

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
July 26, 2005
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Robinson called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilman Bennett, Benson, Franklin, Hakeem, Pierce, Rico and Rutherford present; Councilman Page 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 Hakeem called upon Rev. Gary Steel of the Lookout Valley Baptist Church to give invocation and asked that everyone remember the families of Councilman Page and Commission Cotton in the loss of their mothers.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: VANESSA JACKSON –
WORLD CHANGERS**

Vanessa Jackson, Program Manager with Neighborhood Services, expressed thanks for the opportunity to address the Council and noted for two consecutive years World Changers has come to our city and made a lasting impact upon neighborhoods and families by repairing homes for senior citizens and other deserving residents. She stated this year World Changers has been here since July 16 and will remain through July 30; that there are 700 youth and adult volunteers doing carpentry, painting and roofing in the neighborhoods of the Alton Park, Clifton Hills and Oak Grove communities. She stated in addition to World Changers, others who have partnered with Neighborhood Services are present and asked them to stand: Hamilton County Baptist Association, Community Impact Fund represented by Gary Rudolph and the Front Porch Alliance.

At this time Ms. Jackson introduced Mark Horner, Construction Coordinator for the project, and referenced the project repair list distributed to each Council member.

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Mark Horner expressed thanks to the city of Chattanooga for partnering with them and allowing them to go into the neighborhoods. He stated it has been a great two weeks as they have worked on 60 homes, that several residents were touched and the Lord made a difference in their lives. He stated this is a “win-win” program for the city, for neighborhoods and youth that work with World Changers. He expressed thanks to Ms. Jackson and staff for working with them, noting that they have been working on this since February or March as a six month start-up is required for homes selection. He stated the Neighborhood Services Department has been very supportive of them and it is his hope the good partnership will carry on in years to come.

Councilman Hakeem came forward at this time and presented Mr. Horner with a proclamation signed by Mayor Littlefield and Council Chairman Robinson proclaiming the weeks of July 16-30 as “**World Changers Home Repair Weeks**”. In presenting the proclamation and lapel pins, he stated that his experience with World Changers has been what he has seen; that people from all walks of life have been served well by this program. He stated of the partnerships often spoke of in Chattanooga this is the reality of what is being done in neighborhoods. He stated some may have a problem with faith based organizations giving service of this nature, but our communities have been fortunate and blessed to have people willing to give of themselves. He stated the new administrator of Neighborhood Services, Beverly Johnson, has been very instrumental in making sure this program followed through. He expressed thanks to Mr. Horner and others with him and noted that in reality they have changed Chattanooga and it will never be the same again!

Chairman Robinson thanked the World Changers for changing the world; that so many people are much better off tonight because of them!

AMEND CITY CODE

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I, SECTION 17-1 AND 17-2, RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2003 EDITION, AS THE OFFICIAL FIRE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA; AND ADD SECTION 17-2 AS APPENDICES TO CODE ADOPTED, AND 17-3 AS AMENDMENT TO CODE, AND TO RENUMBER A NEW SECTION AS ARTICLE II, SECTION 17-42, RELATIVE TO PENALTIES REGARDING LIGHTED MATERIALS IN BEDS OF HOTELS, ETC.

passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, SECTIONS 10-1 AND 10-2, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2003 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES OF THOSE CODES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND TO AMEND SECTION 10-3 CONCERNING SPECIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, CONCERNING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PERMIT FEES, EXISTING BUILDING OR STRUCTURES, MOVED STRUCTURES, EMPLOYEE QUALIFICATIONS AND SIGNS, AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-625 AND 2-626 CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS AND TO AMEND SECTION 10-7 CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE ANSI NATIONAL STANDARD AS THE OFFICIAL HANDICAP AND ACCESSIBILITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA

passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Benson,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, SECTION 19-1 AND 19-2, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL GAS CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TO AMEND SECTION 19-3 CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE, TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-72, 19-90 AND 19-121, REGARDING TESTING DATES, EXAMINATION FEES AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, SECTIONS 22.5-1 THROUGH 22.5-3, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL MECHANICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND TO AMEND SECTION 22.5-3 CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE REGARDING SCOPE, PERMITS, PERMIT FEES, EXPIRATION AND VIOLATION PENALTIES
passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 22.5, SECTION 22.5-51, BY DELETING REFERENCES TO CERTAIN CLASSES OF MECHANICAL LICENSES AND DESIGNATING QUALIFICATIONS FOR MASTER MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMAN MECHANICS, AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 22.5-52, 22.5-54 AND 22.5-55 TO PROVIDE REVISED EXAMINATION AND LICENSE FEES, AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 22.5-58, 22.5-59, 22.5-62(a), 22.5-64(a), 22.5-65, 22.5-66 AND 22.5-67 TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS, AND UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION
passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND CITY CODE

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, SECTIONS 27-1 THROUGH 27-3, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL PLUMBING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TO AMEND SECTION 27-3 CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE, AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-23, 27-57(f), 27-60, and 27-65(B) REGARDING EXAMINATION FEES AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS OF MASTER PLUMBERS
passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO SHOW THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES ARE OWNED BY THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD, AN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF THE CITY
was adopted.

PURCHASE OF DOCKS

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION RATIFYING, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF DOCKS FROM "CONNECT A DOCK" IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$61,994.00)
was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending July 22, 2005 totaled \$61,309.10.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **BILLY N. HARRIS** – Death, Crew Worker, City Wide Services, effective July 14, 2005.
- ❖ **JANYCE S. ANDERSON** – Voluntary Demotion, Office Assistant, City Wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 11 (Red Line Rate/Above Grade Range), \$33,228.00 annually, effective July 21, 2005.

CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **KENNY LYDA** – Return from Family Medical Leave, Lieutenant, effective July 20, 2005.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

- ❖ **AARON SCOTT MCCULLOUGH** – Promotion, Captain, Pay Grade F4/Step 5, \$42,641.00 annually, effective July 22, 2005.

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **STEVE CAMPBELL** – Suspension (28 days without pay), Police Officer, effective February 22 – March 21, 2005.

CHATTANOOGA PARKS AND RECREATION:

- ❖ **ERNEST L. CILBREY** – Termination, Crew Leader Senior, effective July 12, 2005.
- ❖ **HEUSSEN MCKELDIN** – Resignation, Recreation Specialist, effective July 19, 2005.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **MARY N. SLADE** – Transfer, Administrative Secretary, Pay Grade 10/Step 11 (Red Line Rate/Above Grade Range), \$39,249.00 annually, effective June 27, 2005.

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchase was approved for use by the Parks and Recreation Department:

BOBBY FRYAR TRUCKING (Lowest bidder)
R0083419/B0002423

White Ball Field Sand

\$16.00 per ton

EMERGENCY PURCHASE

The emergency purchase of playground mulch and wood chips for the Parks and Recreation Department on Purchase Order R0084195 issued to Earthscapes in the amount of \$20,762.50 was duly reported and signed in open meeting.

PURCHASES

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

TEMPLE, INC. (Single source)
R0084050/B0002481

Reversible Lane Controllers per TCA 6-56-304.2

\$34,520.00

TRAFFCO PRODUCTS (Lowest and best bid)
R0082277/B0002359

Steel Mast Arm Poles

\$38,456.00

REGIONAL USERS REBATE

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the Administrator of Finance was authorized to issue the following rebates to regional users on their regional user fees for FY2003/2004:

City of Rossville	\$ 16,625.97
Hamilton County Water & Wastewater Authority	101,450.56
Town of Lookout Mountain, Georgia	2,402.96
Town of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee	10,504.45
City of Ft. Oglethorpe	32,725.44
City of Collegedale	12,073.54

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

- ❖ Appointment of **KENNETH SIMPSON, SABRINA PALMER, and TANYA GIPSON** for terms to expire July 28, 2008 representing Districts 7, 8 and 2, respectively.

Admin. Beverly Johnson stated that the three appointments complete all the Council district appointments.

Councilman Pierce stated that Mrs. Sabrina Palmer came to him about a month ago and expressed a desire to serve on one of the city's boards. He stated she is present tonight to accept appointment to the Board.

PURCHASES

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

MOBILE CONCEPTS (Best bid) R0082987/B0002395

Sprinkler and Fire Safety Training Trailer

\$54,388.00

TENNESSEE FIRE EQUIPMENT AND G & C SUPPLY (Lowest and best bids) R0082142/B0002383

Firefighter's Protective Clothing (*Tennessee Fire Equipment will be awarded a contract for item 6 only. This is a blanket contract for one year and subject to renewal for another year. The cost reflects \$88 per helmet. In accordance with their base bid, G & C Supply will be awarded a contract for all other items listed in the invitation. This is a blanket contract for one year and subject to renewal for another year. The following prices reflect the costs per item: Suspenders - \$24.00; Boots - \$90.00; Nomex Hoods - \$22.50; Gloves - \$32.60; Turnout Coats - \$758.00 and Pants - \$541.00.*)

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

BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Hakeem, the following Board reappointments were approved:

BOARD OF SIGN APPEALS:

- ❖ Re-appointment of **REGINALD FERGUSON** and **BRAD ALLEN** for terms expiring July, 2008 representing Districts 8 and 4, respectively.

HEARING: SEAN MORRIS

Councilman Rico reported that the hearing for Sean Morris consisted of himself and Councilmen Pierce and Rutherford. He stated the panel unanimously voted to uphold administration's recommendation of termination.

CAMPAIGN FOR COMPASSION

Councilman Benson stated on Thursday, July 28 at 5 p.m., Animal Care Trust will have the Campaign for Compassion kickoff which will be held to begin raising monies to build the new animal shelter. He stated there would be reserved seating in the front for Council persons and one guest with names on the seats. He expressed hope that everyone would attend as the entire city is invited for those who are interested in trying to help this worthy cause which is long overdue.

FORMER CITY COURT JUDGE WALTER WILLIAMS

Chairman Robinson recognized the presence of former City Court Judge Walter Williams.

COMMITTEES

Councilman Benson scheduled a meeting of the **Legal and Legislative Committee for Tuesday, August 2 at 3 p.m.**

Councilman Hakeem reminded Council members of the **Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 at 4 p.m.** He stated that an update on the City Hall renovations and an update on the task force in regard to business diversity would be discussed, as well as other items.

COMMITTEES (Continued)

Councilwoman Rutherford scheduled a meeting of the **Safety Committee for Tuesday, August 2 at 3:30 p.m.**

In the absence of Councilman Page, Chairman Robinson stated the tax rate has been set and scheduled a **Budget and Finance Committee meeting for Tuesday, August 2 to be held jointly with the Legal and Legislative Committee meeting beginning at 3 p.m.**

ATTORNEY WALTER WILLIAMS

Former City Court Judge Walter Williams informed the Council of the passing of a distinguished citizen, William Holmberg. He stated the newspaper indicated that he lived on Elder Mountain, but he was a citizen of Chattanooga. He stated during the invocation there was mention of the Page and Cotton families and asked that the Council keep the Holmberg family in their prayers, as well. He stated the funeral service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Mizpah Synagogue with a reception following at the Chattanooga. He stated all are saddened by his passing as he was a distinguished person and a good citizen of this community.

Chairman Robinson spoke on behalf of the Council in expressing sympathy to the Holmberg family.

JERRY MCQUEEN

Jerry McQueen, who stated she is also known as "Jerry Springer", indicated that she came twenty years ago to say the same thing she is saying tonight. He stated that she is head of the Peace Officers of the World and her partner is Bryant Sims, an attorney in West Palm Beach in Palm Beach Florida. She stated that she offered to work with the city and community during the time of the Wadie Suttles matter when there was such an uproar but it seemed others had taken over. She stated she continues to come to the Council and continues to sit and watch the Council "in the dark". She stated she has now waited long enough and it has been twenty years; that the reason the peace officers are not with her tonight is that they had some last minute business to take care of. She concluded her comments by stating that this is all she wanted the Council to know.

GARY BALL

Gary Ball was present representing Ridgedale and noted that he distributed educational information and wanted to come before the Council for a few minutes to speak about the police department. He stated his area in Sector 2 has had an ongoing community-police interaction committee since 1999 and includes everything in Echo 1-9 police districts. He stated they had been meeting at the police service center and after 9-11 they did not want them to meet there anymore; that at the end of the six years they have not been perfect meetings each time and they have not always been happy nor have the police been happy. He stated several have "stuck it out" to keep the dialogue open. He noted there is always competition in thinking "this group" or "that group" gets more from the police if they yell or scream louder, but he wanted the Council to know his area is the only sector out of three that can claim this; that all the other groups disbanded once the police department received accreditation.

Mr. Ball continued by stating his group includes East Chattanooga, Avondale, Glenwood, Bushtown, Highland Park, Ridgedale, Oak Grove, Cedar Hill, East Lake, Clifton Hills and Ft. Cheatham. He stated over the years people on the Fox Team have been the ones religiously attending the meetings from the police department and the department renewed their effort in February of this year. He stated Captain Hixson, who is over Sector 2, sent a letter to all neighborhoods in the sector and attends each meeting, which is held the second Tuesday of each month. He stated he wanted the Council to know this if they were not aware; that they realize the police department is not perfect but are still communicating with neighborhoods.

LOUISE HAMMONDS

Louise Hammonds of the Oak Grove community added to Mr. Ball's comments by stating that they have open communication with the police department within her community. She stated a lot of people say their community is the worst one; however they think they have a good community and have been working with the police department for the last six years. She stated she has seen the community clean up a lot and invited other communities to come to their meetings; that they would love to have everyone join in and work together as the police are working well with them.

LOUISE HAMMONDS (Continued)

Mrs. Hammonds stated that the World Changers came into her community two years ago and expressed thanks to Admin. Johnson who worked hard on this. She stated that many lives have been touched in her community by persons who felt they could never get their house repaired. She stated one person whose home was repaired sat on the front porch crying because she did not think she would ever get her house repaired. She stated the World Changers have really touched lives and she is proud of everyone in Chattanooga who made this possible.

Chairman Robinson stated Ms. Hammonds' comments are wonderful to hear and all on the Council join her in expressing thanks to the World Changers and the police for all they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, August 2, 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)**