

**City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
June 26, 2001  
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Hakeem called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Franklin, Littlefield, Page, Pierce, Robinson and Taylor present; Councilman Lively was absent due to personal commitment. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal, CMC, were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Franklin gave invocation.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYOR CORKER – CITY  
EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE**

Mayor Corker prefaced his comments by indicating that it is his pleasure to come before the Council again and welcomed Dr. Jane Harbaugh and the "Together We Can" scholarship recipients.

Mayor Corker stated that the City is prepared to enter into a large healthcare contract that has lots of stipulations. He commended Tracy Clark, a twelve-year employee of the Benefits Division, for having done an outstanding job in negotiating the health plan.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYOR CORKER – CITY  
EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE (Continued)**

The Mayor began his presentation by stating in April, the City received bids on the healthcare plan from very good vendors of healthcare insurance. He stated it was realized quickly that the matter was very much beyond what had been paid in the pasts, almost \$4.9 million above last year. He stated with that, they began looking at what was causing our insurance to become much higher than in the past and it was realized with this issue and others facing the City at this point in time there was a need to weigh the well-being of City employees and balance it with the needs of responsibility we have for constituents and the citizens of Chattanooga. He stated an excellent job has been done in negotiating a contract that does that; that Blue Cross was recognized as the best bidder. He stated deep negotiations took place with Blue Cross three weeks ago and a savings was achieved over and above what was thought would be \$4.8 or \$4.9 million over; that the City has been able to save through negotiations \$3.4 million and shave that off the cost of the healthcare plan. He stated more detail regarding this feature of the plan would be given in Committee at some point in time.

Mayor Corker stated changes have been made to the plan and there was discussion about employee contributions in excess of what was in the past. He stated our plan still proposes annual physicals for \$20 and every office visit is still \$20; that they have been able to make sure that people who are seeking maternity care get their entire care for \$20. He stated on the prescription plan, it is being proposed employees pay 20% of the overall cost; that employees can decide at the counter whether to use generic or the more expensive brand and there is no deduction as it relates to prescriptions. He stated they looked at what employees were paying and contributing and saw a tremendous disparity in the plan. He stated what was happening was not rational in the past; that single people were paying their fair share of what the plan should be and other categories, like families and two adults, were not.

Mayor Corker stated the plan will reflect a four-tier system; that when they got through with the proposal, in the first year single people will still pay less than what they are now paying. He stated there was such a small participation in the family plan, that many City employees were covered not only by the City's plan but also covered by their spouse's plan. He stated the burden of single heads of households was realized and a category has been added so that we now have a plan for single employees, two adults, family and also a category for single heads of households. He stated many municipalities across the country are doing this; that the cost of that policy is less than a two adult situation. He stated they tried to balance the needs of employees and be responsible to the citizens who pay for all of us to be here.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYOR CORKER – CITY  
EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE (Continued)**

The Mayor stated what is proposed in this plan is that the first year employee pays 16% of the cost of the premium for their plan, whatever it is. He stated that percentage would be stepped up over time so that the next year will be 18% and the next year 20%. He stated 20% is what is thought to be the market today and they did not want to do that all at one time.

Mayor Corker stated another feature of healthcare that was most unusual has to do with retirees; that as he looked at retirees, it was realized that people who retire from the City, no matter what their age, are able to buy insurance at the same rate as active employees, reiterating that this is a most unusual concept. He stated it was realized many people have retired and counted on the fact that that is what their benefit will be. He stated they looked at the cost and realized the cost of covering the retirees far outweighs the premium paid-in. He stated what is being proposed is beginning January 2, 2002, anyone who retires after January 2 would pay 50% more than whatever active employees are paying. He stated in two years the active employee will be paying 20% of the cost of their plan and the retired member who chooses to stay on and be covered by the City, will be paying 30% rather than 20%. He stated that it is recommended this be put in place as it gives those who may be considering retirement at some point an opportunity to think if that is what they want to do or not.

Mayor Corker concluded his presentation by stating that they tried to be thoughtful in negotiating the plan and knows the Council will deliberate on the matter. He asked that the Council strongly consider passing the plan by next Tuesday, as there is the need to get cards to recipients and would like to have the plan in place by August 1. He stated the big part of savings was \$350,000 or \$360,000 to get Blue Cross to agree to hold last year's prices in place while negotiating. He again stated that Tracy Clark did all the detail work, and reiterated what was spoken during last week's presentation of the organization of the government that he has a wonderful job – the best job in America! He stated what helps complement his position is that he is able to work with great people on staff and Tracy has done a wonderful job putting this together.

Chairman Hakeem thanked the Mayor for his presentation and asked that Mr. Clark be present on next Tuesday.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYOR CORKER – CITY  
EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE (Continued)**

Tracy Clark stated as far as the plan design, a good portion of ideas was to make the cost to employees who utilize healthcare more transparent to them. He stated as they have designed and worked with Blue Cross on this, 80% of the pharmaceuticals allow employees to decide whom they want to choose to spend their medicine money. He stated heavy emphasis will be placed on health promotion and they will continue to emphasize to employees to get their physicals every year and keep in contact with their physician. He stated maternity care is important and there will be an increase in the deductible to \$500, which will be part of the out-of-pocket maximum that will be in place in the plan.

Chairman Hakeem expressed appreciation to Mr. Clark for his comments, again asking that he be present on next Tuesday. He asked that the matter be placed in the **Legal and Legislative Committee (on next Tuesday) immediately following the Public Works Committee. He stated the Committee meeting will allow an opportunity for employees to ask questions they may have about the proposed plan.**

Councilman Littlefield, Chairman of the Legal and Legislative Committee, asked that key figures be discussed at next week's Committee meeting. Mr. Clark indicated that a survey is being put together outlining other municipalities, including the State of Tennessee, and their contributions. He stated the City of Nashville is at 25%, and the State, at age 65, does not allow retirees to continue on the plan.

Councilman Taylor stated that he wanted the record to reflect there is no vision coverage in this plan. Mr. Clark stated the there would be continuation of voluntary vision insurance available through the cafeteria plan; that what is available to employees through the cafeteria plan will remain the same.

Mayor Corker stated coupled with the issue of utilization, they want to work with wellness as it relates to employees. He stated what they will be looking at over the course of the next year is implementing a no smoking discount and doing other things to educate employees and cause their healthcare premium not to be as high. He stated they are talking about those options, now.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: 'TOGETHER WE CAN'**  
**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Dr. Jane Harbaugh expressed that it was her pleasure to come before the Council to present the results of the partnership of the Community Foundation and the City for scholarships for students to go to college. She introduced Rebecca Smith, the Scholarship Officer with the Community Foundation, who has and will work closely with the students and stated this year 36 awards have been presented, for a total of more than 140 students in college. She stated the students awarded represent all districts and all high schools.

At this point, each student was asked to introduce themselves by giving their name, high school, college/university they plan to attend and their major. Once this was completed, Dr. Harbaugh expressed thanks for the support of the families, friends, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles – all who had a lot to do with the students' achievement.

Councilman Littlefield thanked Dr. Harbaugh for carrying this program forward. He stated that he was on the Council when the program was established and it has been his pleasure to see another class taking this opportunity and responsibility. He stated one advantage Georgia has had is the HOPE Scholarship, and the closest thing Chattanooga has is the "Together We Can" Scholarship.

Chairman Hakeem stated over the course of several years this scholarship program has taken the interest off \$5 million dollars and applied it toward scholarships each year, and as a result young people have had an opportunity to go to college.

Councilman Benson stated this is a real investment in the community; that it makes him so proud to know the City has enough vision to work with youth for gain.

Chairman Hakeem stated the City is "richer" and we are the winner. He asked the young people to consider employment in Chattanooga in the future as they obtain their degrees.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: JUDITH SCHORR –**  
**COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CHATTANOOGA**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Judith Schorr expressed her excitement at being present and indicated that she represents over 80 neighborhood associations and businesses.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: JUDITH SCHORR –  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CHATTANOOGA  
POLICE DEPARTMENT (Continued)**

Mrs. Schorr stated her purpose for being present is to present Council members with a declaration of appreciation of the many departments that comprise the Chattanooga Police Department. She expressed appreciation to the Police Department for the many hours, efforts and responsibility the police officers provide to all the citizens, as well as to the amount of work that went into the accreditation process. At this point each Council member was presented with a scroll from neighborhood leaders from their district. Deputy Chief Cooke accepted a special plaque for Chief Dotson in his absence.

After Chairman Hakeem read the sentiment on the plaque, Deputy Chief Cooke stated that Chief Dotson was unable to attend tonight's meeting and expressed his pleasure at being present to receive the plaque on behalf of the men and women of the Chattanooga Police Department who strive to make the City a better and safe city. He stated the partnership they have with the citizens make their jobs better and easier to do. He introduced "key players" within the department: Officer Woughter, Sgt. Julia Dean, Sgt. Rick Mincey, Sgt. Ken Neblette and Capt. Steve Parks.

At this point, Mrs. Schorr asked everyone present from the neighborhood organizations to stand. She indicated that the scroll for Mayor Corker would be delivered by Admin. Boney and stated during all the years she has been involved with the City, it has been so rewarding to call and talk to so many great neighborhood leaders. She stated we have a great City and expressed thanks to the Council.

**CLOSE AND ABANDON**

**MR-2001-012: City of Chattanooga**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT  
LOCATED IN THE BAL HARBOR SUBDIVISION IN THE MURRAY HILLS  
AREA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON  
THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY  
REFERENCE**

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

### LIFT CONDITIONS

**2001-048: G. A. Bennett**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,  
 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITIONS  
 IMPOSED IN ORDINANCE NO. 9855 ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3251  
 ROSSVILLE BOULEVARD, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED  
 HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

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

**2001-068: Robert C. Hart and E. Gail Hart**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,  
 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF  
 LAND LOCATED AT 516 ELY ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED  
 HEREIN, FROM R-4 SPECIAL ZONE WITH CONDITIONS TO RZ-1  
 RESIDENTIAL ZERO LOT LINE RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

passed second reading. On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Littlefield, the Ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

### REZONING

**2001-043: David Gaddy**

A representative for the applicant was present; there was no opposition in attendance.

Jerry Pace, Planner with the Planning Agency, stated that this has been a most difficult case outside the East Brainerd area. He stated the request is located in the St. Elmo Historic District in an existing industrial-type building that was constructed in 1930 and has had various uses throughout the years. He stated the request is for C-1 for a taxicab stand; that zoning in the area is primarily industrial to the east and R-2 to the north and west.

### **REZONING (Continued)**

Mr. Pace stated the existing building is where the taxicab stand will be located; that the Staff has met with Councilman Taylor and the applicant and conditions have been added on the property which include: *“no storage of inoperative vehicles; no outdoor storage of parts; proposed use as taxi stand only and all existing easements are retained”*.

Mr. Pace stated the Staff and Planning made the recommendation to deny the request because it did not meet the criteria in the recently adopted St. Elmo Plan; that the Planning Commission sent it on to the Council with a recommendation to approve with conditions; that the conditions have been amended to the ones previously read. He stated with the language in the Plan there was some discussion on sending the request back to Planning to see if the Plan could be amended rather than change the zone. He stated the language and land use plan gave opportunity to make the recommendation not to approve the request with those conditions in place and the Plan will not have to be amended, which would take some time to do. He stated some things such as the sign on the front of the building would have to be addressed through the Historic Zoning Commission for review; that there are still some things the applicant would have to comply with before the zoning would be in place. He stated there might be a problem with parking, which might have to go to the Variance Board to get a parking variance on the lot.

City Attorney Nelson apologized to Mr. Pace and indicated one provision in the conditions had been unintentionally left out. He stated Planning Staff asked to include Councilman Taylor’s request that *“there shall be a four taxicab limit on cabs parked outside; all other cabs must be stored inside the structure”*.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if there has been any conversation with the residents on the adjoining parcels?

Mr. Pace stated that he is not sure about the adjoining parcel; that a representative from the St. Elmo Neighborhood Association is present and there has been discussion with the Association on this and they are in agreement with the conditions.

Councilman Benson stated that he is glad to hear they are in agreement with the recommendation to approve; that what concerns him is recommending approval and not amending the Plan. He stated the Plan says this is in conflict with what the plan design is for that building. He stated it is very, very important we put a lot of credibility in our plan; that professional designers did this with community input.



### **REZONING (Continued)**

Councilman Benson stated before we go and make or pass something in conflict with the Plan, we should go back to the people that helped make the plan to see if they are in agreement with amending it. He stated good planning means we are going to have the best community input with professional guidance; that he does not want the credibility of the (St. Elmo) Plan diminished as it carries over into other plans, such as the Highway 58, Hamilton Place and Hixson plans. He stated he wants them to have some strength and strength comes from the community and professional guidance. He asked if Mr. Pace is saying that the recommendation for approval is to break away from the Plan?

Mr. Pace stated that it is mentioned in the adopted Plan in the land use section that there is some language that addresses the concern Councilman Benson has, which indicates:

***The Mixed-Use Residential District acknowledges that the primary use is low-to-moderate density residential (single family and duplexes). However, corner stores, offices, churches and higher density residential uses may be appropriate in specific locations. The appropriateness of these uses should be based on the following factors: location on a corner, proximity to similar intensity uses and location on a major street such as St. Elmo Avenue, Alabama Avenue or Tennessee Avenue. Generally, all non-residential uses should front on St. Elmo.***

Mr. Pace continued by stating that this is on a corner, is on Tennessee Avenue and generally all non-residential uses should face on St. Elmo Avenue.

Councilman Benson asked what happens if he has a hardware store next to this place and can say it meets the Plan's specifications by its proximity to similar intensity, and someone next door says the same thing and creates a "domino

Mr. Pace stated other existing buildings have been there a number of years, which is a commercial or industrial type business, and the surrounding structures are residential. He stated the criteria is that they are residential uses and should remain that way; that going away from the corner would be going against the Plan.

**REZONING (Continued)**

Councilman Benson stated that he is not saying that he will vote for this matter; that he will look for guidance from Councilman Taylor. He stated that he is very much concerned the strengths of the Plan will be weakened; that if we send the Plan back to its genesis and let it be redeveloped, he would feel much more comfortable and let it come up from its sources again to us. He stated this is not to say he will vote for it; that he is concerned about not putting more weight in the Plan.

Mr. Pace expressed agreement with Councilman Benson's comments and was grateful for his advocacy. He stated this is a very difficult area as there are a lot of industrial uses that have been there a number of years. He stated the Staff, residents and neighborhood fought hard over this decision to have some mixed-use.

Councilman Benson expressed agreement; that he does not want people in the future to come in and ask the Council to vote for something contradictory to the Plan.

Councilwoman Robinson echoed Councilman Benson's comments by stating so much is put into these plans and the Council often funds them to give guidelines we need to render decisions relative to future development. She stated as Councilman Benson stated we do put great stock in the plans developed and respect what the residents, professionals and elected leadership have put into them. She stated it is confusing when we ask to change a plan that was recently developed and share the worry that adjacent property owners may be adversely affected.

Councilman Taylor agreed with the comments from his colleagues. He stated in talking with the neighborhood residents one of the major problems is that this is a very difficult area and the thing they hope and want to see is that of being a good neighbor. He stated that is displayed within the language and stipulations that they want to be a good neighbor and make sure the stipulations placed within this ordinance are adhered to. He reiterated that this is a very difficult area and it is hoped that repairs to this building would be in accordance with what is already in the neighborhood. He stated the applicants have given their word they will be good neighbors and he has assured them the City will enforce to the letter every item contained within this ordinance.

John Gideon was present representing the applicant and acknowledged that the building would be repaired within the confines of what is already existing in the neighborhood.

### **REZONING (Continued)**

Fred Warner, a member of the St. Elmo Improvement League, stated the conditions imposed on this property are in accordance with the St. Elmo Master Plan. He stated this property is located in a very old neighborhood and many of the buildings similar to this one were in existence long before the zoning ordinance came along. He stated in regard to the house next door or down from it, fortunately this area is very well protected by historical guidelines and when the possibility of a hardware store was mentioned, it was his thinking that anything of that nature could not happen. He stated the houses next door are residential and cannot be anything else. He confirmed as a neighborhood they do not have any objection to this request.

Councilman Taylor stated working with the Neighborhood Improvement League has been a very interesting piece as they have been able to think about how to bring about development that would tie in with the area. He stated this commercial piece serves as a "beacon of hope" and sets the proper example for the neighbors to come.

Councilman Littlefield expressed support for Councilman Benson's position and stated that he was glad the community has given this serious review. He stated that he would like for the record to reflect his position of support regarding the importance of the planning process; that into that process serious decisions have to be made and he knows forces on all sides will be pulling in all directions.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 1504 WEST 57<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-1 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

passed first reading.

### **ACQUIRE PROPERTY AND DECLARE SURPLUS**

**MR-2001-009: City of Chattanooga Department of Finance**

Councilman Benson stated this Resolution was covered in Committee today. He stated with some noted reservations about procedure and other factors the Committee still endorsed it.

**At this point, Councilman Benson made the motion to adopt the Resolution; Councilman Littlefield seconded the motion.**

**ACQUIRE PROPERTY AND DECLARE SURPLUS**  
**(Continued)**

Chairman Hakeem asked if the motion also declares the property surplus and conveys it to the Hamilton County Department of Education?

**Councilman Benson amended his motion to incorporate “conveyance to the Hamilton County Board of Education”.**

Councilman Pierce stated that he would like for the record to reflect his position, that he is totally opposed to the City purchasing this property. He stated the City has been out of the school business for a while and thinks this is something the County should be taking the responsibility for and not the City taxpayers. He stated the City contributes \$8.5 million a year to the education system that we do not have to (contribute); that he is not opposed to education but is opposed to the City purchasing a piece of property for \$5,000+.

Councilwoman Robinson stated in talking about this matter this afternoon it occurred to a few Council members that as unfortunate as this is, this is the type of situation that comes up when we live in an area that has two governments; that it puts us on a discussion mode when we have conflicting leadership.

Councilman Page stated that he was very much against this motion in Committee; that Councilman Pierce is right on target with his comments. He stated that it is his thinking that we should have given the County a chance to step forward and assume this responsibility. He stated in lieu of timing and the commitment administration has made previously, he would like to make a point regarding Councilman Pierce’s comments that we are not in the education business and the county certainly is and it is their responsibility. He stated we are trying to be good neighbors and move forward.

Councilman Pierce stated that he wanted to put emphasis on the position the City is in as far as the budget for this year; that he still says it is as a result of being in a \$15-\$20 million shortfall that he feels we are imposing money upon the City tax payers.

Councilman Taylor stated one great area we are missing is the Salvation Army; that the City has been a good partner to the Salvation Army and we should look at the \$5,959.80 amount and ask the agency for their support; have them “come to the table” because this is a small donation as we foster and push their causes. He stated they should show they are partners, as well, in our education system; that it is his hope the plea will go out to the Salvation Army for them to step forward and donate this land.

**ACQUIRE PROPERTY AND DECLARE SURPLUS**  
**(Continued)**

Councilman Benson asked if there is a time frame on this request? Admin. Boney responded "yes"; that the school system would like to start construction by July 16 in order for the school to open next fall.

Councilman Franklin stated that he would like for the record to reflect that he serves on the local Salvation Army Board of Directors and that his sentiments were expressed in Committee earlier correlating to partnerships. He stated that he did not feel it would be in his best interest to vote on this matter and will abstain.

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON LONG STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM THE SALVATION ARMY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE AND 80/100 DOLLARS (\$5,959.80) PLUS REASONABLE TRANSFER FEES, TO BE PAID FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND, AND ONCE ACQUIRED SAID PROPERTY BE DECLARED SURPLUS ALONG WITH PROPERTY LOCATED ON MARKET STREET AND LONG STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SAID PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA**

was adopted; Councilman Pierce voted "no"; Councilman Franklin abstained.

**ACCEPT GRANT**

Councilwoman Robinson stated this matter was discussed in today's Parks and Recreation Committee and approval is recommended.

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$498,900.00) FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

was adopted.

**CITY-FUNDED NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS**

Councilman Benson stated this matter was discussed at length in Committee and approval is recommended.

CITY-FUNDED NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS  
(Continued)

On motion of Councilman Littlefield, seconded by Councilman Franklin,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CITY-FUNDED NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$71,494.67) TO VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) NEEDED FOR ADMINISTRATION FEES, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$81,494.67)**  
 was adopted.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Benson,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT AND 59/100 DOLLARS (\$19,958.59) TO THE CHATTANOOGA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FOR FOOD SERVICES AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE 2001**  
 was adopted.

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Admin. McDonald stated Mr. Stewart has been with the City 16 years. He stated he has a Civil Engineering degree from Mississippi State University, a Master of Environmental Engineering degree from Michigan State and has acted as assistant to "Bunky" for a number of years.

Councilman Littlefield stated that he has known both "Bunky" Wright and Jerry Stewart "forever" and has enjoyed working with both of them.

On motion of Councilman Littlefield, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JERRY STEWART TO SERVE AS ACTING DIVISION HEAD OF WASTE RESOURCES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO SIGN VOUCHERS, REQUISITIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2001**  
 was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending June 22, 2001 totaled \$24,717.44.

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Department of Human Services:

**SANDRA NORWOOD** – Retirement (35 years of service), Director of Child Care Program, Child Care Division effective June 28, 2001.

**PHYLLIS MURDOCK** – Resignation, Clerk III, Head Start Division, effective June 22, 2001.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Littlefield, the following purchases were approved for use by the Chattanooga Human Services Department:

**KANDY KASTLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Lowest and best bid)**  
**Requisition R0056705/P0016097**

Transportation, Child Care Program

\$45,500.00

**EMERALD SPECIALTY VEHICLES, INC. (Lower and better bid)**  
**Requisition R0055729/B0000599**

30 Passenger School Bus

\$36,465.00

**EMERALD SPECIALTY VEHICLES, INC. (Lower and better bid)**  
**Requisition R0055731/B0000603**

30 Passenger School Bus

\$36,465.00

**PURCHASES (Continued)**

**FLAV-O-RICH (Lowest and best bid)**

**Requisition R0056747/P0016283**

Milk and Milk Products

(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)

**EARTHGRAINS (Lowest and best bid)**

**Requisition R0056746/P0016287**

Child Care Program

(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)

**PERSONNEL**

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

**ROBIN HIXSON** – New Hire, Accounting Technician, Administration (Hiring process completed prior to hiring freeze), Pay Grade 8/Step 1, \$21,219.00 annually, effective June 5, 2001.

**DAVID CASSELBERRY** – Resignation, Crew Worker, Parks Division, effective June 6, 2001.

**BEVERLY G. CASEY** – Lateral Transfer, Administrative Coordinator, Civic Facilities Division, Pay Grade 10/Step 9, \$33,596.00 annually, effective June 15, 2001.

**PURCHASES**

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

**STEIN CONSTRUCTION CO. (Lowest and best bid)**

**Requisition R0056560/P0016179**

White Ball field Sand

\$13.98/ton



**PURCHASES (Continued)****STOVALL TURF OF NORCROSS, GEORGIA (Best bid)****Requisition R0056540/B0000595**

Lawn Mower

\$48,054.56

**PARK EQUIPMENT CO., INC. (Only bid)****Requisition R0056561/P0016188**

Top Soil

\$ 6.00/cubic yard (picked up)

\$145.00/9 yards (delivered)

**ADIRONDACK DIRECT AND MITY LITE (Lowest and better bids)****Requisition R036764/B0000614**

Chairs, Tables and Caddies

\$17,822.19 (Chairs, Adirondack)

\$53,913.57 (Tables, Mity Lite)

**ADIRONDACK DIRECT AND MITY LITE (Lowest and best bids)****Requisition R036759/B0000615**

Chairs, Tables and Caddies

\$11,763.14 (Chairs, Adirondack)

\$21,901.01 (Tables, Mity Lite)

**PERSONNEL**

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

**EUGENE WRIGHT** – Retirement, Director, Waste Resources, effective June 30, 2001.

**PERSONNEL (Continued)**

**JAMES W. TUMBLING** – Resignation, Sanitation Worker, Citywide Services, effective June 18, 2001.

**BERNARD E. SCHULTZ** – Dismissal, Crew Supervisor Senior, Citywide Services, effective June 27, 2001.

**KENNYA TREMBLE** – Suspension (3 days without pay), Crew Worker, Waste Resources, June 13-15, 2001.

**RETIREMENT OF EUGENE “BUNKY” WRIGHT**

Admin. McDonald expressed his best wishes to “Bunky” Wright upon his retirement, stating that he is dependable and that he has learned to appreciate and respect him for his ability. He stated Mr. Wright joined the City in 1973 and was appointed Director of Waste Resources in 1987; that he has received many State and national awards for his work in the waste treatment area. He stated Mr. Wright is very well respected through the area and will be missed.

“Bunky” Wright expressed appreciation to Admin. McDonald and other City employees. He stated that it was his pleasure to work with several people over the years and expressed thanks to the Council because the City has been good to him. He stated he was given opportunities during his employ with the City that a “country boy from Alabama” would never have gotten and appreciates it. He stated he and Councilman Littlefield worked together since 1987 and was surprised he had nice things to say! He again expressed thanks to all stating it has been a “fun ride”.

Admin. McDonald reminded Council members of the reception scheduled for Mr. Wright on Friday at 3 p.m. and indicated that his wife would be recognized at that time.

**EMERGENCY PURCHASE**

The emergency purchase for repairs to a Kruger Model 280 Rotating Assembly Centrifuge at the Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Public Works Department, issued to Baker Hughes, Inc. in the amount of \$43,317.14 was duly reported and signed in open meeting.

**PURCHASES**

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

**VULCAN ALUMINUM (Lower and better bid)**

**Requisition R0054945/P0016187**

Sign Blank Renovations

(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)

**3M (Lowest and best bid)**

**Requisition R0054944/P0016235**

Vacuum Applicator Materials

(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)

**A. F. GREEN TRUCKING (Only bid)**

**Requisition r0055140/P0016175**

Leachate Pumping & Hauling

(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)

**INDUSTRIAL RUBBER & SUPPLY (Lowest and best bid)**

**Requisition R0055154/P0016234**

Hydraulic Hoses

(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)

**RAMSEY TRUCKING, INC. (Lower and better bid)**

**Requisition R0060894/P0015832)**

River Sand

(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)

**PURCHASES (Continued)**

**MID-TENN TURF, INC. AND AGRICULTURE DISTRIBUTORS (Primary and Secondary Vendors)**

**Requisition R0060859/P0016174**

*Sod (Mid-Tenn Turf, Inc. will be used when a large supply of sod is needed; Agriculture Distributors will be used when only a small amount is required and does not justify shipping.)*

**(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)**

**HOTEL PERMITS**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, the following hotel permits were approved:

**CASA GRANDE DEL RIO**, 1410 O'Grady Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**BRIDGE VIEW INN**, 117 Forest Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the following purchase was approved for use by the Chattanooga Police Department:

**G. T. DISTRIBUTORS (Lowest and best bid)**

**Requisition R0054016/P0016286**

Ballistic Vests

\$ 331.48 ea. (Item 1)

\$1,374.86 ea. (Item 2)

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS (Continued)****TREE COMMISSION**

- ❖ Appointment of **JACK MCDONALD** and **BILL CHIPLEY** for terms of one year, ending July 1, 2002.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, the following purchases were approved for use by the Department of Finance and Administration, Information Services Division:

**SCT GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS, INC. (Single Source)****Requisition R0049119**

Annual Software Renewal per TCA 6-56-301

\$32,406.00

**NOW SOLUTIONS (Single source)****Requisition R0049120**

Annual Software Maintenance Renewal per TCA 6-56-301

\$45,401.00

**HEARING: OFFICER JEFF GANAWAY**

City Attorney Nelson indicated that the hearing for Officer Ganaway should be rescheduled since the witness was not subpoenaed. **The hearing was rescheduled for Monday, July 30 beginning at 2 p.m.** with Councilmen Franklin (Chair), Page and Robinson.

**HEARING: JUDY JOHNSON**

City Attorney Nelson stated the request for a hearing to appeal a three-day suspension has been received from Judy Johnson of the Chattanooga Police Department.

**A hearing for Ms. Johnson was scheduled for Monday, July 16 beginning at 4 p.m. with Councilmen Taylor, Franklin and Lively serving as the panel hearing the request;** Councilman Taylor was selected to serve as Chair of the hearing.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENT**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Page, the following Board reappointment was approved:

#### **BOARD OF SIGN APPEALS**

- ❖ The reappointment of **RANDY RICKETTS**, representing District 7, for a three year term ending July, 2004.

### **HAMILTON PLACE PLAN**

Councilman Benson reminded Council members of the meeting scheduled for this Saturday (June 30) beginning at 10 a.m. at CSLA to discuss the Hamilton Place Community Plan. He stated lunch would be served at 11:30 a.m.

### **FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN AREA**

Councilman Pierce asked that the matter of noise in the downtown area after hours could be placed in committee for discussion with regard to fireworks. He stated many of the senior citizens have complained about fireworks shows and it is a matter that needs to be put in committee to discuss the possibility of an ordinance regarding a time for such shows.

Chairman Hakeem stated that he would get with Councilman Lively to see if a Safety Committee meeting can be scheduled within the next few weeks.

Councilman Pierce stated that he received a call this week regarding a fireworks show that began at 12:45 a.m., which is entirely too late for a fireworks show.

### **ALLEYS**

Councilman Pierce stated that he has received his share of calls regarding alleys and trees; that there are many alleys with old trees in them that are beginning to fall over on personal property. He inquired as to the rule regarding situations of this nature?

City Attorney Nelson stated that all we have is an easement for travel purposes up and down alleys; that if the alley is not going to be open we might want to take a look at whether it should be closed or abandoned. He stated that it was his thinking that there is an alley study.

**ALLEYS (Continued)**

Chairman Hakeem responded, "That is true"; that Councilman Pierce is making reference to alleys with trees in them. He asked if there needs to be a review of the alley ordinance or resolution so that all can be on the "same page" and then get back with the residents on this item?

Councilman Pierce stated if it is decided to abandon the alleys, should we clean them first? He stated if they are to be abandoned they are in awful shape.

City Attorney Nelson stated that is a matter for the Council to decide and not the law.

**DISTRICT 9 MEETING**

Chairman Hakeem stated the District 9 neighborhood meeting regarding economic development was held, wherein goals and plans were set for the District. He stated it was a very worthwhile meeting and expressed appreciation to everyone for his or her involvement.

**SISTER BEY**

Sister Bey asked the Council to take a second look at Resolution 7(b) before asking for more money. She stated Mrs. Clark, whom she referenced last week in her comments, passed this weekend, three years after begging for help in getting her home fixed. She asked that the Council not play "mind games" with her.

**DAVID TESSMAN**

David Tessman spoke on behalf of Girls, Inc. and expressed an interest in the Eastside Community Center. He stated the building is scheduled to be demolished and Girls, Inc. would like to collaborate and do what Girls, Inc. does so well, which is to preserve the community and help young ladies (in the community).

Chairman Hakeem expressed thanks to Mr. Tessman for his comments and stated that the item is scheduled to go before the Hamilton County School Board. He stated the demolition would be put off until a neighborhood meeting is held where all the stakeholders will be asked to "come to the table" and a consensus will come forth regarding the best use of the property in the interest of the community and neighborhood. He asked Mr. Tessman to be "at the table". Mr. Tessman stated that Girls, Inc. would be there.

**GRACE ASHFORD**

Grace Ashford stated that she lives in Brainerd and is a Police Department employee. She inquired as to the levee in the Brainerd area, stating that it is extremely uneven. She stated many people who walk the levee have knee replacements and she did not know whom to see about asphaltting and leveling it so that it is a good recreational walk. She stated there seems to be some confusion as to who actually owns and maintains it, and asked if there is something that can be done to make a walk at least comparable to the Riverwalk, as this is the area's main place for walking fitness?

Admin. McDonald stated that this is a public works issue and he would be glad to speak with Ms. Ashford and look into it.

Councilman Littlefield stated that the levee is part of the southern part of his district. He stated the levee was chip sealed by Vulcan free of charge to the City twenty years ago. He stated the City has done work on the southern end and got prices on putting asphalt down, however, the problem is you have no vehicles to roll on it. He stated asphalt requires something rolling on it to keep it from breaking up and indicated that the only thing that can be done is another chip seal. He stated that he would walk the levee again to see what the condition is and talk to public works and recreation to see if some of our Riverwalk monies could be used for that purpose. He stated the levee was the first greenway in Chattanooga.

Chairman Hakeem clarified that Admin. McDonald and Councilmen Littlefield and Franklin would get with Ms. Ashford.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Hakeem adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, July 3, 2001 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)**