

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
April 19, 2005
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Benson called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Bennett, Franklin, Hakeem, Page, Pierce, Rico, Robinson and Rutherford present. 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, Vice Chair Robinson gave invocation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Benson stated that tonight concludes his one year of service. He opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council Chairman.

Councilman Page stated that it is an honor to nominate Council Vice Chair Sally Robinson to be the next Chair of the City Council. He stated that it is his thought she will be a wonderful leader. Councilman Hakeem seconded the motion and asked that the nomination close on the one said name.

By acclamation, Councilwoman Robinson was unanimously elected Chairman of the City Council.

Chairman Robinson expressed thanks and stated it is a great honor to occupy the seat for the coming year. She expressed sincere appreciation to past Chair Jack Benson for the wonderful job he has done and stated that she looks forward to his four years of service with the Council. She welcomed new Council members Linda Bennett of District 1 Manuel Rico of District 7 and noted that it is wonderful to welcome Marti Rutherford (District 6) back to the Council as she has served on two previous occasions.

At this time Chairman Robinson opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Continued)

Councilman Benson nominated Councilman Leamon Pierce; Councilman Rico seconded the motion.

By acclamation, Councilman Pierce was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Council.

City Attorney Nelson welcomed the new members and thanked former Chairman Benson for the great job he did last year and always being available to confer about matters on the agenda. He stated it has long been the pleasure of the City Attorney and one of the prerequisites to give the new incoming Chairperson the gavel that will be used for the next year. At this point he presented Chairman Robinson with a gavel and striking plate for use during her year of service.

In trying out the new gavel, Chairman Robinson gaveled the meeting to order and again expressed thanks to Council members for electing her.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE

Jerry Pace, Director of Development Services with the Regional Planning Agency (RPA), stated that this amendment involves a section of the zoning ordinance that was adopted in 1961 for the purpose of nonconforming plans for multi-story and multi-use apartments. He stated this has not been utilized since it was adopted and the request is to remove it from the zoning ordinance. He stated this is covered under PUD regulations and there is no need for this, now. He stated the matter comes with a recommendation for approval from Planning and Staff.

Chairman Robinson declared a public hearing in progress for those wishing to speak for or against the Ordinance; being none, the hearing was duly closed.

AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE (Continued)

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BY DELETING ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 109, RELATIVE TO THE NON-CONFORMING PLAN EXCEPTION**
passed first reading.

CLOSE AND ABANDON

MR-2005-030: Eddy Bowman

Councilman Hakeem stated this matter was discussed in today's Public Works Committee and denial is recommended.

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Rico,
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED 5300
BLOCK OF KIMBRO STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN
AND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART
HEREOF BY REFERENCE**
was denied.

REZONING

2005-033: Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise

Pursuant to notice of public hearing, the request of Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise to rezone tracts of land located at 1902, 1904, and 1920 Rossville Avenue came on to be heard.

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

Councilman Pierce stated this request was heard in Committee and the City Attorney read the provisions. He expressed an interest in knowing about the infrastructure costs and was not sure whether the new Mayor was aware that this is part of the capital budget. He stated it is his understanding the infrastructure costs run close to one million dollars and is something the new Mayor needs to be aware of. He **made the motion to table the matter two weeks; Councilman Page seconded the motion.**

REZONING (Continued)

City Attorney Nelson stated before this is tabled the matter has been advertised for a public hearing tonight for any members of the public to speak for or against the matter.

Mr. Pace stated there was no opposition at Planning and the applicant is present.

Bob McNutt of Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) stated that members from the neighborhood are present in support of this. He stated he did not know what the Council would like to hear and would be happy to explain the application. He stated if it is being tabled two weeks he could wait the two weeks and explain the matter; that he would follow the pleasure of the Council.

Chairman Robinson stated that the Council received a synopsis of the scope of work involving this matter this afternoon; that if Mr. McNutt would like to present the proposal he could do that and not have the presentation in two weeks.

Mr. McNutt stated this is an important piece of redevelopment of CNE's target area in the Jefferson Heights neighborhood and has been under discussion in Planning for three-to-five years. He stated this is an important tract that had been zoned manufacturing and was not conducive to an emerging neighborhood. He stated CNE proposes to replat the same lot and the street configuration has already been completed. He stated they propose to replat on 25, 30 and 40 foot lots as the neighborhood has three types of housing. He stated one will be bungalows on 18th Street with the same size and scale; along the park the plan is to have two-story single family detached housing as is presently in the neighborhood and the last would be townhouses along Rossville Avenue. He stated in the packet Council members have is a preliminary plat showing the lots and the street and alleyways going in; that the contract to purchase land is conditioned upon replatting and rezoning and they cannot go forward with replatting until the rezoning is complete. He stated civil engineers are ready to go forward but the zoning is needed. He reiterated that there are neighbors present in support of this.

Councilman Hakeem inquired as to the timeline in dealing with the contract.

Mr. McNutt stated if they have to wait two weeks the schedules close by the end of this month which is why they are present tonight so they could go ahead and get it purchased and under control.

REZONING (Continued)

Councilman Hakeem stated with the number of houses we are talking about, in comparison to another area where we put in the infrastructure is this perceived as an excessive amount of money (for the number of houses and families coming in).

Mr. McNutt stated this is part of a larger redevelopment project; that there are thirty-nine parcels on this plat and CNE as the developer committed to putting in alleys and a good bit of infrastructure. He stated the street itself would be a city street and there have been other neighborhood partnerships with CNE and the city as part of the revitalization effort. He stated tonight they are interested in zoning for this one parcel as it is part of a much larger project.

Councilman Hakeem inquired as to the number of families coming in. Mr. McNutt responded as many as eighty, probably sixty.

Councilman Franklin asked the range of value for the homes once they have been sold and built-out, whether some of the bungalows would be the affordable housing type and the retail value.

Mr. McNutt stated this is part of a larger plan wherein it is twenty-five percent affordable and seventy-five percent market value. He stated this is very similar to what was done in the M. L. King neighborhood which has had great success. He stated on this tract all are market value.

Councilman Franklin asked if the homes would be 1500 -1600 square feet. Mr. McNutt responded "probably smaller"; that so far they are 1200 square feet; that a guesstimate of the price range would probably run right at or under \$100,000 to \$200,000. He stated this was done in one other neighborhood where the price points get further diversity even with the market rate. He stated this is not a suburban subdivision and there is a wide range of buyers.

Councilman Franklin inquired as to the cost of those that would be 7,500 to 8,000 square feet. Mr. McNutt stated they would be \$100,000 to start; that the leverage factor with CNE's investment and the city's has a leverage of three-four-and five-to-one when finished; that the whole thing when finished will have a functioning mixed income neighborhood that will be self-sustaining.

Councilman Page stated a private developer is involved and (he) understood in committee the cost of infrastructure involves the private developer who is participating. He asked how much it will actually cost the city.

REZONING (Continued)

Mr. McNutt stated that the incentives will come from CNE and the city is putting in the infrastructure and doing the redesign review. He stated CNE will absorb a considerable incentive with the demand price and home buying incentives on the back end. He stated CNE is the city's partner in all of this and they are not simply asking the city for infrastructure; that they will have a finished neighborhood that has high leverage and private investment, as well as a wide range of buyers coming in.

Councilman Hakeem asked that Mr. McNutt give Council members all the information involving leveraging and other items pertinent he (McNutt) feels they should peruse at least a week before the matter comes back to the Council.

Mr. McNutt stated that they have a good conceptual plan that they could present and that a lot of thinking and planning went into this. He stated he would be happy to share it with Council members.

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Page,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE TRACTS OF
LAND LOCATED AT 1902, 1904 AND 1920 ROSSVILLE AVENUE, MORE
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND
M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE,
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**
was tabled two weeks.

REZONING

2005-035: Priscilla Johnson

Pursuant to notice of public hearing, the request of Priscilla Johnson to rezone a tract of land located at 8494 East Brainerd Road came on to be heard.

The applicant was present; there was no opposition in attendance.

Mr. Pace stated this request is located in East Brainerd with a request for O-1 for an office. He stated the property is surrounded by residential, C-2 and O-1. He stated the Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval with the conditions there would be access from Heaton Drive only and that all existing easements be retained.

REZONING (Continued)

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF
LAND LOCATED AT 8494 EAST BRAINERD ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY
DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-5
RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO O-1 OFFICE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN
CONDITIONS**
passed first reading.

REZONING

2005-039: Ken DeFoor

Pursuant to notice of public hearing, the request of Ken DeFoor to rezone a tract of land located at 7400 Goodwin Road came on to be heard.

The applicant was present; there was no opposition in attendance.

Mr. Pace stated this request is located in the Hamilton Place area along Goodwin Road. He stated the property is vacant and is currently zoned C-5 and noted there are C-2 and O-1 uses, as well. He stated the request comes with a recommendation for approval from Planning and Staff with conditions that the light be directed/shielded away from residential areas; no dumpsters and/or trash pickup before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. and all existing easements are to be retained.

On motion of Councilman Benson, 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 7440 GOODWIN ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY
DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM C-5 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE
TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN
CONDITIONS**
passed first reading.

PERPETUAL ACCESS

Councilman Hakeem stated Resolutions (a) – (g) were discussed in Public Works Committee meeting and are recommended for approval.

PERPETUAL ACCESS (Continued)

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A PERPETUAL ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT WITH WOODWORK REALTY COMPANY FOR AN EXISTING SEWER LOCATED AT 401 EAST MAIN STREET, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE
was adopted.

EASEMENTS

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PERMANENT DRAINAGE, SLOPE AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FROM KELLY AND KAREN HUGHES AT 1901 ROSEBROOK DRIVE, PARCEL NO. 159A-F-019, TRACT NO. 24, RELATIVE TO THE IGOU GAP ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, CONTRACT NO. E-03-011, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 75/100 (\$651.75)
was adopted.

EASEMENT

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM KELLY AND KAREN HUGHES AT 1900 ROSEBROOK DRIVE, PARCEL NO. 159A-F-020, TRACT NO. 31, RELATIVE TO THE IGOU GAP ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, CONTRACT NO. 3-03-011, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND 75/100 (\$57.75).
was adopted.

EASEMENT

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM GARY THOMAS AND SUSAN JANE DAWN AT 7755 IGOU GAP ROAD, PARCEL NO. 195B-B-011, TRACT NO. 35, RELATIVE TO THE IGOU GAP ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, CONTRACT NO. E-03-011, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$58.50)
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 3-04-052, SIDEWALK REQUIREMENT CONTRACT, TO YERBEY CONCRETE COMPANY FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000.00)
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. R-04-055, TYNER PARK BATHROOM FACILITY, TO WDB CONTRACTING, LLC FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$65,367.00)
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. W-0-3-004, SHALLOWFORD ROAD SEWER RELOCATION, TO MAYSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 25/100 DOLLARS (\$343,788.25)
was adopted.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN

Councilmen Franklin and Benson made the initial motion and second to adopt this Resolution.

Councilman Pierce inquired as to the reason for this person to be armed. He asked what her job involved.

Deputy Chief Vaughn indicated that he "has no idea".

Councilman Pierce stated he wanted to know if the armed person is qualified as this could be a liability to the city if someone gets hurt. Deputy Chief Vaughn again indicated that he "has no idea" regarding the request.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN (Continued)

Councilman Pierce stated the request comes from the Police Department. Deputy Chief Vaughn stated that he has no information about it.

Councilwoman Rutherford pointed out that the information attached to the Resolution references that the person would be limited to performing as property service clerk for the Chattanooga Police Department.

Councilman Pierce again asked why the person in this position would be armed.

Deputy Chief Vaughn stated that the clerk would rule the property section which contains evidence and sometimes money and narcotics which is why, he supposed, some people should be armed.

Councilman Benson stated the Management Analyst, Randy Burns, reminded him that this matter was discussed in last week's agenda session but he (Benson) does not remember what the answer was.

Mr. Burns indicated that the discussion involved that the position would be a properties position, however he could not recall the specifics.

Deputy Chief Vaughn stated that most of the people working in property were previously doing other work and he expects that this position would be held by a civilian; that the job was previously held by a commissioned officer, clarifying that this is supposition on his part.

Councilman Benson withdrew his second to the initial motion to adopt the Resolution. At this point he **made the motion to table the matter one week until a better answer could be given; Councilman Page seconded the motion.** Councilman Franklin withdrew his initial motion to adopt.

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDY A. SMITH AS
SPECIAL POLICEMAN (ARMED) FOR THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE
DEPARTMENT, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT
TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**
was tabled one week.

REPEAL RESOLUTION 24330

City Attorney Nelson explained that this Resolution was discussed in committee today and that it involves the Rossville Boulevard study that has been adopted. He stated the Resolution rescinds the moratorium that is in effect.

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 24330, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, ENCAPTIONED "A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DUPLEXES, AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. 24279, IN AREAS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR REZONING, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE, UNTIL MAY 16, 2005 AND LIFTING SAID MORATORIUM IN THE REMAINING AREAS REFERRED TO IN SAID RESOLUTION NOT DESCRIBED HEREIN"

was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending April 15, 2005 totaled \$90,873.21.

PERSONNEL

Personnel matters for the various departments are as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- **RICHARD A. BOYD** – Promotion, Inventory Clerk, Citywide Services, Pay Grade 5/Step 9, \$27,278.00 annually, effective April 13, 2005.
- **DELANO M. HALFACRE** – Death, Crew Supervisor, Waste Resources, effective April 8, 2005.
- **DONALD R. DAVIDSON** – Promotion, Plant Operator, Sr., Waste Resources, Pay Grade 12/Step 2, \$28,950.00 annually, effective April 13, 2005.
- **ALAN D. KNOTT, II** – Promotion, Plant Operator Principal, Waste Resources, Pay Grade 13/Step 5, \$35,856.00 annually, effective April 13, 2005.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

- **DONALD W. WOODBY, JR.** – Promotion, Monitoring Technician Sr., Waste Resources, Pay Grade 10/Step 1, \$25,208.00 annually, effective April 15, 2005.

Deputy Administrator Beverly Johnson acknowledged the death of **Delano M. Halfacre**, a very wonderful worker who had been with Public Works for a number of years in the recycling plant. She stated Mr. Halfacre was funeralized last week and will be greatly missed.

CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- **JAMES "TONY" QUARLES** – Retirement, Fire Marshal, effective April 15, 2005.
- **BRADY BRANDON, DONIELLE ANDRE' DEAN** – Promotion, Senior Firefighter, Pay Grade F2/Step 3, \$31,055.00 annually, effective April 15, 2005.
- **ROBERT MCBRYAR** – Promotion, Senior Firefighter, Pay Grade F2/Step 4, \$32,442.00 annually, effective April 15, 2005.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- **MARK D. TIMON** – Suspension (5 days without pay), Programmer, Information Systems, effective April 15, 2005.
- **SHARON MORRIS** – Family Medical Leave, Business License Inspector, Treasurer's Office, effective April 6 – June 3, 2005.

PURCHASES

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

TEMPLE, INC. (Lowest and best bid)
R0081283/B0002247

Traffic Signal Controllers

\$14,380.00

PURCHASES (Continued)

US INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. (Change Order #1)
R0065428/P0021491

Cityworks Implementation and Deployment

Original Purchase 6/15/04	\$101,300.00
Change Order #1 Increase	<u>20,825.00</u>
New Purchase Contract Total	\$122,125.00

PURCHASES

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

OCA TECHNOLOGIES (Best bid)
R0081323/B0002241

Utility Trailers (*Choo Choo Trailers submitted a lower bid but failed to include shelving and cabinets as specified.*)

\$42,725.00

KNOX-TENN RENTAL (Best bid)
R0081240/B0002223

Air Compressor and Jackhammer (*Tools & Hydraulics submitted a lower bid but failed to bid all items.*)

\$11,590.00

BOUND TREE MEDICAL (Lowest and best complete bid)
R0081156/B0002216

Medical Supplies

\$11,154.40

PURCHASES (Continued)

G & C SUPPLY (Best bid)

R0081143/B0002212

Hurst Rescue Tool System (*Although Hagemeyer and Keeble Rescue Systems submitted lower bids, they failed to bid all items.*)

\$21,100.00

METRO SERVICES, INC. (Lowest and best bid)

R0081737/B0002294

Furnish and Install Carrier Condensing Unit

\$10,605.00

REFUNDS

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Page, the Administrator of Finance was authorized to issue the following refund of stormwater fees and/or property taxes:

TODD LONG

\$1,224.81

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Page, the following purchase was approved for use by the Finance Department, Information Systems Division:

SOFTWARE PLUS (Single source)

R0081988

Microsoft Software Licenses per TCA 6-56-304-6

\$18,354.00

RETIREMENT

Chief Coppinger acknowledged the retirement of Tony Quarles after 28 years of service. He stated Mr. Quarles performed an exemplary job and will now be spending time with his grandkids. He stated that he wanted to commend him for 28 years of service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RATING

Chief Coppinger reported that the Chattanooga Fire Department has moved from a Class 3 ISO rating to Class 2. He credited the improved rating to the diligence and dedication of fire fighters. He stated this would not have been possible without direction from the Mayor's Office and City Council over the least several years and making funding possible.

POLICE PROMOTIONS STUDY INQUIRY

Councilman Hakeem stated a couple weeks ago Council members expected an update regarding police promotions. He stated something was expected today yet no one was around to provide any information. He asked if police administration has a time they plan to bring something before the Council for review.

Deputy Chief Vaughn responded "sure they do".

Councilman Hakeem asked Deputy Chief Vaughn if he was being sarcastic. Deputy Chief Vaughn responded that they do plan to bring the report however he did not know when that might be.

Councilman Hakeem asked if Deputy Chief Vaughn is involved in the process.

Deputy Chief Vaughn responded that he is involved in the process, however there is no way of knowing when his Chief would bring it to the Council.

Councilman Hakeem indicated that he would "leave it at that".

Councilman Pierce explained that Chief Parks was asked to come before the Council a couple weeks ago and he (Parks) personally called to indicate he wanted to bring a finished product and needed more time. He stated it was thought within two weeks the report would be made and that is all that is being asked tonight.

POLICE PROMOTIONS STUDY INQUIRY (Continued)

Councilman Hakeem stated Chief Parks should respond in some way to this Council regardless as to whether the report is ready or not and since Deputy Chief Vaughn was present representing the department, Chief Parks should have given him (Vaughn) the information. He stated the Council expects Deputy Chief Vaughn to relay the information to Chief Parks.

Deputy Chief Vaughn stated that he was present tonight because Chief Cooper suffered a loss in his family. He stated as far as procedure goes when the matter was discussed in the last staff meeting it was sent back to Deputy Chief Cooke so that he and the labor organization could look at it, then, he supposes it would return to his Chief. He stated he has no idea where that is in the process.

Councilman Pierce stated that the Council is just asking for an update as the process goes along.

Councilman Hakeem asked that a Safety Committee be scheduled next week and that the Council is expecting a report from Chief Parks.

COMMITTEES

Chairman Robinson stated that committee forms would be distributed for Council members to complete indicating their choice. She asked that the forms be returned to Council Clerk Carol O'Neal as soon as possible. She stated she would get everyone assigned and working on committees.

SISTER BEY

Sister Bey reminded Council members that she is an Honorary Member of the Tennessee General Assembly and Security Council and a Divine Minister of Islam. She displayed a communication she received from Neighborhood Services that referenced the sale of her property, noting that she has no interest in selling her property. She stated as an Honorary Member of the Tennessee General Assembly Article VI, Section 2 states no state has the authority to seize someone's property. She stated she had cars seized from her front yard which was against the law and that the house next door to her was torn down, also against the law. She stated that it was her thought to bring this to the Council, first, and she noted that she sent copies to HUD. She stated she does not see the relevance of city government at all and cannot see anything the Council has done but seize people's property.

SISTER BEY (Continued)

Sister Bey stated she has no interest in money or anything like that and no interest in selling her property. She stated she bought her property honestly and does not know what the city does with the money they receive. She stated she has spoken with Rep. Favors, who is a good friend of hers. She stated there was no name on the document that was mailed to her regarding her property, again making it clear that she does not want to sell her property. She stated that she owns it and is not on welfare; that she is on Social Security. She concluded her comments by stating that she wished they would "get their act together"!

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, April 29, 2005 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)**