President of the United States, and we sometimes take five hours.

Councilwoman Hurley stated that she wondered if our attorneys advising the attorneys representing the people that it does not work well to drag the hearings on and on would help. She stated that they could be given a little coaching; that we had one case that went on to 11:30 P.M., and the attorneys behaved as if this were a Court of Law, and this does not help the individual.

Attorney Nelson stated that there are rules in place to govern these proceedings; that we could re-examine these rules and each side could have a written memorandum in advance to back up charges and issues of fact, and we could limit it to the facts. He urged the Council not to put a strict one-hour time limit on the hearing, noting that Appeals Courts already have a record in front of them with the facts; that the entire record is presented to them from a lower court, but no lower court puts a strict time limit on a case.

Chairman Hakeem stated that Mr. Burns would take all of this into consideration in his presentation.

GROUNDBREAKING
CEREMONY

Councilman Taylor reported that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Recreation Center and South Chattanooga Precinct went well, and they were very excited and looking forward to the completed process.

RIBBON CUTTING
CEREMONY

Councilwoman Hurley mentioned the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Champion Tennis Center.

(Councilman Crockett stated that he would check with either Chairman Hakeem or Mr. Burns concerning the time of the Legal and Legislative Committee set to hear the matter of streamlining Personnel Hearings).

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Councilman Lively stated that the **Lookout Valley Christmas Parade** would be held this **Saturday (December 2nd) at 1:00 P.M.** and invited everyone to come out.

CHATT. CONSTRUCTION

Councilman Taylor stated that he would like to see if we can get a complete update on the construction in Chattanooga and place it in committee and get an update on local present participation.

Chairman Hakeem verified that he was talking about on-going City Projects, and noted this probably should be placed in the Economic Development Committee.

HOLIDAY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Pierce noted that both Christmas and New Years fall on Mondays and asked if the Council would meet the Tuesdays after. Chairman Hakeem verified that he was talking about the meetings of **December 26th and January 2nd** and asked if the Council wanted to meet either of these days.

On motion of Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilman Taylor, it was decided that the Council would not meet on either of these days.

Councilman Lively suggested leaving the **2nd of January** in limbo and see what the load looked like before we cancelled two consecutive meetings.

Councilmen Crockett and Taylor amended their motion to read canceling the Council Meeting for December 26th and waiting until the Council meeting of December 19th to make a decision on whether or not to cancel the January 2nd Council Meeting.

SISTER BEY

Sister Bey addressed the Council and stated that she wished to direct her remarks to Attorney Nelson. She stated that she had been trying to get a traffic light in her neighborhood but she guessed it was just forgotten because it was an African-American neighborhood. She questioned spending \$30,000 on worthless Christmas decorations and noted that there were other religions other than Christianity. She stated that she paid taxes, and it had to be considered that she was a Muslim. She stated that she would like to have it explained to her why they could not get anything, and the City was throwing away \$30,000.00.

Chairman Hakeem suggested that Adm. Marcellis address the question of the traffic light; however Sister Bey insisted that she was addressing Attorney Nelson.

Attorney Nelson stated that the State of Tennessee had adopted a Manual regarding Traffic Control Devices across the State and part of the Manual states that certain conditions have to be met; that the intersection Sister Bey was worried about had been studied, and we were prevented by State Law from putting up a traffic light at this intersection.

Sister Bey indicated that she was not taking this lying down.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hakeem adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 6:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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