City Council Building Chattanooga, Tennessee November 15, 2005 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Robinson called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Bennett, Benson, Franklin, Hakeem, Page, Pierce and Rico present; Councilwoman Rutherford was absent due to attendance at a neighborhood meeting. Special Counsel Mike McMahan, 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 gave invocation.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

REZONING

2005-168: Institute of Healing and Health (Wildwood Lifestyle Center)

Jerry Pace, Director of Development Services with the Regional Planning Agency (RPA), stated that this request was approved on first reading list week and there were questions at that time about the accessing to the property for the fire department. He stated that he spoke with staff in Chief Rowe's office today and a couple people within the department researched the matter and would like to make their findings known as to whether accessibility is possible for fire protection on the west side of I-24.

Chief Rowe stated last week while noticing the overhead projection of the request and listening to discussion of the zoning matter, he was not equipped with information and reserved comments. He stated staff looked at the matter and there are many concerns about adequate fire protection. He stated staff members are present and prepared to go into more detail.

REZONING (Continued)

Randall Herron, Water Supply and Plans Review Officer with the Chattanooga Fire Department, distributed photos and stated various *Code* issues make it inaccessible for the fire department to access the property and noted that the tunnel is only twelve feet wide and height dimensions of 13'6". He stated the roads do not have the width requirement for access and twelve feet is too small and limits the department's ability to get in. He stated there are two level tracks and today two trains came through causing a twelve minute delay in getting across and noted this has happened before.

Councilwoman Bennett asked Special Counsel McMahan what liability we have from the city's point of view as far as responsibility. She stated the area was annexed earlier and if the zoning is not changed what type of responsibility and liability does the city have.

Mr. Pace stated that there are several residences on that side; that the question is if we approve more housing would that put the city in any more harm.

Special Counsel McMahan stated the reason is as much moral as legal. He stated if the zoning is changed to increase density, more people will be put at risk and chances are people would not understand being put at risk if the fire department cannot make a prompt and immediate response. He stated in a fire or ambulance situation, the first four-to-five minutes are critical and he heard this evening there is potential for a twelve minute delay. If stated if this is rezoned to allow more people, the obvious thing that would be created is a risk for the public. He stated he does not know in terms of dollars as to the moral responsibility.

Councilman Benson stated that this frustrates him; that a month ago this very question was raised at the Courthouse and were told the fire department could get through and Planning approved this.

Mr. Pace stated they were told there was a fire on that side and a fire truck came; that they have now learned since then the fire trucks have been upgraded, are a different size and are larger than the previous trucks that went on that side. He stated they were not aware of this at the time.

Councilman Page stated that he did not see the applicant present.

Mr. Pace stated if any action is taken to deny or approve the request he would like for the matter to be deferred so he could contact the applicant so he could be present to hear the explanation as to why the case is being denied.

REZONING (Continued)

Councilman Page made the motion to defer the matter for some period of time for review so the applicant would know and be present.

Councilwoman Bennett agreed and seconded the motion to defer stating that she could not in good conscious approve this.

Councilman Page suggested that the matter be deferred three weeks. Mr. Pace added that the matter should be deferred one week to allow the applicant to be present.

On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilman Bennett

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A PORTION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 4580 CHAMBERS ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DSECRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO A CONDITION

was tabled one week.

REZONING

2005-172: Jessica Stewart

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, 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 202 WALKER STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

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

REZONING

2005-175: First Centenary United Methodist Church

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958 AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED AT 451 OAK STREET AND 625 HOUSTON STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-4 SPECIAL ZONE TO C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

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

REZONING

2005-178: MAE DELL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Rico,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED AT 2115 AND 2117 MAE DELL ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

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

REZONING

2005-179: McCallie School (William Kropff)

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Rico,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PORTIONS OF THE MCCALLIE SCHOOL CAMPUS LOCATED AT 500 DODDS AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

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

AMEND CITY CODE

Councilman Pierce introduced Dr. Barbara Medley who led the committee through this process over the past year. He stated Donna Kelley, Daisy Madison, Randy Nelson and others were involved, as well.

Councilman Benson stated as Chair of the Legal and Legislative Committee, this matter received unanimous approval to recommend approval on first reading.

Dr. Barbara Medley greeted the Council and expressed thanks to Councilmen Pierce, Hakeem and Franklin and everyone who worked so diligently over the last year. She stated that she felt a little out of place as a group of people should be standing with her who have been a part of this process. She expressed extreme appreciation for what has culminated into today's ordinance and expressed belief that this is going to be a significant development for the city of Chattanooga.

AMEND CITY CODE (Continued)

Dr. Medley stated this is the first opportunity to truly address issues that affect the many minority communities that are part of our city and ensure we deal with those things that produce disparities and issues of discrimination that have resulted in those communities not being on the same "par" with others of the community. She stated as Chattanooga goes forward to grow, we really do need to have an office that will allow us to deal with those issues that come before us here to help the minority community feel they have special concerns. She stated that she is so pleased this has been a community effort which began with the guidance and mission of our African American Council persons. She concluded by expressing thanks to all who worked with the group and noted that she was especially grateful to have had an opportunity to be part of this in the city of Chattanooga.

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, BY REPEALING ARTICLE XII AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE XII IN LIEU THEREOF CREATING AN OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

passed first reading.

APPROVE PUBLIC HOUSING PLAN AND AD VALORM TAXES

Chairman Robinson recognized Bob Dull of the Chattanooga Housing Authority.

Bob Dull, Executive Director of the Chattanooga Housing Authority (CHA) stated by requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, CHA must submit a public housing plan that is open for a public hearing and review to the City Council. He stated CHA is submitting a plan for the Johnson site that was previously torn down that had thirty-one units and replacing them with sixty-one units. He stated the beginning phase of this includes community involvement which they are about to begin as they go through the PUD process. He stated they are asking to be allowed to move forward and will continue to communicate with Mr. Watson, Forestine Watson-Hayes, Councilman Pierce, and all the other "players" in this matter. He stated they are working to make sure the design supports the neighborhood in an effort to provide home ownership and serve as an enhancement for that sector of the neighborhood. He stated the beginning process of schematics includes everyone and again asked for the opportunity to move forward from this point.

Councilman Pierce asked Mr. Watson, Chairman of the neighborhood association, if he is satisfied with the project at this point.

APPROVE PUBLIC HOUSING PLAN AND AD VALORM TAXES (Continued)

Larry Watson, President of the Avondale Neighborhood Association, stated that the Association had been working with CHA on this townhouse issue for some time. He stated they have talked on several occasions and up to this point are satisfied with what they say they are going to do; that they want to see the product before it is started to see how it will look. He stated early on they had been given paperwork about the project but it did not look like what they thought they wanted in their neighborhood. He stated as a neighborhood they agree with what they are doing.

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PUBLIC HOUSING PLAN OF THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHNSON APARTMENTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID DEVELOPMENT was adopted.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Page,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND STATEMENT OF WORK WITH THE FEDERAL RAIL ADMINISTRATION AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATIVE TO THE ATLANTA-CHATTANOOGA MAGLEV PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINNETY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$297,714.00)

was adopted.

ACCEPT DONATION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT TO THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, SEQUOYAH

was adopted.

<u>AGREEMENT</u>

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DENNIS SMITH RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-05-008, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES, DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00)

was adopted.

AGREEMENT

On motion of councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-05-010-101, SLUDGE DEWATERING SYSTEMS START-UP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) was adopted.

AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Page,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS G&M, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-05-009-101, MOCCASIN BEND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PRIMARY SLUDGE DIGESTION SYSTEM START-UP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00)

was adopted.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID D. ASHBURN, AS A MEMBER OF THE WASTEWATER REGULATIONS AND APPEALS BOARD FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA

was adopted.

TEMPORARY USE

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOHN K. THOMPSON TO USE TEMPORARILY THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 402 RIVERSIDE AVENUE FOR A SANITARY SEWER SERVICE LINE, AS SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

was adopted.

CHANGE ORDER

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3, RELATIVE TO RENOVATION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AT HERITAGE PARK, WITH P&C CONSTRUCTION, INC., WHICH CHANGE ORDER INCREASES THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE AND 18/100 DOLLARS (\$7,683.18), FOR A REVISED CONTRACT PRICE OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 71/100 DOLLARS (\$232,813.71)

was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending November 11, 2005 totaled \$72,153.07.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- ➤ JAMES FRANKLIN HILL Hire, GIS Specialist, Engineering, Pay Grade 11/Step 3, \$28,988.00 annually, effective October 28, 2005.
- ➤ **DAVID R. FIELDS** Promotion, Crew Supervisor, Sr., Waste, Pay Grade 12/Step 3, \$30,304.00 annually, effective October 28, 2005.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- ➤ **SCOTT LEE** Reinstatement, Police Officer, Pay Grade P1/Step 6, \$36,658.00 annually, effective November 18, 2005.
- ➤ BRAD BROWN Family Medical Leave, Police Officer, November 8 -30, 2005.

CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- **DOUG SMITH** Retirement, Captain, effective November 11, 2005.
- ➤ CLEOPHUS HOWELL Return from Military Leave, Firefighter, effective November 12, 2005.

FIRE EQUIPMENT INQUIRY

Councilman Benson asked if the city if over-sizing our fire engines and whether the department is to the point of rendering them unable to get up and down some of the narrow streets. He stated some on the Council might recall that conversation, specifically in reference to Igou Gap Road, when there was concern about fire engines running up-and-down; that Council members had heard cars were running off the road into a ditch to get out of the engines' way. He stated the Council was assured then that even though the size of the engines were increasing, they would be mobile and able to get where they should go. He stated today in the rezoning case, he heard the new fire engines are too big to protect citizens in this one area in Tiftonia and referenced Cash Canyon Road. He expressed wonderment if we are over-sizing our engines to the point of leaving certain areas vulnerable; that it was implied earlier the engines were able to get through and now he is hearing they cannot.

Chief Rowe stated they are buying Quints which are larger than normal pumpers. He stated there may be very few areas in the city where the size of the Quint may be an issue; that in reference to the earlier zoning matter he really did not believe the old pumpers could get through but would make sure as he had not been out to the site, however, in looking at the overhead projection last week he did not believe the normal pumpers would get through.

FIRE EQUIPMENT INQUIRY (Continued)

Councilman Benson that was not what was stated at the Planning meeting; that the Chief or those with him assured us they were able to get through which is why approval was recommended. He stated Adm. Johnson was there, as well, when approval was given.

Chief Rowe stated last week when he heard the gentleman mention a previous fire, a brush fire, he (gentleman) was talking about a brush truck that responded, which is much smaller. He stated the regular C-grade pumpers were replaced with Quints, which would have a hard time getting through.

Councilman Benson stated that he made the point during the Capital Budget discussion not to spend money to buy small engines; that we still have small engines that could logically be placed in areas where the streets are very difficult to serve.

At this point Chief Rowe asked Deputy Chief Flint to respond about what is in place as he was in the previous administration.

Deputy Chief Flint clarified that he was not present at the Planning meeting when this was discussed. He stated the apparatus that was in Tiftonia at the time would go through the tunnels there now, but it had to be guided through. He stated the mirrors on the sides were turned inward in an effort to guide it through, which caused delays; that it is actually a one lane tunnel. He stated there is no way the Quints could get through; that the apparatus that would go through without any problem would be the brush truck which is a small apparatus and has smaller water capacity.

Councilman Benson expressed thanks and asked that the Chief try to work it out so there would be engines to cover all the districts. He stated that he sees their point; that they have to assign smaller engines and make them available.

Deputy Chief Flint stated that they do have a brush truck out there now.

Councilman Rico referenced the St. Elmo area and asked that the area be looked at with regard to Mission Avenue and the hills in the area, noting that the Quints would not be able to go up and around.

Chief Rowe stated that he has heard two Council members raise concerns and asked that he have an opportunity to look at the situation and submit a report referencing the size of the departmental equipment in relation to the narrowness of some streets and go from there. He stated he would try to get the information to the Council by the next (Council) meeting.

FIRE EQUIPMENT INQUIRY (Continued)

Councilman Page stated there are areas of caution in District 3 as there are mountainous areas and big ridges. He stated he does not know if there is a need for another fire station that would be closer to the Lake Shore areas because of some of the terrain. He stated that it is his hope Chief Rowe would look at that plan also as there are a lot of narrow roads and there has been a plan for another fire station for a number of years. He asked that this be placed on the Chief's "radar screen".

Chief Rowe stated three Council members have raised concerns, which is definitely a concern for him.

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Page, the following purchase was approved fro use by the Chattanooga Human Services Department:

CERTIFIED MAINTENANCE (Best bid) R0085972/B0002667

Janitorial Services (Metro Janitorial, the lowest bidder, is not recommended due to their documented unsatisfactory past contract performance with this department.)

\$118,572.00

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the following purchase was approved for use by the Department of Finance and Administration, Radio Shop Division:

MOTOROLA, INC. (Best evaluated complete bid) R0085699/B0002634

Radio Batteries (Battery Zone submitted a lower complete bid, however Motorola offers an 18/24 month warranty which is better than the 14 month warranty offered by Battery Zone.)

\$17,725.00

BOARD APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the following Board appointment was approved:

CHATTANOOGA METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD:

Appointment of *MOSES FREEMAN* for a term to expire November 15, 2008.

HEARING: OFFICER CHARLES MCMAHAN

City Attorney Nelson stated that the hearing for Officer McMahan was cancelled on yesterday and should be rescheduled.

Special Council McMahan stated that the attorney for Mr. McMahan has suggested the date of December 12 for the hearing.

Officer McMahan's hearing was rescheduled for December 12 at 10 a.m. with Councilmen Rutherford, Pierce and Rico serving as the panel; Councilman Robinson volunteered as alternate.

COMMITTEES

Councilman Benson stated the **Legal and Legislative Committee will meet on Tuesday**, **November 29 at 3 p.m**.

Councilman Franklin stated a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was held this afternoon and Rob Healy and Dan Kral reported on a new project that will deal with a partnership with the YCAP organization. He stated YCAP has been in existence for several years and deal with mentoring youth. He stated this will be a unique opportunity for Parks and Recreation to partner with them; that one of the old fire stations and the former safety lane on Central will be revitalized to do a boxing-type scenario. He stated children from various neighborhoods will be brought in, mentored and tutored, as well as taught to box. He stated if the activity becomes larger some of the recreation centers may be utilized.

Councilman Hakeem reminded Council members of the Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 at 4 p.m.

Councilman Rico scheduled a meeting of the **Health**, **Education**, **Human Service** and **Housing Opportunities Committee for Tuesday**, **November 22 at 3:30 p.m**.

TRAVEL REPORT

Councilman Franklin reported that he was able to attend the National African American Chamber of Commerce Economic Trade Mission in Costa Rico and the topics during that time dealt with federal relief and rebuilding the Gulf Coast; Alabama, Louisiana and Texas providing for federal contracts to build homes for low-to-moderate income persons and market rate housing infrastructure development, as well as economic development for African American and other minorities. He stated there was quite a bit of networking between persons on the Board and others in attendance. He stated as for business creation he noticed there were major infrastructure problems outside of Costa Rico's major highway areas and some areas were pretty rural. He stated that he had the distinct pleasure and opportunity to speak with entrepreneurs who had a sincere interest in Chattanooga who want to bring in manufacturing concerns in the areas of vehicle manufacturing and construction, as well as medical and pharmaceutical products. He stated that there are very good prospects for companies coming here and one of the gentlemen, who was a former fire chief in Washington, was interested in Chattanooga's electric buses and two other persons were interested in locating at the Enterprise site wherein one of the businesses would bring in 100-125 jobs. He stated this person plans to actually make a trip to Chattanooga within the next three weeks or more. He stated this was probably one of the most productive economic development trade missions he has attended, especially considering the possibility of bringing jobs and businesses to Chattanooga.

Councilman Franklin stated that he also had an opportunity to attend the National Brownfields Conference in Denver, a Conference he has attended for the past several years. He stated the Mayor has established a Task Force that will be dealing with the issue of Brownfields, which are underdeveloped or contaminated properties that are being redeveloped and brought back on the property tax rolls. He stated this Conference was sponsored by the EPA and our region, Region IV, in an effort to provide assessment grants for superfund sites to do different things. He stated Chattanooga has a lot of areas that could be considered Brownfields; that an assessment grant could be as much as \$200,000 to bring properties back on the tax rolls. He referenced Finley Stadium, the Riverfront area and Enterprise South that could have been considered Brownfields and noted there is a misunderstanding or stigma about Brownfields, however when other cities look at Chattanooga they know exactly what we have done and he is very proud. He reiterated that there is a Task Force which will be able to bring in economic development and new businesses, as well as provide opportunities for local people to reverse properties that may be unsightly or underutilized.

TRAVEL REPORT (Continued)

Councilman Franklin stated in the Alton Park area there are several manufacturing concerns that are not utilized any more; that the old "mom and pop" businesses are properties that are not being used in all different areas of the city. He stated everyone on the Council has some portion of properties within their district that could change an eyesore into something that would be very nice and create businesses and beauty for the area. He stated this was a most productive meeting and when he returned home he had an individual contact him who is actually working to make some of this happen.

Councilman Pierce stated David Eichenthal spoke to Council members several months ago about some federal problems or concerns that had come about.

Councilman Franklin stated that he did not know anything about that, again noting that the Mayor has appointed and established a Task Force to deal with that. He stated what Councilman Pierce was referring to may be something Mr. Eichenthal was pursuing individually; that he (Franklin) was not aware of this at all.

Councilman Pierce asked if there was a Task Force previously.

Councilman Franklin stated under Mayor Kinsey the Brownfields office was headed by James Williams with no support staff. He stated an assessment grant was received to establish the office to oversee the Brownfields in this area, which were mostly in the Alton Park and south side areas. He stated there was no movement of the office to the next administration. He stated the former Anchor Glass site and others like it were sites that could have been pursued but they were not on the "radar screen"; that Mayor Littlefield has spoken and deliberated with EPA on several different issues relating to that. He stated a twelve member Task Force has been assembled that has been meeting monthly and noted that he made a similar report to them as he is doing before the Council this evening. He stated Wayne Cropp is the Chair and at last week's meeting they grouped themselves into small committees to deal with certain segments. He stated they should be sharing quite a bit of information within the next few months.

DISTRICT 4 MEETING

Councilman Benson invited all department heads and/or representatives to the District 4 community meeting scheduled for December 1 at 7 p.m. at Erlanger East. He stated a good crowd is expected to attend and expressed hope attendance by department heads/representatives would not present a hardship.

DISTRICT 9 MEETING

Councilman Hakeem expressed appreciation to the Mayor and staff persons who were requested to be at the District 9 meeting. He stated it was felt the meeting was a success as it was one wherein more chairs had to be brought in to accommodate persons present.

Councilman Hakeem stated on another note it was the consensus of his colleagues that if there is a reason for department heads to be at a district meeting, it is requested there not be a full array of department heads, but only those who need to be there.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council for Tuesday, November 22, 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)