City Council Building Chattanooga, Tennessee February 14, 2012 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Ladd called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Benson, Berz, Gilbert, McGary, Murphy, Rico, Robinson and Scott. City Attorney Michael McMahan, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman McGary gave the evening's invocation.

# **MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

## **AMEND CITY CODE**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II,
CHAPTER 25, SECTIONS 26-22, 26-23, 26-24, 26-25, AND 26-134, AND
BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 26-26, 26-27, 26-28, 26-29, 26-30, 26-31,
26-32, 26-33, AND 26-34, ESTABLISHING THE EVENT FEES FOR USAGE
OF VARIOUS CHATTANOOGA PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting;
Councilwoman Scott voted "no".

## **AMEND CITY CODE**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 26, SECTION 26-23, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RENTAL FEES FOR USAGE OF ARTS AND CIVIC CENTERS

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

#### **REZONING**

2010-015: City of Chattanooga

Councilwoman Scott made the motion to defer this matter one week to allow time to advertise this particular area for rezoning; that it was the understanding of the community and discussion with the Chattanooga Housing Authority (CHA) initially before this particular facility got approval that we would have it held under R-3 pending, at some time, transition to R-T/Z. She stated that does not have to happen any time soon, but under R-3 that could not occur; so in deference to the fact that was the condition at the beginning of the project and discussion held between the city and CHA, (she) asked that the matter be deferred one week to allow for advertisement and have a public hearing next week including CHA and the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) to make a final decision on this. Councilman Murphy seconded the motion.

City Attorney McMahan clarified if the matter is to be re-advertised it needs to be advertised 15 days prior to being heard; that we might want to bring it back four weeks from today when we have our next rezoning.

On motion of Councilwoman Scott, seconded by Councilman Murphy,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 1165 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

was deferred four weeks (March 13, 2012).

## **REZONING**

2012-001: Terrence M. Majors, DDS/Joe Proctor

Pursuant to notice of public hearing, the request of Terrence M. Majors, DDS/Joe Proctor to rezone property located at 6514 and 6518 Shallowford Road came on to be heard.

The applicant was not present.

Greg Haynes, Director of Development Services with the Regional Planning Agency (RPA), stated the applicant spoke with Karen Rennich today and noted that in his first call to her he wanted to withdraw and had a concern about one of the conditions recommended by Planning as he thought that was an automatic thing that the conditions were going to applied no matter what and felt that is what would be done at Council. He stated Karen explained the process and he called later in the afternoon and said instead he would prefer to defer one week because he would not be able to have his architect here to answer questions related to the conditions; that he does not know if the Council office was contacted.

The Clerk of Council stated Dr. Majors contacted her earlier today and asked for a deferral until March 20 in order to work out the logistics of the building.

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6514 AND 6518 SHALLOWFORD ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

was deferred until March 20, 2012 at the request of the applicant.

## **CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, A RESOLUTOIN AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THOMPSON ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING REDESIGN OF THE POLICE SERVICE CENTER PARKING LOT, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$84,620.00)

# **CONTRACT**

# Councilmen Rico and Robinson made the initial motion to approve this request.

Councilwoman Scott stated she will not be supporting this because it is a lot of money and does not think it is one of the high priorities we have with regard to odor control in the downtown area; that she would prefer to see the money spent in dealing with the primary problem as opposed to this particular issue.

Councilman Murphy stated that he did some math based on some figures provided by public works and it seems to him we could do somewhere between 600 and 700 retrofits in the downtown footprint for the trap drains with the same amount of money. He stated he has not counted them but it seems it would get us from the River going inland probably past where we are sitting here or at least close. He stated he shares Councilwoman Scott's concerns and also added he is out on Moccasin Bend running sometimes and the odor really is an issue and will become a bigger issue as that area is utilized more as a national park and that is still in progress. He stated he is torn at the same time, also, as the folks with public works are telling us they have corrosion issues that this will help with; that he would like to see the cost benefit on the corrosion expenses and what that is costing us because if it is not a huge amount of money then it seems we could do downtown's issue and retrofit most of the downtown.

Councilman Benson stated he is not sanitary engineer and does have to look to our engineers that are here and asked them specifically today to respond to several questions. He stated it would take us another \$397 million to do what Councilwoman Scott is talking about and that will cure it, there is no question about it. He stated from what he understands, noting again that he is not a sanitary engineer, from listening to those that are sanitary engineers this is the best place that this first \$3 million can be spent and it will help minimize the odor; that he does not like bad odors but can take one that is not so bad than one that is real bad! He stated this is going to minimize some of the problems we have downtown, but we pay our engineers good money and it is his thought it would be failure on our part if we did not listen to them and would like to have a response now – is this the best place to spend the \$3 million or should we just hold it, pocket it and wait until we can accumulate another \$397 million, which would be years off.

Jerry Stewart stated the best place is where are asking for it to be spent at the present time; that catch basins can be replaced or they could start putting money back and put that into a project that we can put in our capital improvement plan so it can be done over time.

Councilman Benson asked Mr. Stewart if he is an engineer. Mr. Stewart responded "last time I checked"!

Councilman Benson asked what kind of engineer. Mr. Stewart responded he is an Environmental Engineer.

Councilman Benson asked Mr. Stewart where he received his degree to which Mr. Stewart responded "from Mississippi State" noting that he has two of them!

Councilman Benson repeated "two of them" and thanked Mr. Stewart for his responses.

Chairman Ladd asked Mr. Stewart whose district he lives in to which he responded "District 3"!

Councilwoman Robinson stated this is a little bit of a quality of life issue and the commitment we have made to our new national park on Moccasin Bend and on Stringer's Ridge Nature Trail which comes across into the national park; that we are extending the Tennessee Riverwalk along the north shore there. She stated the next door neighbor to Mr. Stewart's water pond is an 18 hole golf course and she can attest as someone who has played the course many times there are times the odor is overpowering and was reminded this afternoon when Mrs. Scott asked about it and pointed out there is not that many people in the immediate area that are complaining, but it is very sparsely populated over there and is mostly a recreational and passive area. She stated to do what Councilman Murphy says, she likes the idea of another \$3 million maybe in a couple years to continue the work downtown.

Councilman McGary stated it is his hope as a Council we are not suggesting \$3.2 million will be set for a golf course and if we are going to spend that amount of money we should take the approach what would have the best footprint. He stated he would love to examine more alternatives as Mr. Stewart indicated; that he does not believe we have to vote on this today and would prefer to see this deferred, however, if it goes for an up or down vote he will vote against it. He stated we as a Council should consider more alternatives and take a more systematic and holistic approach as opposed to piecemealing it.

Councilman McGary made the motion to defer the matter 30 days, with Councilman Murphy seconding the motion.

Councilwoman Berz stated in deferring the matter what is supposed to happen during the 30 days; that if we are deferring it for a reason what is going to come before the Council, what is the Council looking to find out. She stated it is her thought if that could happen she wants to know what the purpose is.

Councilwoman Scott stated in looking at the map it looks like one of the things we did or one of the things the Moccasin Bend plant did was they did modeling of the sewer system downtown which included where the sewer lines were, where the manholes were and where the grates are. She stated it is her thought it would be good if they have computer modeling; that this data is from 2005 and she would like to see if the spots on the map would line up with the model of where those sewers are; that in fact, even the ones that are all on the north side of the River look like they follow a sewer line. She stated if the majority of them are all related to primarily the sewer gas coming back out of the sewer as opposed to the plant itself, it is her thought it would be good to look at it and decide if we are going to service the fragrance at the plant where the fewest number of people are currently or are we going to service where the economy and the residents that live downtown are and focus there. She stated we should find out how these two things line up and then let us give the Council a chance to see where that is and then make a decision on whether we want to spend \$3.2 million over at the plant or where the folks are, where the business is.

Councilman Murphy stated he does not know that we need in 30 days, but since that is what Councilman McGary asked for . . . there is more information. He stated there was discussion without any numbers for us to evaluate that there are corrosion problems that would be ameliorated by this upgrade and if that corrosion issue is costing us \$250,000 a year that is something that is going to weigh on his thinking as to what is the higher priority here. He stated the national park exists and it is going to get bigger and better and some day there will not be a golf course there, a long time from now but some day there will not be and all of it will be a national park. He stated from his analysis he wants to know if we are going to spend this kind of money should we spend it in the downtown footprint retrofitting those drain traps so they do not let the odor back up or should we spend it out on Moccasin Bend, first. He stated he is not saying we do not eventually do the fix at Moccasin Bend, either; that it is not a question of "if" or "but", that it is a question of which we do first; that his division was based on the 3000 to 5000 number provided during Committee and (he) was told it was a guesstimate and (he) is not saying they are locked in as it may be more or less.

Councilman Murphy continued by stating in doing the math, if it is divided by 4,000 it wound up being more than 700 receivers that could be retrofitted. He stated they could give us the information on how many receivers there are downtown and if that covers downtown and we can spend this money, all we have to do when it gets dry is to send out water trucks to keep the downtown from stinking 95 percent of the time in hot weather, that might be a better expenditure of money. He stated there is a lot of information that could be provided to us that he does not have now and Mr. Stewart may have it at the tip of his fingertips!

Mr. Stewart stated he does not have an answer for everything Councilman Murphy has questioned, but the money allocated for this project is part of the state's revolving loan fund project and he cannot "take it loose" and do the catch basins; that we can take the information, discussion and suggestions and work it back into the capital program and put it in a project and then begin to replace those catch basins downtown. He stated right now if he does not spend it on this project it goes back to the state.

Councilman Murphy acknowledged that is more information the Council did not have!

Councilman McGary stated the proposal was made in order to allow public works adequate time to prepare a presentation so the Council can determine and examine all the alternatives as to what is the best way to approach this issue; that it also would allow the media adequate time to report on the matter and allow the public adequate time to interact with us, public works and other officials on this issue. He stated he understands the concern about the loan and utilizing it for this project, but was not convinced we have had adequate time or all the alternatives are "on the table" to truly understand the best approach.

Chairman Ladd asked Mr. Stewart if he is on a time line.

Mr. Stewart responded "no" and clarified that the loan was approved back in the fall and is in this year's budget to do this. He stated they have been working on the project for a number of years and when the study was done initially we met with the stakeholders – the park officials and downtown. He stated we did have a discussion before we began what we are doing here; that it is his thought this is the best way to go forward. He noted the catch basin issue is a good idea and they will look at that and begin to put money in the budget to do that over time.

Councilwoman Berz stated everything that has been said here is worthy of consideration but we are comparing "apples and oranges"; that he is saying the money he has can be used for this project <u>only</u> or it goes back to the state.

Mr. Stewart responded "that is correct".

Councilwoman Berz stated this is a project that we might be able to do even more, but this project is almost a Performa approval of money we already have to use for a project that is already on the drawing board.

Mr. Stewart again responded "that is correct".

Councilwoman Scott stated it sounds like coming to the Council the money is free money which it is not; it is debt, sewer debt and goes to our bottom line and it is not like it is a grant. She stated the second thing is that hydrogen sulfide gas, which is the thing causing the corrosion, is the thing that is between the scrubber and the place where it is emanating from and she could not imagine there is any place that would not have corrosion like this; that corrosion is something that goes with metal and water and you do not have to be an engineer at a plant to know that! She stated one of the things that bothers her about this project is that it actually has, pretty much the way we understand it now, gone from start to finish without really any consideration of whether the Council would want this or not. She stated then we are told we have the money we are more of a formality vote than anything else and that is a sad place to be; that we need to be able to be "further up the chain" to be able to express the ideas coming out tonight before we get to a point like that. She stated she really wish the Council were given a little bit more of an opportunity to be part of the process than just "here it is" and vote on it.

Councilman Murphy withdrew his second to the motion to defer at this time. The motion then failed for lack of another second.

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,

A RESOUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-09-002-201, MOCCASIN BEND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ODOR CONTROL PROJECT, TO HAREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,922,000.00), WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$292,000.00), FOR

AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,214,000.00), SUBJECT TO SRF LOAN APPROVAL

was adopted; on roll call vote:

RICO	YES
MCGARY	NO
MURPHY	YES
SCOTT	NO
ROBINSON	YES
BENSON	YES
GILBERT	YES
BERZ	YES
LADD	YES

# **AGREEMENT**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED STRUCTURAL SERVICES,, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. C-11-003-101, DESIGN OF REPLACEMENT ROOFING SYSTEM FOR PAUL CLARK BUILDING, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$30,110.00)

## <u>AGREEMENT</u>

On motion of councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-11-014-101, PLANNING AND DESIGN OF WATER USE AND REUSE PRACTICES FOR MOCCASIN BEND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS (\$198,608.00)

was adopted; Councilwoman Scott voted "no".

## **CHANGE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME**

## 2012-PW-001 City of Chattanooga c/o Dennis Malone

No one was present in opposition to address this issue.

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Rico,

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME FOR THE 300-399 BLOCK OF WESTVIEW DRIVE TO THE 300-399 BLOCK OF CANDLE LIGHT DRIVE, TAX MAP NO. 109J, DUE TO DUPLICATE STREET NAME SEGMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER ISSUES

was adopted.

#### CHANGE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME

# 2012-PW-002 City of Chattanooga c/o Dennis Malone

No one was present in opposition to address this issue.

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME FOR THE 400-499 BLOCK OF WESTVIEW DRIVE TO THE 400-499 BLOCK OF CLOUDLAND TRAIL, TAX MAP NO. 157I, DUE TO THE STREET NAME SEGMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER ISSUES

#### **CHANGE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME**

# 2012-PW-003 City of Chattanooga c/o Dennis Malone

No one was present in opposition to address this issue.

On motion of councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME FOR THE 5200-5399 BLOCK OF DORRIS STREET TO THE 5200-5399 BLOCK OF USHER DRIVE, TAX MAP NO. 167K, DUE TO THE DUPLICATE STREET NAME SEGMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER ISSUES

was adopted.

## **CHANGE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME**

## 2012-PW-004 City of Chattanooga c/o Dennis Malone

No one was present in opposition to address this issue.

On motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman McGary,

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME FOR THE 2100-2199 BLOCK OF BRAGG STREET TO THE 2100-2199 BLOCK OF CURTIS STREET, TAX MAP NO. 136E, FOR THE MID BLOCK NAME CHANGE was adopted.

## **CHANGE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME**

## 2012-PW-005 City of Chattanooga c/o Dennis Malone

No one was present in opposition to address this issue.

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Rico,

A RESOLUTION TO CHAGNE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME FOR THE 2200-2299 BLOCK OF DORRIS STREET TO THE 2200-2299 BLOCK OF APRIL STREET, TAX MAP NO. 156A, DUE TO DUPLICATE STREET NAME SEGMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER ISSUES

# **CHANGE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME**

# 2012-PW-006 City of Chattanooga c/o Dennis Malone

No one was present in opposition to address this issue.

On motion of Councilwoman Berz, seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NAME FOR THE 300-499 BLOCK OF EAST VIEW TO THE 300-399 BLOCK OF PADEN LANE, TAX MAP NO. 157I, DUE TO DUPLICATE STREET NAME SEGMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER ISSUES

was adopted.

## **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT**

# 2012-PW-007 Englewood Enterprises c/o Kevin Condra

No one was present in opposition to address this issue.

Councilmen Gilbert and Benson made the motion to deny the request. On roll call vote on the motion to deny:

MCGARY	NO
MURPHY	NO
SCOTT	NO
ROBINSON	NO
BENSON	YES
GILBERT	YES
BERZ	YES
RICO	NO
LADD	YES

The motion failed (4-"yes"; 5-"no").

## **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT (Continued)**

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Murphy,

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR AN ETHANOL TRANSFER FACILITY ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6162 ENTERPRISE PARK DRIVE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

was adopted; on roll call vote:

MURPHY	YES
SCOTT	YES
ROBINSON	YES
BENSON	NO
GILBERT	NO
BERZ	NO
RICO	YES
MCGARY	YES
LADD	NO

#### **GRANT**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Murphy,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A TIGER IV GRANT RELATIVE TO THE WILCOX TUNNEL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000.00) WITH THE CITY MATCHING FUNDS OF SEVENTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$17,000,000.00) TROUGH LOCAL AND/OR OTHER GRANT

was adopted.

## **OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending February 9, 2012 totaled \$27,182.67.

## **PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

• **DONNA THOMAS** – Hire, Chief Code Enforcement Inspector, Range 19, \$50,000.00 annually, effective February 3, 2012.

#### **GENERAL SERVICES:**

• **CARY BOHANNON** – Hire, Contract Project Manager, Range 22, \$67,500.00 annually, effective January 27, 2012.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- ROBERT A. SMITH, JR. Suspension (2 days without pay), Equipment Operator 4, City Wide Services, effective February 1-2, 2012.
- **GREGORY ERDMAN** Promotion, Plant Operator 2, Waste Resources, Range 11, \$29,544.00 annually, effective January 27, 2012.
- **STEPHAN PORTER** Suspension (5 days without pay), Electrician 2, Waste Resources, effective January 23-27, 2012.
- **TERRY LEE** Hire, Crew Worker 2, Waste Resources, Range 4, \$22,350.00 annually, effective January 17, 2012.

#### CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

• FREDDIE BROOKS – Suspension (28 days without pay), Firefighter, effective January 3 – February 9, 2012.

#### CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

• **BEVERLY HARRINGTON** – Family Medical Leave, Administrative Support assistant 2, effective February 27 – May 11, 2012.

# **PERSONNEL (Continued)**

- MICHAEL MOORE Resignation, Police Cadet, effective February 1, 2012.
- **GROVER WILSON, III** Return to Duty from Military Leave, Master Police Officer, effective February 7, 2012.
- WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL, JR. Military Leave, Master Police Officer, effective February 18, 2012.
- CHRISTOPHER LAWSON Military Leave Extension, Police Officer 3, effective January 26, 2012.

# **REFUND**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the Administrator of Finance was authorized to issue the following refund of water quality fee and/or property taxes:

**SUNTRUST BANK** 

\$1,543.32

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS:

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman McGary, the following board appointments/re-appointments were approved:

## OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD:

 Appointment of ANDREW V. KEAN for a three-year term expiring February 14, 2015 representing District 7.

# **HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUIALIZATION:**

- Re-appointment of LORA DAWSON as required by City Code for a twoyear a term expiring May 31, 2014.
- Appointment of GRADY RHODEN as required by City Code for a two year term expiring May 31, 2014.

## **PURCHASES**

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

**GENERAL SERVICES:** 

# BEST ONE TIRE OF CHATTANOOGA (Overall lowest and best bid) R53954/301677

Purchas of Blanket Contract for Tire Recapping

\$150,000.00 annual approximation

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

# ROADTEC, INC. (Lowest and best bid) R51597

Purchase of an Asphalt Paver

\$279,413.00

POLICE, FIRE AND RADIO SHOP:

# INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR (Lowest complete bid) R53517, R52823, R53888/301648

Purchase of Panasonic Tough books and Accessories

\$74,859.71

**INFORMATION SERVICES:** 

# EXCALIBUR INTEGRATED SYSTEMS (Lowest and best complete bid) R53017/301618

Purchase Network Hardware Brocade Switches

\$37,216.00

# **COMMITTEES**

Councilwoman Scott announced a meeting of the **Personnel**, **Performance and Audit Review Committee for Tuesday**, **February 21** immediately following the Agenda Session to hear the quarterly report from the Fire and Police Pension Board, as well as wellness and personnel issues.

Councilman Murphy announced a meeting of the **Legal**, **Legislative and Safety Committee for Tuesday**, **February 21**.

# AGENDA: FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Chairman Ladd inquired as to whether there were questions regarding next week's agenda previously discussed during the Agenda Session; being none, the meeting continued.

# RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

At this time, City Attorney McMahan read from the Council's Rules of Procedure with reference to persons wishing to address the Council on non-agenda matters.

#### ROXANNE LARSON

**Roxanne Larson** attempted to address the Council however Chairman Ladd advised her that she had spoken twice during the thirty-day timeline. Ms. Larson then indicated that she had valentines for each of the Council members!

#### ADAIR DARLING

Adair Darling of 959 Gateway Avenue, Apartment 522 was present representing the Westside Community Association. She stated she was present to deliver a valentine present in the form of a report entitled "We Call These Projects Home" which is a report on public housing from the people who know it best – the residents themselves. She stated the report includes compiled information on the state of public housing and shows how public housing works, provides affordable rent with security for residents and shows we need more public housing which is being lost to the things like HOPE VI and Purpose Built communities.

# **ADAIR DARLING (Continued)**

Ms. Darling stated the report shows residents themselves are the best resource for making public housing communities great if they are given a fair chance. She asked that the report be copied so the best decision possible can be made noting that she had only one copy which was given to Councilwoman Robison, Chair of the Housing Committee. She expressed thanks to Councilmen McGary, Ladd, Robinson and Rico for attending the meeting they had recently.

#### **CARL EPPERSON**

Carl Epperson of 1201 Boynton Drive in the Overlook Apartments spoke next and stated that he has turned the matter over-and-over in his head as to what this Council might do to address our housing situation; that the development that just took place in Alton Park where units were torn down and replaced with less units is nationwide and public knowledge. He stated this Council should form a committee and make an ordinance or regulation that if you tamper with public housing to demolish or rebuild it that if 600 units are taken out they will be replaced with 600 units; that 500-600 units were taken out in Alton Park and replaced with 200 units with a portion of the units going to mixed income. He stated a person does not have to be a rocket scientist to know you cannot put 600 people back into 200 units! He stated if housing is going to be taken out, make sure housing is put back in so as not to have such a large backup and backlog of people trying to get Section 8, which is useless in the first place!

Chairman Ladd asked Mr. Epperson to tell what is written on his shirt. Mr. Epperson stated it reads "The Westside is not for sale!"

# MICHAEL HUTCHINGS

Michael Hutchings, a Westside resident living at 742 West Twelfth, stated he does not think the organization that came from Atlanta knows what goes on in the projects, noting that it is really not a bad place. He stated he is basically here representing Westside because some people do not have a mouth to say what they want to say, noting he is not saying he is the man for the job, but he loves where he stays and Westside is not a bad place as it is the outsiders bringing the drama inside the Westside and gives Westside a bad name. He stated he does not think it is the Westside as he has been there 14 years and sees the outsiders coming on the inside bringing the drama (to the Westside). He stated like the gentleman's shirt says, "the Westside is not for sale".

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Ladd wished everyone Happy	Valentine's Day and adjourned the
meeting of the Chattanooga Council unt	il Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:00
p.m.	

	CHAIRMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL	 L

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