

**City Council Building**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
December 16, 2003  
6:00 P.M.

Chairman Franklin called the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Hakeem, Littlefield, Lively, Page, Pierce, Robinson, and Taylor present. City Attorney Randall Nelson; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crowover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/  
INVOCATION**

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

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Chairman Franklin called on Ms. Sherrie Gilchrist to give an update on the African-American Chamber of Commerce. She thanked the Chairman, the Council, and the citizens of Chattanooga for giving her the opportunity to update on small emerging businesses in Chattanooga. She mentioned that they were very excited about the HOPE VI Project—that it had been a springboard, with a lot of credit going to Matt Powell.

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**AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
CHAMBER (CONT'D)**

Ms. Gilchrist mentioned workshops and seminars that had helped emerging businesses help prepare for this amazing project, noting that they had 100% Black participation in Phase I; that this is a \$5.9 million dollar project with two more phases.

She went on to commend the City Council for their leadership; that it was a big leap for them to give the Chattanooga African-American Chamber a chance to work with

small emerging businesses. She explained that this was the first HOPE VI Project in the nation with this much participation by Blacks and women

Ms. Gilchrist related that their membership retention is at 98%—the best in the country, which is not the best Black Chamber, but for all chambers. They were awarded three Grants—Tiger Wood Foundation of \$15,000; Seedco of \$7,500; and First Tennessee Bank of \$2,500. These grants helped with youth entrepreneurial endeavors. She went on to say that more than 1200 members and potential members came through the chamber’s doors. They also developed a partnership with the Hamilton County School System to teach youth entrepreneurial classes at four middle schools during the second semester of the 2003 school year.

She continued, stating that they were appointed by the Department of Commerce to the International Trade Advisory Committee for Small and Minority Businesses and also selected as a Board member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Board of Committees and selected by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to represent Small and Minority Businesses at the Business Strengthening American Conference. They were also nominated by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for Advocacy and Community Service.

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**(cont’d)**

Ms. Gilchrist continued, stating that they had met with President Bush three times this year. She again thanked the Council and wished them Happy Holidays.

Councilman Taylor thanked Sherrie for her hard work and also thanked the Council for working with the Chattanooga African-American Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Franklin thanked Ms. Gilchrist for her report, stating that they had really been busy over the last year. He also recognized the Chairman of The Board—Charles Fields and Mrs. Dorothy Grisham.

Councilman Hakeem stated that he thought it was accurate to say that leadership starts at the top and the Chattanooga African-American Chamber has gone far beyond the capability of their organization—that leadership makes all the difference in the world and Sherrie is to be commended.

**REZONING**

**2003-078 (Raymond Hale)**

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,  
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF  
LAND LOCATED AT 8623 EAST BRAINERD ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY  
DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-5**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN  
CONDITIONS**

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

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**REZONING**

**2003-189 (Devguru Investments, Inc.)**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,  
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF  
LAND LOCATED AT 7420 BONNY OAKS DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY  
DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2  
CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN  
CONDITIONS**

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

**REZONING**

**2003-193 (Howard Henderson and Linda McDaniel)**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,  
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE TRACTS OF  
LAND LOCATED AT 39 AND 45 EAST MAIN STREET, MORE  
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING  
ZONE TO C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN  
CONDITIONS**

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

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**REZONING (CONT'D)**

Councilman Pierce asked if this was part of the Enterprise Zone and if jobs would be created. It was explained that we do not know the full extent of the development.

**REZONING**

**2003-199 (Collins Goodman Development Company, LLC)**

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,  
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE TRACTS OF  
LAND LOCATED AT 1821 AND 1825 GUNBARREL ROAD, MORE  
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO  
R-4 SPECIAL ZONE**

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

**ANNEXATION/JENKINS RD**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PLAN OF SERVICES AND EXTENDING THE  
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, TO  
ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT  
CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY, BEING AN AREA OF THE JENKINS  
ROAD EXTENSION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN BY  
THE ATTACHED MAP**

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

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**DEANNEXATION  
CASH CANYON RD.**

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,  
**AN ORDINANCE DEANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY ADJACENT TO CASH  
CANYON ROAD DESIGNATED TO BE WITHIN THE CITY OF  
CHATTANOOGA**

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

Councilman Taylor asked if anyone was present with concerns regarding this.

**Mr. Tom Bowen** came forward, stating that he lives on O'Grady Drive, back to the power line near Elder View; that some people had the option to be in or out of the city, and he asked if he could get this same option; that he lives on O'Grady Drive, and he wants out of the city. He questioned why he could not be excluded.

Councilman Lively explained that the area where he lives is an area that the city serves, and the line has to be drawn somewhere—that there has to be a stopping point somewhere.

Mr. Bowen still questioned why some got the option.

Attorney Nelson explained that it was just those on Cash Canyon Rd. and one got the option of staying in or out. Mr. Bowen asked if no one on O’Grady Drive got deannexed. Councilman Lively explained that there was one person who had a mailbox on O’Grady Drive, but he did not actually live on O’Grady Drive.

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**DEANNEXATION(CONT’D)**

Councilman Littlefield explained that the test was Cash Canyon Rd. because we can’t feasibly improve the road nor provide services. Mr. Bowen asked about River Gorge to Elder View. Councilman Littlefield stated that we just took out the area that we cannot serve.

**J. D. Kellis** addressed the Council, stating that the city was taking them out, and there was nothing he could do about it; that he had paid seven years of taxes and twenty years of taxes had been paid on this property. He asked if the City was not going to partner with the County for fire service; that he had paid seven years of taxes and some had paid twenty; that he had been told you knew where you would be living when you bought the property, but he had received no services but had paid taxes that were going to the downtown area. He asked the Council if they were not going to help them out, adding that his fire status would be Class 10, which would cost \$1,100 more a year, and it was a lose-lose situation for him; that he was three miles from a fire plug. He again asked if the City could not partner with the County and make sure they had fire service, because he had paid his taxes. He added that Commissioner Cassavants had told him that the City could help them on the road. He stated that the City had been “sucking” their money and now did not want to help them out and questioned why they were not “booted” out ten years ago.

Councilman Lively reminded Mr. Kellis that it was not the City that wanted this; that the residents had signed a petition. Mr. Kellis questioned why the residents had to initiate this—that he wanted out of the City, too, but the City had taken his money and were running with it.

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**DEANNEXATION(CONT’D)**

Councilman Littlefield stated that the City had probably spent as much money on this road as all of the taxes they had taken in; that the City had spent a lot of effort and time; that because of the Fire Department, the residents had gotten a break on taxes.

Mr. Kellis disagreed, stating that they had not gotten a break; that the City had “stuck” it to him, and it does not seem fair. He again asked why it took them coming here to get something done.

Councilman Littlefield asked him if he wanted in or out? Mr. Kellis responded that he was not debating “in” or “out”; that he was talking about city services. Mr. Kellis stated that if the Council thought he had gotten his money’s worth while living on Cash Canyon Rd. and could answer “yes” that he would sit down.

Councilman Littlefield answered “yes”, and Mr. Kellis took his seat.

#### AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Littlefield,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$62,500.00), WITH HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT REIMBURSING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FROM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS PROVIDED TO HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

was adopted with Councilman Pierce abstaining.

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#### AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Lively,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$62,500.00), WITH HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT REIMBURSING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FROM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS PROVIDED TO HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

was adopted, with Councilman Pierce abstaining.

Councilman Pierce made some comments that explained his reasoning for abstaining. He questioned if this was being shared between the City and County and

if so, if it were a fair split. Chief Coppinger explained that the Grant was for \$250,000 to Hamilton County, and our share was \$125,000 that was split between the Fire and Police Departments. Councilman Pierce still questioned if this were a fair split. Chief Coppinger explained that that County made the decision to split it between us. Councilman Pierce pointed out that East Ridge and Red Bank also participate and questioned if the County was being fair with the money; that maybe we should have a bigger share because we have taken a bigger role. He stated that he was not comfortable with this.

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#### **PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

On motion of Councilman Littlefield, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1000 WATKINS STREET AND 1050 WATKINS STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, FROM THE DIXIE GROUP, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$315,000.00) PLUS CLOSING COSTS**  
was adopted.

Councilman Page stated that the next three Resolutions came before the Economic Development Committee today with a recommendation for approval.

#### **AD VALOREM TAXES**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Pierce,  
**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE WNA AMERICAN PLASTIC INDUSTRIES, INC. PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES**  
was adopted.

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#### **QUITCLAIM DEEDS HUNTER MUSEUM**

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Taylor,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEEDS CONVEYING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO THE HUNTER MUSEUM TO FACILITATE EXPANSION OF THE HUNTER MUSEUM AND THE PLAZA**  
was adopted.

**AGREEMENT  
WELLNESS PROG.**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Page,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, WORKFORCE CORPORATE HEALTH SERVICES, A DISVISION OF ERLANGER, TO IMPLEMENT A WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DEVELOP WRITTEN POLICIES TO IMPLEMENT THE WELLNESS PROGRAM**  
was adopted.

**LEASE AGREEMENT**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Taylor,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH eSPIN TECHNOLOGIES RELATIVE TO THE RAYTHEON BUILDING LOCATED AT ENTERPRISE SOUTH**  
was adopted.

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**TIIP GRANT EXPEND.**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Lively,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO NINETEEN THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$19,075.00) AS HALF OF THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH FOR A TIIP GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE RAYTHEON PLANT AT ENTERPRISE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK**  
was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending December 12, 2003 totaled \$74,979.54.



## PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

- **JEREMY H. POARCH**—Hire as Electrical Instr. Tech., Pay Grade 12/1, \$27,596.00 annually, effective 12/10/03.
- **FREDERICK TOTH**—Promotion to General Supervisor, Sr., Pay Grade 16/5, \$38,743.00 annually, effective 12/03/03.

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- PERSONNEL (CONT'D)

- **GARY DELANEY**—Promotion to General Supervisor, Pay Grade 14/6, \$37,350.00 annually, effective 12/12/03.
- **WINFORD HOOPER**—Retirement of Manager, effective 12/31/03.
- **FRED MILLER**—Retirement of General Supervisor, effective 12/31/03.

Adm. McDonald made note of the fact that Winford Hooper was retiring after 30 years of service, stating that he would be missed and wished him well. Also, Fred Miller was retiring after 37 years of service and will also be missed and is wished well.

### **CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- **CHARLIE TIMMONS**—Retirement of Firefighter/Relief Driver, effective 12/12/03.
- **DAVID THOMPSON, SR.**—Retirement of Captain, effective 12/26/03.
- **PRESTON HESS**—Retirement of Firefighter, effective 12/25/03.
- **FREDDIE FRYAR**—Retirement of Fire Prevention Secretary, effective 12/31/03.

Chief Coppinger acknowledged the retirement of Charlie Timmons, David Thompson, Sr., Preston Hess, and Freddie Fryar, who had all served with distinguished service for 25 years or better.

## CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- **BARRY BURNS**—Return to duty of Sergeant, effective 12/12/03.
- **GLEN T. POPE, JR.**—Retirement of Property Service Clerk, effective 11/30/03.
- **BRANDON W. BELL**—Resignation of Police Cadet, effective 12/11/03.
- **JENNIFER A. SMITH**—Resignation of Police Officer, effective 12/09/03.
- **MICHAEL F. ADAMS, DAVID W. BELL, ROBERT E. BELL, WILLIAM E. BISHOP, APRIL D. BOLTON, STEVEN C. BRADLEY, KIMBERLY M. CANTRELL, DAVID D. COGBURN, BENNY E. CONDRA, LESLIE CORBIN, JONATHAN A. DURICHEK, KARL W. FIELDS, III, JEFFREY L. GADD, JR., FRANK J. GOODWYN, II, NEYSA ENID GORGAS-RIOS, ERIC N. HINDMON, JASIN L. HOLMES, BRENT L. HUBBARD, KAUMER N. HUGHES, ERIC B. JENKINS, DANIEL B. JONES, MICHAEL S. KEEF, SCOTT A. KNOWLTON, TASHA M. LASS, CHRISTOPHER S. LAWSON, DALE A. LOCKHART, DAVID J. MADDUX, KENDON W. MASSENGALE, JERRY L. MCELROY, TIMOTHY A. MCFARLAND, PETER C. MILER, JAYEVAN MONTGOMERY, KEVIN A. MOSES, WENDY-ANN D. MURPHY, ROY M. PHIPPS, JAMES E. PLUMLEE, MATTHEW E. PUGLISE, ADAM C. REED, MATTHEW W. ROBERTSON, ROBERT M. SIMMONS, COREY M. STOKES, JARED B. SULLIVAN, ROBERT M. TALLEY, HEATH B. WHEELER, DAVID L. YOUNG, JR., JASON A. YOUNGBLOOD**—Hire as Police Cadets, PI/Step1, effective 12/12/03.

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○ PERSONNEL(CONT'D  
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- **DONNY J. BASHAM**—Hire as Police Cadet, PI/Step 3, effective 12/12/03.
- **GEORGE W. STEPHENS**—Hire as Police Cadet, P1/Step 4, effective 12/12/03.
- **JASON A. WAGNON**—Hire as Police Cadet, PI/Step 6, effective 12/12/03.
- **GARY AARON WILLIAMS**—Transfer/Promotion to Police Cadet, P1/Step 1, effective 12/12/03.

## PURCHASES

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

**RTS ENABLING TECHONOLGY, LLC (Single Source Purchase)**  
**Requisition No. R0072659**

Laboratory Software Agreement

\$29,550.00

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**PURCHASES (CONT'D)**

**LORD & CO. OF FT. MILL, S.C.(Single Source Purchase)**  
**Requisition No. R0072094**

Remote Telemetry Equipment

\$19,413.99

**BEARINGS & DRIVES (Lowest and best bid meeting specs.)**  
**Requisition No. R0072054**

(2) Ascea Brown Bavaria Variable Speed Drives

\$12,362.50

**VULCAN MATERIALS, FLORIDA ROCK & SRM AGGREGATES (Multiple Awards meeting specs.)**  
**Requisition No. R0071594/B0001147**

Washed and Crushed Stone

(See minute material for prices)

**HOTEL PERMITS**

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the following Hotel Permits were approved:

**CASA GRANDE DEL RIO, LLC—1410 O’Grady Drive**

**RAMADA LTD—30 Birmingham Way**

**GUESTHOUSE INN—2201 Park Drive**

**COUNTRY SUITES—7051 McCutcheon Road**

**MICROTEL INN—7014 McCutcheon Road**

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Page, the following purchase was approved for use by the Chattanooga Fire Dept.:

**CENTRAL STATES FIRE APPARATUS, INC. (Contract with Central States Requisition No. P0014608)**

Two Additional Custom Quints Fire Trucks (Change Order 5)

\$943,909.12

## PURCHASES

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

### MOTOROLA (Single Source Purchase Requisition No. R0069650

Software Maintenance & Support Agreement Renewal for Call Center

\$18,200.00 annually

### JAT OIL, INC. (Only local company than can supply) Requisition Nos. R0071158/B0001090

Bulk Fuel Loading

(See minute material for pricing)

## BOARD APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Littlefield, the following Board Appointment was approved:

### HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD APPOINTMENT

- Appointment of **BARBY WILSON** with a term ending **DECEMBER, 2007**.

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## INSURANCE CHECKS

At this point Councilman Pierce checked with Mr. Eichenthal on the funds that are to be received from Blue Cross, asking if any determination had been made. Mr. Eichenthal responded that we had not received these funds yet. Councilman Pierce asked if they had reached any conclusion. Mr. Eichenthal explained that they were checking on the ones who actually put money in and exactly what the refund should be, or at least part of it—that it should be in the range of \$25 to \$30 per employee on the average. Councilman Pierce stated that he had hoped this could be before Christmas.

## **RESOLUTIONS A & B**

Councilman Benson stated that he would like to add to Councilman Pierce's concerns regarding Resolutions (a) and (b); that maybe it should be per capita rather than a 50/50 split; that in some situations this should be appropriate, and he asked if we had ever looked into this possibility. Mr. Eichenthal responded that he did not know the exact details or where the money was going in the County; that on a pure per capita, we are getting our fair share. Councilman Benson indicated that we should look for future imbalances.

## **PARKING FEES**

Councilman Pierce stated that he would like to ask Mr. Eichenthal one more thing—if he had looked into the parking fees fine; that he thought it was out of the market rate—that \$10 to \$50 seemed excessive for a parking violation with this being a tourist town. He asked him to give a report the first of the year.

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## **PARKING FEES(CONT'D)**

Mr. Eichenthal responded that our going to a \$11.00 fine was comparable to other cities; that we had done this because some people found it cheaper to pay a parking fine than paying to park all day; that there was an issue about the additional payment required for delinquent fines, and we went back to where it was originally; that this was something they were looking at.

## **HEARING:A.CHATMAN**

Attorney Nelson noted that a hearing for Anthony Chatman was held yesterday and asked the Chairman of the panel to make a report.

Councilman Page chaired the hearing and related that the panel upheld the termination of Mr. Chatman, a Resource Officer; that it was a long hearing, and they did uphold the termination of the School Resource Officer's position.

## **TREE HARVEST COMM.**

Councilman Benson reported that the 15-member Tree Harvest Committee would meet at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday at the DRC Building.

**COMMITTEES**

Councilman Hakeem reminded the Council of the **Public Works Committee meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at 4:00 P.M.**

Councilman Littlefield scheduled a meeting of the **Legal and Legislative Committee** for **Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 3:00 P.M.**

Councilman Lively reminded the Council of the **SAFETY COMMITTEE meeting** scheduled **to be held on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004 immediately following the Public Works committee.**

Councilman Page noted that the Economic Development Committee met today, and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Pierce also took this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Robinson reminded the Council of the **Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture committee** scheduled for **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.**

Councilman Taylor stated that he had no report but wished a Merry Christmas to all and expressed appreciation to all who participated in the District 7 Christmas Party.

Chairman Franklin wished all of Administration, City Employees, and viewers a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

**GARY BALL**

Mr. Gary Ball thanked Councilmen Littlefield and Hakeem for the work on the Watkins Street Project, adding that it would mean a lot to Ridgedale and Oak Grove; that it had been a long trail, but it will help the city and the communities. He again

thanked the Council and stated he would look forward to working with Jerry Mitchell on utilization of the building.

Councilman Pierce stated that Mr. Ball failed to mention him. Mr. Ball stated that he did appreciate Councilman Pierce, as well.

At this point Chairman Franklin recognized Mr. Graham, who was in the audience.

**SYLVIA BENNETT**

Mrs. Bennett stated that she would really like to thank the Council for all the work they had done on the Animal Shelter, and she gave a special thanks to Councilman Littlefield for taking pictures of the Animal Shelter in Nashville and showing that it could be a "happy" place. She thanked the Council for putting up with them, with a special thanks to Councilman Hakeem and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Franklin adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 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)



