

**City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
June 5, 2001**

Chairman Hakeem called the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Lively, Page, Pierce, Robinson, and Taylor present. Councilman Franklin and Littlefield were absent due to a prior commitment. 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 Taylor gave the invocation.

**CHIP BAKER/RIVERBEND**

Chairman Hakeem called on Mr. Baker to address the Council. Mr. Baker expressed his pleasure at being at the Council meeting to present the Riverbend Poster. He noted that this was their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and expressed appreciation for all the folks that had supported them since the beginning. He presented Councilmen Benson, Page and Robinson with an Economic Impact and Demographic Study. Mr. Baker mentioned that the International Events and Festival Association that studied events ranging from the Kentucky Derby to the Fiesta Bowl had made a survey last year and came back with the results of a \$14.8 million dollar financial impact. He stated that in preparation, the weather had been hot and sticky and again expressed appreciation for the Council's support, stating that he was thankful to be here and looking forward to a great Festival this year.

Chairman Hakeem expressed his appreciation to all those who had made the Riverbend Festival a success, stating that the festival exposes our City and community to people all over the world. Mr. Baker added that Dateline NBC would be in Chattanooga on the night that Travis Tritt performs, which will be great exposure for us.

Councilwoman Robinson congratulated Chip Baker as our new Director of Riverbend, stating that it got bigger and better every year and that he was doing a great job.

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Chairman Hakeem called on Kenardo Curry to make a presentation and stated that we had a neighborhood that had taken “the bull by the horns” and turned it around—that the citizens had made it a reality. He asked Mr. Curry to have members of the Highland Park Neighborhood Association to come to the podium for the presentation. He stated that this was recognition for the City and not just this neighborhood.

Mr. Curry stated that we were excited about the Highland Park Community and the recent recognition that they had received from the National Neighborhood Association in receiving the “Neighborhood of the Year” Award. This came about as the result of their efforts in social revitalization and turning the Highland Park Community around. He stated that Highland Park had come from a community of drugs, prostitution and constant 911 calls to a community where people could now take daytime and nighttime walks. He mentioned the role that the Chattanooga Police Dept. had played in this. He then introduced the team members who had traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to receive this award—**Uneva Shaw, President; Marlene Brown; and Victor Woughter, of the Police Dept.** He then had a “mock presentation”, presenting them again with the “Neighborhood of the Year Award” for social revitalization.

Mrs. Shaw thanked the Council and especially their Councilman, Chairman Yusuf Hakeem. She stated that they could not have made the progress they had made without support from the City and the City Council in their efforts over the past ten years. She again thanked the Council.

Chairman Hakeem emphasized that there were **not** 20 groups who got an award—that we were **Number One**. Mr. Curry added that there were 1200 members at the Conference—that it was an International Neighborhood Association, and the award was highly competitive; that we were very proud of the work that had been done in social revitalization in this neighborhood, and it speaks for Chattanooga as a whole.

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD(CONT'D)**

Chairman Hakeem emphasized that this was not only for Highland Park but this City as a whole. He made mention of the fact that there is a meeting being held this evening at this very hour and questioned how badly they wanted the Councilmembers to be able to attend, as they scheduled it at the same time the Council meeting is being held.

Mr. Curry responded that this was an oversight of the Planning Committee and that they would adjust the time so that Councilmembers could be there. He explained that this was a Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council meeting and that they were eager to work with the Council. He asked to be excused to go to this meeting. Chairman Hakeem expressed appreciation for Mr. Curry's hard work.

**CLOSURE & ABANDON**

**MR-2001-011 (Thomas R. Cook, III and Carol Hile)**

On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilman Taylor,  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A  
SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED ON PROPERTY NORTH  
OF MORRISON SPRINGS ROAD, MORE  
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AS SHOWN ON  
THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART  
HEREOF BY REFERENCE**

passed first reading.

**CLOSURE & ABANDON**

**MR- 2001-008 (Horse Creek Farms Subdivision)**

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Lively,  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A  
SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE HORSE CREEK  
FARMS SUBDIVISION NEAR NORTH RUNYON  
DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,  
AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETON AND  
MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE**

passed first reading.

Chairman Hakeem noted that the above two Ordinances were discussed in committee and came with a recommendation. He also noted at this time that Councilmen Franklin and Littlefield were absent this evening due to being with the Mayor in Atlanta. He also used this opportunity to recognize the presence of Commissioner William Cotton who was in the audience. He stated that it was a pleasure to have him with us and asked if he would like to address the Council. Commissioner Cotton indicated that he was just visiting.

### **CONTRACT ADDENDUM**

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Lively,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT NO. DRC-1-00, RELATIVE TO INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER WITH ARTECH DESIGN GROUP, INC., WHICH ADDENDUM INCREASES THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$18,000.00) FOR A REVISED CONTRACT PRICE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$115,900.00)**

was adopted.

### **PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Lively,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, IN FEE SIMPLE, OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN MARKET STREET AND CHERRY STREET AND 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO RECORDING A NEW PLAT AND THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL SEWER EASEMENTS**

was adopted.

**LEASE PURCHASE**  
**OPTION AGREEMENT**

Attorney Nelson noted that this Resolution needed to be deferred until the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Adm. Traugher confirmed this, stating that he would also need a committee meeting scheduled on the 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss this Resolution.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Lively,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES TO  
NEGOTIATE A LEASE PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT  
WITH THE EARLY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-ZION  
ON BEHALF OF GOOD NEIGHBOR'S HOUSING, INC.  
AND AUTHORIZING EARNEST MONEY PAYMENTS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND  
SIX (6) MONTH OPTION PERIODS FOR A TOTAL OF  
THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)**  
was deferred until June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TDOT CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Taylor,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE  
CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ENTER INTO A  
CONTRACT, AND SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS  
TO FACILITATE SAID CONTRACT, WITH THE  
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA  
MAINTAINING AND SUPPLYING POWER TO TRAFFIC  
SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF HIXSON PIKE  
WITH BIG RIDGE ROAD AND HIXSON PIKE WITH  
CASSANDRA SMITH ROAD**  
was adopted.

**PURCHASE/**  
**JAYCEE TOWERS II**

Adm. Traugher stated that this was presented in committee and was approved to move forward, along with the next Resolution. Councilman Benson confirmed that this was recommended for approval in committee.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Benson,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF JAYCEE TOWERS II  
FOR ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS  
SET FORTH MORE FULLY HEREIN**

was adopted.

Chairman Hakeem asked Adm. Traugher to give a brief overview for the benefit of those not present at the committee meeting. Adm. Traugher stated that these towers were constructed in 1973, predominantly as one-bedroom efficiency units, and we were now at the point of moving towards foreclosure; the problem is the ability to market efficiency apartments. He explained that we have the first right of refusal; that CNE is working with us, as well as Lawler-Wood and Urban Renewal to negotiate this purchase with HUD; that after the negotiations are complete, we will purchase the property for \$1.00 and then apply for an upfront Grant in the amount of \$2,419,000.00; that we would only want the property if we get the Grant. He went on to explain that this property will provide for a dollar investment and cash flow and will provide a market for affordable housing for those who need it. The units will be converted to one-bedroom apartments and will provide a good cash flow. He stated that we had completed a similar project on Morrison Springs Rd., and it had been successful for the City. There is no liability, and it will be fully managed by CNE.

Councilman Benson noted that in committee it had been explained that people will not be displaced and that they will work on three floors at a time with a minimum of hardship.

Adm. Traugher stated that the tenants were very excited about this; that it would improve their living quarters, and they would have more space.

**JAYCEE TOWERS II**  
**(CONT'D.)**

Councilman Benson noted that it would double the size of their quarters at the same rent.

Councilman Taylor verified that it would remain low-income elderly rental units.

Chairman Hakeem mentioned the Urban Development Partnership with Reggie Ruff being present and also Chris Hodges of Lawler-Wood. He stated that their being here says something about the direction we are going in Chattanooga, and it is very positive. He stated that we could "pat ourselves on the backs" for retaining and improving senior housing in our community.

**GRANT FUNDS/**  
**JAYCEE TOWERS II**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY  
FOR UP FRONT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-ONE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,491,000.00) FROM THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE RENOVATION OF JAYCEE  
TOWERS II AND, IF SELECTED FOR APPROVAL,  
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID UP FRONT  
GRANT FUNDS**

was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending June 1, 2001, totaled \$81,575.50.

**PERSONNEL**

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

**CHRISTOPHER DOSSETT**—Lateral transfer to Senior Crew Worker, effective 5/25/01.

**TIMOTHY SHIPLEY**—Employment of Equipment Operator, Pay Grade 6/1, \$18,945.00 annually, effective 5/23/01.

**JOHN GIBSON**—Promotion to Construction Inspector, Pay Grade 13/7, \$35,244.00 annually, effective 5/24/01.

**JOHN WEHUNT**—Promotion to Construction Inspector, Pay Grade 13/2, \$28,249.00 annually, effective 5/24/01.

**JASON D. PAYNE**—Promotion to Construction Inspector, Pay Grade 13/4, \$30,940.00 annually, effective 5/24/01.

**ASHRAF ELKHADRAWY**—Employment as Engineering Designer, Pay Grade 17/1, \$31,451.00 annually, effective 5/18/01.

Mr. McDonald noted that the employments were prior to the Mayor's freeze.

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel item was reported for the Chattanooga Police Department:

**WILLIE GRIFFIN, SR.**—Return to duty of Crew Worker, effective 5/29/01.



**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel item was reported for Information Services:

**SABRINA HERNDON**—Hire as Network Technician, Pay Grade 9/2, \$23,474.00 annually, effective 6/01/01.

**PARKING**

Adm. Traugher stated that this coming Thursday (June 7<sup>th</sup>), there will be some work done on the HVA System (Water Cooling), and there will be a large crane in the parking area behind City Hall; this block of parking could be affected for two weeks. Parking will be provided at Bessie Smith Hall.

**SOLICITATION IN STREET**

Councilman Benson stated that there was a problem developing in his district that the Police share in, and he needed their advice. He stated that the City Code addresses persons standing in the street and soliciting; that there were two four-way stops in his district that are cluttered every weekend with people collecting money, and it all is solicitation. He noted that the Code addresses solicitation only. He asked what could be done to help enforce this.

Chief Dotson stated that his department would enforce the law as outlined in the City Code but asked that when the naysayers get on the radio that the City Council come to the Police Department's support.

Councilman Benson noted that there was a lot of traffic at these two stops.

Chief Dotson stated that he would be happy to enforce this—that it is their job, but he asked that they be supported in this endeavor when people start saying "don't the police have anything else to do?" He asked for support and stated that they would get this done this weekend.

**HEARING:**  
**OFFICER JEFF GANNAWAY**

The hearing for Officer Gannaway, scheduled for Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> was postponed. A tentative new date was set for **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, with Councilman Franklin, serving as Chair, along with Councilmen Page and Robinson.** (As Councilman Franklin was not present, the date will have to be confirmed by him.)

**HEARING:**  
**CARLTON PARKS**

City Attorney Nelson scheduled a hearing for Mr. Parks to be held **Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The Panel will be selected at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**COMMITTEES**

Councilman Benson scheduled a meeting of the **Health, Education, Human Services, and Housing Opportunities Committee, to be held following the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.** This was at the request of Adm. Traughber, who asked that the **Resolution to negotiate a Lease Purchase Option Agreement with the Early Church of God in Christ-Zion that was deferred until June 19<sup>th</sup> earlier in the meeting, be deferred until the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**SISTER BEY**

Sister Bey addressed the Council and stated that she was concerned about the Room-In-the-Inn; that this was forced on their neighborhood and trucks were going all night, and they could not sleep; that some brother was going to be accused of trying to rape and rob. She stated that she was going to write to her Superior Grand Advisor. She carried a flag with her and stated that with this flag she could go anywhere in the world. She stated that she was also going to write to the Secretary General; that Councilman Hakeem was a Muslim and should know better. She stated they did not want this filth in their neighborhood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Hakeem adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at 6:00 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)**