

**AGENDA SESSION**  
**JULY 19, 2011**  
**3:00 P.M.**

Chairman Ladd called the Agenda Session to order with Councilpersons Scott, Rico, Benson, Berz, and Robinson present. Councilman Gilbert joined the meeting later. City Attorney Phil Noblett; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Dan Johnson, Steve Leach, Lee Norris, Joachim Volz, Jerry Stewart, Chief Parker, Danny Thornton, Paul Page, Johnny Feagans, Bill Payne, Dennis Malone, Gary Hilbert, Toney Sammons, Chief Carroll, Mark Keil, Beverly Johnson, Karen Rennich, Larry Zehnder, Greta Hayes, and Dickie Hutsell. Chief Dodd joined the meeting later.

Mr. Johnson proceeded with the Agenda, noting that there would be a Special Presentation handled by Mr. Leach.

**Ordinances (a) through (c)** are zoning issues that have been previously discussed. **Ordinance (d)** is an abandonment that was discussed last week by Public Works. Councilwoman Scott went back to **Ordinance (b)**, which is a rezoning for Wise Properties. She explained that on this particular project the neighborhood has vetted; that it was originally something else, and the neighborhood had approved this particular thing—that it had been a large process.

**Ordinance (e)** is the Budget Ordinance allocation for agencies.

**Ordinance (a)** First Reading is an abandonment that was recommended for denial by both Public Works and Planning and was discussed last week.

**Resolutions (a) through (f)** are Public Works' items.

**Resolution (g)** is a Parks and Recreation item that executes a two-year Lease Agreement with River City Ducks, LLC for the use of the Ross' Landing Ramp to access the Tennessee River for the operation of an amphibious vehicle in an amount of \$450.00 per month during the months of March through October. This was discussed last week.

**Resolution (h)** authorizes General Services to enter into an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. to complete Brownfield Remediation Services at the Old 36<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill site and the Tennessee Ave. at railroad underpass site, in the amount of \$77,200. This is proceeds from a Grant.

**Resolution (i)** is the Bond Issue and is to be deferred until next week.

**Resolution (j)** is acquisition of a 12+ acres located at 155 and 159 Hamm Rd. from Affiliated Transportation, Inc. for a consideration of \$2,000,000, plus closing costs. This was discussed by Public Works last week and is a big underground storage area.

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**Ordinance (a) First Reading** is a zoning issue off of Bonny Oaks. Mr. Johnson explained that the County has to do work on this. Councilwoman Berz noted that this had been deferred and asked if Mike Price still wants this on the agenda? Karen Rennich stated that she had talked to him, and he does want it on the agenda; that the County Attorney is working on the paperwork; that he will be coming to the meeting next week. Councilwoman Berz questioned if we needed to get folks back here again—that this is in Councilman Gilbert’s district. Ms. Rennich assured her that Mr. Price plans on coming. Councilman Benson added that Morty Lloyd is saying that he now supports this. Mr. Johnson pointed out that it is a County Industrial Park that is in the City.

**Resolution (a)** authorizes a contract to Terri Keith Company for carpet and base replacement located at the Police Service Center for a total amount of \$19,536.00.

**Resolutions (b) through (j)** are Public Works’ items and are routine. They will be discussed next week.

**Resolution (k)** authorizes Neighborhood Services and Community Development to enter into a contract with the Chattanooga Community Housing Development Organization to provide City-Wide inspection services and other services related to the Roof Repair and Replacement Program in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

**Resolution (l)** authorizes Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with Competition Athletic Construction, LLC to install synthetic turf at first and third bases coaches boxes at fields one through five at Warner Park in an amount not to exceed \$48,000. Councilwoman Scott asked if we had been using synthetic turf and if it had just worn out? Adm. Zehnder explained that we have natural fields but they had encountered so much use and play that many areas are showing wear and tear—that we are replacing the natural turf with synthetic because it stands up better and looks nicer; that this kind of improvement cuts down on maintenance.

Councilman Benson stated that he could not imagine astro-turf in the coaching boxes. Adm. Zehnder responded that Greta Hayes was here and could talk more about this. She stated that this was a high maintenance area; that this had been done at Frost Stadium, and it works wonderfully.

Councilman Gilbert asked Ms. Hayes to elaborate on the type of tournaments we have coming to the City, which will be televised. Ms. Hayes responded that this is a win-win situation; that it will enhance the parks and inner-city RBI teams and make them far more useful; that these fields will also be used by high schools and UTC; that it is a two-edged sword; that this is the best way to continue use and take care of maintenance. Councilman Gilbert stated that he was talking about the tournaments that will be brought to the City. Ms. Hayes stated that in the next two weeks we will have the NSA Tournament that should bring in \$7 million dollars with 200 teams; the following week will be the ASA for 16 and under that will bring 300 college coaches here and approximately \$4.5 million for two weeks. She noted that this would be a 7-day tournament with 168 teams for the ASA. Councilman Gilbert noted that Ms. Hayes is always looking for more tournaments—that this is our goal—to have major tournaments here. Ms. Hayes stated that she would be glad to give the Council a tour in preparation for the NSA. Dan Johnson noted that he had visited, and the third and first base lines do need fixing—that it is needed.

**Resolution (m)** is tied in with the previous Resolution and concerns an Agreement with Competition Athletic Construction, LLC to install synthetic turf logos along the first and third base lines at Frost Stadium for an amount not to exceed \$12,500. This will individualize the teams.

**Resolution (n)** accepts money from Hamilton County and is a formality for the City's portion of the 2010-2011 sale of back tax lots.

**Resolution (o)** authorizes the Mayor to enter into and execute the First Amendment to Option to Purchase Real Estate Agreement with Gestamp Chattanooga, LLC, relative to Tract 19-B of the Enterprise South Industrial Park—ESIP. We are exercising this option. Councilman Gilbert noted that this particular company came to us for a PILOT; that they made a commitment to hire local, and he appreciated this. Councilwoman Robinson echoed this, stating that it is a really great company that is making a good investment, and it is a great partnership.

Mr. Johnson went over tonight's purchases, the first being for the Police Dept. and the emergency purchase for Meth Lab Cleanup by Marion Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$10,895.50. He stated that this should be the last one. The second purchase was for General Services and a street sweeper from Lee-Smith, Inc. for 230,765.00. Councilwoman Scott stated that she was certain we needed this but wanted to know how many more we have. She was told five or six. The last purchase was for Parks and Recreation and topsoil for Montague Park from Park Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$44,800. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Zehnder to speak to this. Mr. Zehnder stated that this was a project that had been going on for many years; that we had been doing this for two years and through the effort of a private contractor, who had donated his services. Mr. Zehnder went on to say that this contractor is a unique person—that he plays rugby and is helping us with this project—that this is topsoil, and we are planning other things out there. He showed a brief schematic of the facility itself, showing a Passive Park

with sculpture exhibits. He stated that we were bringing Montague Park back to a usable condition. He went on to say that others have contributed to make this happen, and it is costing us very little money. He stated that he would bring a report on the donations.

Mr. Johnson presented two Board appointments. One was the reappointment of Phillip Sallee from District 4 to the Beer Board. The other was Forrestine Hayes from District 5.

**On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Scott, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.