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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
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The meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Hakeem, with Councilpersons Rutherford, Swafford, Hurley, Lively, Pierce, Crockett, and Taylor being present. City Attorneys Randall Nelson and Mike McMahan; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Adm. Marcellis, Adm. Boney, Mayor Kinsey, Ken Hays, Adm. Traughber, and Daisy Madison.

BUDGET AMENDMENT AND BOND RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Hakeem called the meeting to order and called on Adm. Boney. Adm. Boney stated that first of all, the Mayor was not comfortable with the Budget Amendment and asked that it be delayed one week.

Adm. Boney stated that the bond sale is next Tuesday, March 3rd, at 11:30 a.m.; that in this regards there were two Resolutions that he was asking to be added to tonight's agenda at the last minute; that we had to act today; that one Resolution authorized new money, and we were working on it for up to \$70,000,000.00. He stated that the second Resolution dealt with refunding the existing debt; that we had \$26+ million to refund at this time. He explained that both of these Resolutions were authority-type resolutions.

Attorney Nelson added that we also needed a Resolution on Financial Advisory. Adm. Boney explained that this would allow us to use a series of authorized divisions to manage the proceeds and escrow account.

Councilwoman Hurley asked him to describe the refinancing. Adm. Boney responded about 3 1/3% and the straight up savings is 4%; 4% on the

classic part and 2.9% on the others.

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, these resolutions will be recommended to the full Council and will appear on this evening's agenda with the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilman Crockett took over the meeting at this point, noting that the first item was being brought before the committee by the Air Pollution Control Board. He noted that Bob Colby and Jody Baker were present. He called on Bob Colby.

Mr. Colby thanked everyone for agreeing to see them on this short notice. He explained they had recently learned of a request from Tri-State Steel Drum, Inc. for a Hazardous Waste Permit from the State of Georgia for a new facility right up to the State line off of Graysville Rd. He stated there would be a public hearing in Graysville on February 26th, and he had contacted Mayor Kinsey and the County Executive because of the environmental concerns that he had. He stated their (Tri-State Steel Drum) past compliance history was not good at all; that they (Air Pollution Control) were in opposition to the permit and planned to be at the hearing. He explained that Mr. Hays had suggested that they be the voice for the City and County as well; that they had drafted a Resolution for both the City and County for consideration for them to serve as representatives of the City and County at the Public Hearing and other matters associated with this. He stated that they also had retained the services of an Atlanta-based Law Firm to appear at the hearing on Thursday evening in Graysville. He explained that this Law Firm knew environmental law, and he was impressed with them. He stated that both the Air Pollution Control Board and the Bureau would act as representatives of the City and County.

Attorney Jody Baker added that you could see homes in the City limits from the Plant site; that these homes were .2 of a mile from the Plant; that they had retained the Atlanta Law Firm because the firm was in Georgia, and they had gone before this Georgia agency before--that they had lots of experience appearing before this agency; since there were homes within two miles of the facility, we had a right to participate and participation was not limited to the State of Georgia; that we had a right to participate, and he felt the Resolution would be appropriate and would strengthen the position of the Board. Attorney Baker stated that he had sent the Resolution to Attorney Nelson, and he felt it was all right the way it was. He stated he was sorry to have to rush it so, but they had to move fast.

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Taylor,

this Resolution will be recommended to the full Council.

Councilman Taylor asked if this was a contaminated landfill. Mr. Baker responded that it was a Hazardous Waste Treatment and Storage Facility. Councilman Taylor asked what they were treating. Attorney Baker stated there was a long list of stuff. Councilman Lively asked what class of material it was. Attorney Baker stated he did not know.

Mr. Colby explained that they would take in empty steel drums, but they could still have 1" of hazardous waste in each barrel; that they would recondition the barrels and send them out.

Chairman Hakeem asked if they would prepare a one-page explanation and put it in the Council boxes.

Mayor Kinsey stated that he lived near this, and the traffic demands were of a concern to him.

Mr. Baker stated that it was his impression that working on the steel drums was only a part of what they did; that also the drums could be full of hazardous waste.

Councilwoman Rutherford asked if their trucks would be driving through the neighborhoods. Attorney Baker stated that they already did go down Graysville Rd., and this would be an expanded facility with 140% over what it is now; that he assumed there would be a lot more traffic with an expanded facility.

Chairman Hakeem stated he would still like to have a one page synopsis of what they do, including the type of products and the classification.

Councilman Pierce questioned if there was any real significance to the Council knowing what they are doing, questioning if it were not enough just that we were objecting to the relocation. He questioned if it was just information for information's sake or if the Council just needed it. Chairman Hakeem stated he would like to have the information in case we are questioned by constituents; that it would be good information to have.

Attorney Baker stated that according to the notice, the present facility was in the flood plain; that their application states they would be moving out of the flood plain to a new location not in the flood plain. He stated this would be desirable, and he did not want the City and County to be disappointed in their expectations.

Chairman Hakeem questioned from a hazardous perspective if we felt the traffic and close residences were of an importance that it would be

sufficient just to have the Air Pollution Control Board representing us; that he supposed the lawyers would be enough representation.

Mayor Kinsey stated we just needed something to let them know that the Air Pollution Control Board/Bureau had the authority to act on our behalf.

Councilman Taylor asked if having a representative from the City and County Government showing visibility would have a greater impact. He suggested Mayor Kinsey.

Mayor Kinsey stated that we should ask Jody Baker this question.

Mr. Baker responded that he hoped a lot of people would be there and indeed it would be fine if anyone wanted to come; that he did not know what amount of time would be allotted to us at the hearing; that there might not be enough time for a lot of people to speak, and we needed someone to represent our interest; that the Air Pollution Control Board would be our representative.

Chairman Hakeem suggested that we see if we can get a representative from each Government, talking to the Mayor's Office and also the County Executive's office.

RAIL CORRIDOR BETWEEN ATLANTA AND CHATTANOOGA

Councilman Crockett stated that there would be a Resolution on tonight's agenda authorizing the Mayor to pursue special funding to study a rail corridor between Atlanta and Chattanooga and authorizing him to work with Atlanta Regional Commission relative to the Study and funding. He stated that there had been a lot of positive press about this and that Whitfield County had passed a similar Resolution, showing some consensus in taking a first step. He stated that the airport was one of the reasons that there had been such positive response; noting, however, that this was not a total solution to Atlanta's airport. He stated that we were part of the solution and that they were part of the solution to us.

Councilwoman Hurley asked if Cleveland was involved. Councilman Crockett stated that their involvement was a good suggestion since they were right on the line; that the benefits would be great for southeastern Tennessee. Councilman Swafford noted that there had been some conversation at TML concerning Cleveland, and it might be good to pull them in.

Mayor Kinsey stated he would again like to stress that this is an opportunity worth spending time on, and he would encourage everyone to

talk about it as linking communities. He again stated that the airport was just one small reason for linking the two cities.

Councilman Crockett added that from Atlanta's perspective, they were the center of the southeast, and they viewed this as very important; that they think of this as their next big transportation effort. He stated that our proposal is not a competitive one.

Mayor Kinsey added that ARC was driving this train to get to Chattanooga. It was noted that this had been discussed several years ago, but Mayor Kinsey stated at that time they were talking about Amtrack, and what we were talking about now was not Amtrack; that the Department of Transportation viewed it as an alternative to roads. Councilman Crockett stated that this was a shared dream.

On motion of Councilman Swafford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, this will be recommended to the full Council.

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Councilman Pierce stated that this was probably a Legal and Legislative item, but it was a concern of his--that the Staff of the Mayor's Office was doing a wonderful job lobbying for us; that he was not aware of some of the things that we are asking for, mentioning the Airport Bill and being able to hold two seats. Councilman Pierce stated he was leery as to why the Legislative Body (Council) had not been brought up to speed on this.

Mayor Kinsey responded that it was probably an oversight and an oversight which we should correct. He stated that we were being aggressive; that as it is now the Airport Authority's board members have to include an engineer and an attorney, and it restricts flexibility. He stated that Knoxville had initiated legislation to eliminate the requirement of an engineer; that he had struggled with getting an engineer, and we were moving to have this requirement removed as well. He stated that he should make the Council aware of what they were working on; that Councilman Pierce was right. He stated he needed the Council to be informed and helpful, and he would try and do better.

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ORCHARD KNOB RESOLUTION

Councilman Swafford noted that there was a Resolution on tonight's agenda authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amended Cooperation Agreement with Hamilton County, Tennessee, and the Development Corporation of Orchard Knob, Inc. providing for payments in lieu of taxes for certain properties owned by the Development Corporation of Orchard Knob, Inc. to substitute for a prior such Agreement dated January 31, 1995, to which Hamilton County was not a party. He stated that Mrs. Daisy Madison could explain this further. Ms. Madison

stated that this was with the County in lieu of taxes; that HUD required a joint agreement between the City and the County, and this is what this Resolution does. Councilman Swafford added that it basically adds the County to the agreement.

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, this will be recommended to the full Council.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.