

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
March 23, 2010**

Chairman Benson called the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council to order with Councilpersons Berz, Gilbert, Ladd, McGary, Murphy, Rico, and Scott present. Councilwoman Robinson was absent due to a prior commitment. City Attorney Michael McMahan; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crowover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Scott, followed by invocation.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
KIM WHITE—RIVERCITY**

Councilman Murphy introduced Ms. Kim White, a very good friend of his. He stated that she had a great deal of corporate experience and works with local companies and is a great leader of RiverCity.

Ms. White thanked the Council for this opportunity to speak, stating that she had been President and CEO of RiverCity for over seven months; that RiverCity had played an integral part with the City of Chattanooga. She stated that she went to City High School, Hixson High and UTC and had chosen to come back to Chattanooga because of our downtown, which she wanted to promote to stay vibrant and successful. She added that she lived, worked and played in downtown Chattanooga, and it was wonderful.

KIM WHITE (CONT'D)

Ms. White stated that she had spent time talking with Chattanooga's leaders and the Mayor, and they had focused on lots of changes; that they were doing things differently; that they had rebuilt their Staff; that they were still doing NightFall and lighting the streets during the holidays. She mentioned that RiverCity was formed in 1986 with the support of City government, and there was still lots of work to be done; that there was a more visible RiverCity, that wanted to promote and support opportunities to live, work, and play and also to create new jobs. She noted that they were working with a smaller budget and were encouraged by the support of the City Council and the Mayor and had worked on angle parking and the Public Art initiative. She stated that she loved to come to this forum to answer questions.

She mentioned the great opportunities with Volkswagen and Alstom, stating that we need to have the tools we need in place, and they were working hard with the City, County and Private Industry. She again thanked the Council for their support, stating that RiverCity was changing and wanted to be a strong partner with the City.

Chairman Benson stated that this was a "Mutual Admiration Society"; that Ms. White provided fine leadership, and he had enjoyed her Rotary Speech. He mentioned that she lived in the old Loveman's Building.

CLOSE AND ABANDON

MR-2009-166 (Race Trac Petroleum)

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,
**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN
UNOPENED ALLEY LOCATED IN THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST
25TH AND WEST 26TH STREETS, MORE PARTICULARLY
DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**
passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting with
Councilman McGary abstaining.

AMEND CITY CODE
TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REMOVING
IN THEIR ENTIRETY SECTIONS 38-43(4) AND 38-524,
RELATIVE TO TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN A R-1
RESIDENTIAL ZONE**
was deferred for three weeks.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman McGary,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
PERMANENT CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM HAMILTON
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION THROUGH THE TRUST
FOR PUBLIC LAND**
was adopted.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilman McGary,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
PERMANENT CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM HIXSON
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS THROUGH THE TRUST FOR
PUBLIC LAND**
was adopted.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilman McGary,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
PERMANENT CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM HIXSON
MEDICAL INVESTORS, LLC THROUGH THE TRUST FOR
PUBLIC LAND**
was adopted.

OLD HIXSON MIDDLE SCH.

Councilwoman Scott explained that she could not support this because she did not feel we had a contract and agreement that was in the best interest of Chattanooga as a whole. She stated that she would not be in objection to an alternate agreement that would be in the best interest of Chattanooga as a whole but right now she had to vote “no” on this.

Councilwoman Ladd stated that she did think there were some words and phrases we can change in the current copy that we have; that we had heard the Mayor comment today that he would do this; that she did not think there would be any long term repercussions for the City; that there was concern as to what would happen with the structure, and it had been the plan for a number of years to turn this into a community center; that there was a lot of land for ballfields, which would help the Little League Program; that they would maintain the ballfields and raise their own funds to keep it going. She stated that there was great potential for the building, and this was the first step in a long process to bring this all to fruition; that they did not have a recreational facility that was free and open to all. She stated that this was needed for the public and she asked for the Council’s support.

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilman Rico,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL SERVICES
DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE OLD HIXSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION FOR RECREATIONAL USE**
was adopted, with **Councilwoman Scott voting “no”**.

GRANT—TARGET

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM TARGET FOR
THE PURCHASE OF A THERMAL IMAGER/CAMERA TO BE
USED BY THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT SWAT
TEAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND
DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)**
was adopted.

MAYORS' CONF. DUES

On motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF
MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF
MAYORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE
THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS
(\$12,242.00)**
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A
BLANKET CONTRACT WITH SYNAGRO SOUTH, LLC FOR
BENEFICIAL USE OF BIOSOLIDS**
was adopted with Councilwoman Scott voting "no".

NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDS

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD TWENTY-FOUR
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$24,000.00) IN NEIGHBORHOOD
STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS TO QUALITY LIFESTYLE
SERVICES**
was adopted.

BRAINERD PROJECT II

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO.
26155 BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT AWARDED TO THE
BRAINERD PROJECT II FROM ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR
THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS
(\$134,850.00) TO SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00)
AND ALLOWING SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$74,850.00) TO BE USED FOR
FUTURE HOMEAGAIN PROJECTS**

was adopted.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she would like for the Administrator of Neighborhood Services to explain that this is not a Brainerd property per se.

Ms. Johnson explained that Brainerd Project II was just a name of a company; that the funds are not earmarked for Brainerd but any area is eligible—that it is open to anyone's district.

Councilwoman Berz noted that the gentleman who headed this had learned that they did not need all the money as planned. Ms. Johnson agreed that the full amount was no longer needed, and the funds were being returned to the City and a Resolution had to be done.

**CONTRACT/
FREEMAN COOPER**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Gilbert,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH FREEMAN COOPER TO BE CHIEF
OF POLICE**

was to be deferred for one week on roll call vote as follows:

CONTRACT (CONT'D)

COUNCILWOMAN LADD	“No”
COUNCILMAN GILBERT	“Yes”
COUNCILWOMAN BERZ	“No”
COUNCILMAN RICO	“No”
COUNCILMAN McGary	“Yes”
COUNCILMAN MURPHY	“Yes”
COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT	“No”
CHAIRMAN BENSON	“Yes”

The vote was 4-4.

Councilman Gilbert explained that this was so important we need to get more knowledge before just the day before. He went on to say that in regards to the individual and the pension that we do have qualified people to fill the shoes; that if we hired within, we would save a portion of the money to hire more policemen that are needed.

Councilman Murphy compared this situation to a “flat tire”, and we were trying to fix the “rear axle”; that there were other ways this could be accomplished if this is what the Mayor wants; that he was asking that some of these things be explored this week and see if we can just “change the tire”.

Mayor Littlefield stated that the possible retirement of Chief Cooper had been coming up from time to time; that health issues had spurred these discussions, and it should be of no great surprise to anyone; that this was a maneuver that we used sparingly but had been done before for individuals who are particularly worthy in their performance and who are unique; that this is a capable chief who could take his retirement and go to work someplace else and make more money; that we need to keep him to keep the department working well; that there would be no extra cost to the taxpayers, emphasizing that Chief Cooper could take his pension and work elsewhere; that he was advocating paying him what he is making now with the same benefits, which is a good deal for the public.

CONTRACT (CONT'D)

Chairman Benson asked if we did not have a former Mayor who came back and had to defer his pension? Mayor Littlefield responded “yes”—that it was Pat Rose, who was trying to build additional retirement—that that was unique and this is an ordinary way. Chairman Benson noted that all kinds of things were “flying” around.

Councilman McGary stated that he was favorable with this but would like to allow discussion for a week to make this more amicable.

Councilman Rico questioned when this would be discussed? He noted that we usually just see some Councilmembers on Tuesday or were we going to set a time before next Tuesday?

Councilman McGary responded that individuals who have questions can get answers to their questions and then this can be discussed in the Legal and Legislative Committee meeting.

Chairman Benson mentioned a creative approach that had been mentioned by Councilman Murphy and stated that he was going to assign Councilman Murphy to work with the Mayor for a creative approach.

Councilman Murphy responded that Chairman Benson was always giving him “gifts tied up with barbed wire”; that actually his approach would be cheaper than having Chief Cooper retire and then providing the same salary.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she thought this was a “time of essence” matter; that if we wait another week, the same sort of “stuff” will be going on, and it will not be beneficial to anyone, especially Mr. Cooper; that she thought we needed to set a time and discuss this so that next week when this is voted up or down, we will have full information.

Chairman Benson stated that everyone did not have their calendars with them; that he had appointed Councilman Murphy to work on this.

Councilman Murphy stated that he had a couple of meetings in the Mayor’s office tomorrow and would discuss a creative way of handling this, mentioning public perception—that this was like saying “I like my cake now and want to keep eating it”; that the average taxpayer will not see this as being cheaper.

CONTRACT (CONT'D)

Mayor Littlefield reiterated that Chief Cooper could draw his pension and go somewhere else, and we would lose all his experience. He mentioned that last week in California the hurdle of retirement was being examined—that retirements were hurting the community and the country.

Councilwoman Berz asked Councilman Murphy if the Council would be meeting on this sometime before the end of the week or if he would share some position?

Councilman Murphy responded that he would be meeting with the Mayor tomorrow in the hopes of a creative outcome, but his suspicion was that there would not be an outcome, and we might have to resort to a third way, and the Mayor would need a chance to talk with Chief Cooper—that there might be a third way or the Council might just have to accept what was offered or not accept it; that if there is a third option, he would communicate the concept with the Council, and it would be posted to the website.

Councilwoman Berz stated then if the Council did not hear from Councilman Murphy, we would be voting it up or down next week.

Councilman McGary stated that he did not wish to intrude, but would the meeting with the Mayor be open to any interested Councilmember? Mayor Littlefield stated that if that were to happen, it would have to be advertised.

Councilman Gilbert mentioned a Sensitivity and Diversity Class that allowed the opportunity for the Police to see how the people feel in the community, which would make them more sensitive to their culture, stating that he did not think these classes were being held anymore.

Councilman Rico suggested recessing this meeting and those who have questions, meeting with those who could answer them.

Mayor Littlefield stated that the only way you can continue a meeting of this nature is to set a “time certain”, which would be fine with him or he would be glad to meet with any of the councilmembers individually. He stated that we were pushing the threshold and getting close to the edge; that we needed to set a time and date certain and also place.

CONTRACT (CONT'D)

Councilman Murphy stated that the problem was timing; that the DROP Plan made no sense when dealing with leadership as high as the Chief of Police; that we can't fix the DROP in the next few days and would have to face an up or down vote next week. He stated that he did not seek this task but that Chairman Benson gave it to him; that there might be a third way that Chief Cooper would have to be advised of.

Mayor Littlefield stated that he agreed with Councilman Murphy on the perils of the DROP; that we had spent a lot of time in developing a Plan where employees hired today do not have as generous a program because this had run up huge bills and was costing the City more and more; that we had come up with a system today where people employed have a vested interest; that this has been corrected, and we had already addressed this, but we would continue to have these repercussions in this system.

Councilwoman Ladd stated that looking at the DROP Plan is a totally separate issue; that this is a contract for Chief Cooper for the remainder of the Mayor and this Council's term; that as Chief Cooper approached this, he was retiring under the current Plan and had made his decision based on this—that to retrofit this would have an impact on him, and she would not suggest applying changes to this Plan today; that we are dealing with the current Plan, and she thought we should vote tonight on whether we want to continue with this contract. She went on to say that Chief Cooper was a person who was a "great fit" and was supported by the people who work for him and she urged not to disrupt the safety of this City at this time and not to retrofit.

Chairman Benson stated that we were not considering the DROP Plan but were trying to see if there could be a negotiated settlement to reap the benefits of this Chief without setting a precedent.

At this point Councilman Rico made the motion to approve this tonight, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Ladd.

Councilman Murphy questioned what we were voting on. Mayor Littlefield offered to change the contract to what the Charter says, noting that the language says the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, can hire or fire. Councilman Murphy questioned if we needed a motion to amend.

CONTRACT (CONT'D)

Since an amendment had been mentioned, Councilman McGary stated that he wanted to be on “track” and wanted to know what happens if we make an amendment.

Attorney McMahan noted that the Resolution does not incorporate the Contract; that the Mayor had agreed to the change—that if Chief Cooper did not agree, we won’t have a contract; that it would be up to Chief Cooper if he agrees with the changes.

Councilwoman Berz stated that she thought this was a really good discussion; that an employee, irrespective, has a right to take a DROP; that a number of other people are in the same situation; that Chief Cooper has the right to do this and accept employment with the City again. She mentioned that the Council had a fiduciary responsibility (funding), and this was not based on personality; that the Mayor has said there would be no additional cost to the City and Councilman Murphy had disagreed; that the Council’s role is fiduciary, and she asked Mayor Littlefield to speak to the financing.

Mayor Littlefield responded that it was not Chief Cooper’s intent to gain financially from this contract; that he had inserted the paragraph that the Mayor can terminate with 30 days notice with approval of the Council.

Councilman Murphy noted that when looking at Chief Cooper’s date, that when he gets penalized severely is another two years; that he will benefit financially whether it is his intent or not; that he viewed this setting a precedent with trepidation—that other employees would say that they wanted to take advantage of their retirement and wanted this deal worked for them, too, and it would be double dipping for some employees; that he thought if you were drawing the exact same salary as before and yet drawing retirement, that you have not retired; that he thought this would be strengthening a bad precedent; that if Chief Cooper should withdraw his letter of retirement, Mayor Littlefield would say “fine, keep working”. He stated that he was still concerned about a four to four vote.

CONTRACT (CONT'D)

Mayor Littlefield stated that Chief Cooper is a single parent and if something happens to him if he should continue to work, like getting hit by a truck, it would put his estate in jeopardy, and this is a personal issue with him. Mayor Littlefield stated that he did not know what his DROP would be but that Chief Cooper was looking out for those who would inherit from him. He reiterated that it would be no cost to the taxpayers. Mayor Littlefield went on to say that he had worked in government for 40 years and had seen this used sparingly; that if it were someone less worthy, he would say “no”; that he did not think that it would be setting a precedent.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she had heard all of this discussion, and it was excellent; that other individuals in different large industries have retired and gone back to work; that this was not something that was totally unusual; that Chief Cooper was authorized to do this in terms of his pension, and he had exercised this option; that the Council has the ability to say “no” and let him go and then try to find a qualified person, but we know Chief Cooper and we know his track record; that this is somewhat unique, and he is doing a good job.

Councilman McGary stated that up to this point, he was favorable but wanted to be able to think this through; that the Mayor had received a letter on March 1st, when Chief Cooper had signed the letter, and now the Council was being told that they had to make a decision, which seemed like a short timeframe to make such a decision; that he was in favor of it coming back next week.

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH FREEMAN COOPER TO BE CHIEF
OF POLICE**

was considered on roll call as follows:

CONTRACT (CONT'D)

COUNCILMAN GILBERT	“No”
COUNCILWOMAN BERZ	“Yes”
COUNCILMAN RICO	“Yes”
COUNCILMAN MCGARY	“No”
COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT	“Yes”
COUNCILWOMAN LADD	“Yes”
CHAIRMAN BENSON	“No”
COUNCILMAN MURPHY	“No”

Councilman Murphy stated that this was sprung on the Council unfairly.

Councilman Rico wanted to know what happens since this was a 4-4 vote? Attorney McMahan stated that it could be put on the agenda again next week by the Chairman, Vice Chairman or two Councilmembers.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending March 18, 2010 totaled \$8,801.69.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were approved for the various departments:

CHATTANOOGA HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **WANDA WRIGHT**—Retirement from Head Start of Clerk III, effective 2/26/10.

PERSONNEL (CONT'D)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **ELBERT A. JENKINS**—Resignation of Inventory Clerk, effective 3/4/10.
- ❖ **ERIC A. GEISSINGER**—Retirement of Chemist, effective 2/25/10.

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **SHEILA JETTON**—Return to Duty, effective 3/15/10.
- ❖ **DEBORAH JOHNSON**—Resignation of School Patrol Officer, effective 2/2/10.

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **RUBEN TORRES**—Rescind Family Medical Leave and convert to Injured on Duty of Electronics Communications Technician I, effective 3-4—4/21/10.

REFUNDS

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Rico, the Administrator of Finance was authorized to issue the following refunds:

BRINK'S INC. —Property Tax Refund	\$2,145.91
BASF CORP. —Water Quality Fees	\$27,532.80
PAMELA A GRANT —Water Quality Fees	\$1,819.10
RANDALL FUNDERBURK —Water Quality Fees	\$5,484.29
BUZZI UNICEM USA —PILOT PAYMENT	\$12,381.40

REFUNDS (CONT')

UNITED ENERTECH CORP.—PILOT PAYMENT	\$1,003.47
J.C. PENNEY CO., INC.—Property Tax Refund	\$27,142.12
VARIOUS (See Minute Material)—Water Quality Fees	\$135,128.48

Chairman Benson inquired as to the Water Quality Fees and was told by Ms. Madison that there were 19 parcels listed (information with minute material) and most had to do with “Waters of the State”.

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd, the following purchases were approved for use by the various departments:

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

R & R TRUCK & TRACTOR (Lowest and BestBid)
Requisition R24581

Three Utility Vehicles

\$24,600.00

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

VULCAN ALUMINUM (Lowest and Best Bid)
Requisition R24929

Blanket Contract for Sign Blanks

\$35.73 per Unit Price

VULCAN ALUMINUM (Lowest and Best Bid)
Requisition R24835

Blanket Contract for Sign Faces

\$12,000 approximately

PURCHASES (CONT'D)

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

**WESTLAW (Lowest and Best Proposal
Requisition RFP23375)**

Blanket Contract for On-Line Legal Research

\$14,868.00 approximately

BICENTENNIAL LIBRARY:

**CARL CORP. OF INWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA (Single Source Purchase)
Requisition R25576**

Contract Renewal for the CARL System

\$10,725.23

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

**DULEY HOPKINS & ASSOCIATES OF CHATTANOOGA, TN. (Single
Source Purchase)
Requisition R24907**

Contract for Oracle Fixed Asset Consulting

\$60,000.00

HEARING: GLENDA WILSON

City Attorney Michael McMahan reported the results of the hearing on March 22, 2010. It was a two to one vote to uphold Administration's ruling.

**HEARING:
SHAWN CUNNINGHAM**

City Attorney McMahan reported that this hearing will be held **Monday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m.** The Panel will consist of Councilpersons **Ladd, Scott and Murphy.** **Councilwoman Ladd is Chairman.**

CONTRACT RESOLUTION

Councilman Murphy stated that as a member of the Council he needed one other person to join him in putting **Resolution (j)—Contract with Freeman Cooper** back on the agenda for next week. **This was seconded by Councilman McGary.**

COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Scott announced for Councilwoman Robinson that a **Health, Human Services and Housing Opportunities Committee** meeting was held today to discuss an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilwoman Rico reminded everyone of the **Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th to immediately follow the Agenda Session.**

Councilwoman Gilbert reminded everyone of the **Parks and Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th to immediately follow the Public Works Committee.** There will be an update on "Swag Fest".

Councilwoman Berz scheduled a meeting of the **Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee on Tuesday, April 6th to immediately follow the Agenda Session** for a discussion on the Whistleblower Ordinance and distribution of the 2010-11 Budget Schedule. Upon questioning concerning the Whistleblower Ordinance, Councilwoman Berz stated that we were pretty much following Federal Law and working with the Audit Committee.

WADE SCOTT

Mr. Wade Scott of 1433 Ely Rd. addressed the Council. He stated that his ideas of how the government makes decisions was pretty much inspired by Andy Griffith. He stated that he was speaking on behalf of citizens to revoke the vote on the City Ordinance in regards to surveillance ticketing. He stated that he had spent a lot of time doing research on the merits of surveillance ticketing and did not know if he was in the right place to discuss this or not. He stated that he had prepared a briefing which he wanted to submit that stipulated eleven (11) reasons that he felt the City Ordinance is unconstitutional. He felt that it exaggerated safety benefits and that a third party vendor gets the money, and it is redirected back to the City; that it goes to a third party vendor and these citations are civilian and not criminal. He reiterated that this is generated by a third party who has a vested interest and that a lot of cases had been won. He went on to say that this is more than politics; that other nations have gone down this road, mentioning that Britain had compiled a data base using 31 million license plates a day.

Chairman Benson stated that he thought this topic would be more suitable for a 3:00 committee meeting on Tuesday; that he thought it would be Councilwoman Ladd's committee. He explained to Mr. Scott that he could make his presentation at the committee meeting and give out material; that we were not ready for action today, and he knew that Mr. Scott had done a lot of work. He stated that Councilwoman Ladd would meet with him after this meeting.

JAMES GILLIAM

James Gilliam addressed the Council to talk about gangs and shootings in the community; that he thought the City Council and preachers needed to come together; that everyday people were getting shot; that he thought the Council was taking everything as a joke, and it could come into their community; that more police meant nothing—that the solution was jobs and getting the kids something to do; that the Police can't stop everything and people needed to sit down together and solve the problem.

JAMES GILLIAM (CONT'D)

Councilman Murphy stated that it was good to see Mr. Gilliam and that he proudly represented him. He told Mr. Gilliam about a day long summit on the gang problem where the whole community came together and pastors were also present; that everyone admitted that we have a problem; that we are taking this seriously.

Chairman Benson added that several hundred people attended this seminar.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Benson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday March 30, 2010.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

**(A LIST OF NAMES OF PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE IS
FILED WITH MINUTE MATERIAL OF THIS DATE)**