

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
August 5, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Bennett called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Berz, Gaines, Page, Pierce, Rico, Robinson and Shockley present. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Rico gave invocation.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 172

Councilwoman Robinson recognized Eagle Scout aspirants from Boy Scout Troop 172 from St. Jude. She asked Danny Craig, spokesperson for the group, to come forward.

Danny Craig stated that he and others were present representing Troop 172 from St. Judge and indicated all were pursuing the badge in correlation to the Eagle Badge. He made the Council aware that his Troop has produced 76 Eagle Scouts!

Councilwoman Robinson thanked Mr. Craig for his comments and offered congratulations to all Scouts in attendance.

Mr. Craig recognized the presence of Jim Stone, Scout Leader of the Troop.

AMEND CITY CODE

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
CHAPTER 35, RELATIVE TO VEHICLES FOR HIRE**
passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

CLOSE AND ABANDON

MR-2008-053: Bob Franklin c/o Girl's Preparatory School

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE 700 BLOCK OF
FRAZIER AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS
SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**
was tabled two weeks (August 19).

GRANT

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaines,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ARTS & CULTURE TO APPLY FOR
AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND ONE
HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS (\$9,107.00), WHICH GRANT REQUIRES NO
MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY, TO BE USED FOR A 2009 EIGHT (8)
WEEK SUMMER FILM PROJECT FOR TEENS IN THE WESTSIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD**
was adopted.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000.00) TO CHATTANOOGA PARENT
MAGAZINE FOR ADVERTISEMENT TO RUN SIX (6) TIMES IN THE SCHOOL
YEAR, ENTITLED "AT YOUR LEISURE," PROMOTING THE PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM**
was adopted.

PAYMENT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 38/100 DOLLARS (\$7,486.38) TO CUES, INC. FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THAT EXCEEDED THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$10,000.00) PER VENDOR LIMIT FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. E-04-002-201, MOUNTAIN CREEK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – NORTH OF STONEBROOK DRIVE, TO STEIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$210,682.00), PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$19,380.00), FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$230,000.00)
was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending July 31, 2008 totaled \$99,571.54.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- ◆ **EDDIE J. KEITH** – Suspension (5 days without pay, July 31 – August 5, 2008) and Demotion, Crew Worker 2, City Wide Services, Range 2, \$24,863.00 annually, effective July 31, 2008.
- ◆ **DAVID L. HILL** – Suspension (2 days without pay), Crew Worker 1, City Wide Services, effective July 28-29, 2008.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

- ◆ **BRANNON L. COX** – Suspension (10 days without pay), Crew Worker 1, City Wide Services, effective August 4-19, 2008.
- ◆ **JERRY POTTS** – Hire, Electrician 1, Traffic, Range 13, \$41,500.00 annually, effective August 4, 2008.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION:

- ◆ **NANCY ORTEGA** – Salary and Position Adjustment, Administrative Support Specialist, Range 10, \$34,063.00 annually, effective August 1, 2008.

CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ◆ **JAMES GAINES** – Family Medical Leave, Firefighter, effective August 1 – October 24, 2008.
- ◆ **BRUCE WILLIFORD** – Retirement, Captain, effective August 1, 2008.
- ◆ **DAVID M. JONAS** – Termination, Firefighter, effective July 29, 2008.
- ◆ **ALAN CASE** – Retirement, Firefighter, effective August 1, 2008.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

- ◆ **BRANDON JOHNSON, ERIC SLEDGE** – Hire, Crew Worker 2, Range 2, \$21,200.00 annually, effective June 20, 2008.
- ◆ **MICHAEL DUNN** – Hire, Pro Shop Clerk, \$10 per hour, effective June 20, 2008.

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- ◆ **DANNA MAYSON** – Resignation, Police Officer, effective July 31, 2008.
- ◆ **KRISTAL J. WARD** – Resignation, Fingerprint Technician, effective July 31, 2008.

HEARING: SHAUN STANDIFER

City Attorney Nelson reminded Council members of the hearing for Shaun Standifer scheduled for Monday, August 11 beginning at 9 a.m. with Councilmen Page, Pierce and Gaines serving as the panel and Councilwoman Robinson as alternate.

HEARING: LAWRENCE GOODINE

City Attorney Nelson stated that all parties have agreed to set the Lawrence Goodine hearing for August 25, at which time it is his hope there will be a full Council in attendance and everyone on the Council hearing it.

Councilwoman Gaines stated that she will not be able to serve on the Goodine hearing as she has a conflict as previously stated several months ago.

Mr. Goodine's hearing was rescheduled for Monday, August 25 beginning at 9 a.m. with the full Council hearing the request (excepting Councilwoman Gaines).

COMMITTEES

Councilman Benson stated that the **Legal and Legislative Committee would meet immediately following discussion of agenda items on Tuesday, August 12** with the discussion centering around *Charter* amendments relative to the Fire and Police Pension Plan, the dual Auditor role and employee hearings.

Councilwoman Berz reminded Council members of the educational session of the **Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee beginning at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12** for a discussion regarding employee disciplinary hearings; that she would briefly talk further about the matter during the agenda session.

Councilman Page stated that the **Economic Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 12 immediately following Legal and Legislative** for an update regarding the water rate increase.

Councilman Pierce inquired as to the meeting scheduled at the 2 p.m. hour, wanting to know if Councilwoman Berz is changing the meeting time for her Committee.

Chairman Bennett explained that it is a special education session; that there was a request for more information about current personnel policy as it relates to hearings.

COMMITTEES (Continued)

Councilwoman Berz noted Councilwoman Bennett is correct; that where it says on the Committee schedule "employee hearings" under Legal and Legislative, it probably should be a personnel matter and moved up to the front and reported on at that point.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the Council received the report of the M. L. King Community Comprehensive Plan today in the Health, Human Services and Housing Opportunities Committee meeting, noting that this is the first report and it would go to Planning and back to the Council for further discussion with Councilman Pierce helping lead the discussion. She expressed thanks to the Regional Planning Commission (RPA) for the work they did in getting the report ready for today.

Councilman Benson asked Councilwoman Berz to put on her Committee's agenda consideration of a situation that is going on with regard to testing in the Fire Department; that the date for information has passed and will be approaching a half year past the date. He stated that he personally thinks there should be a freeze on promotions until testing is done. He asked if she would bring the matter before her Committee next week.

Chairman Bennett stated that she saw the e-mails and realized the matter needed to be a sit down discussion and requested Councilwoman Berz to add that to her agenda.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she would make a brief report on the progress of that.

TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH FOR COUNCIL

Councilman Page stated that he had an opportunity today to look at another out-of-the city Council meeting and the technology is very reasonable and cheap and actually has better visuals and audio than with WDSI, which is not negative toward them. He stated there is tremendous technology that is very reasonably priced and, if the Council consensually agrees, it is something Randy Burns would be asked to research. He stated that he would like to have the matter formally accepted by the Council.

Councilman Rico asked if Councilman Page is asking that someone be hired to do this.

TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH FOR COUNCIL
(Continued)

Councilman Page responded "no"; that it could be done internally by Mr. Burns to look at the potential cost of putting our Council meetings on the Internet by webcam; that current technology is tremendous and a lot of government bodies are utilizing that. He stated it is a better way to educate our community and the public.

Chairman Bennett stated that it is a great idea; that she has spoken to Mr. Burns regarding different ways to maximize use of the website; that it would be a great opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, August 12, 2008 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)