

AGENDA SESSION
MARCH 13, 2012
3:00 P.M.

Chairman Ladd called the meeting of the Agenda Session to order with Councilmen Murphy, Rico, Scott, Berz, Benson and Gilbert present. Councilman McGary joined the meeting later. City Attorney Michael McMahan; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present include Lee Norris, Dan Johnson, Chief Dodd, Jerry Stewart, Tony Boyd, Jim Templeton, Chief Kennedy, Johnny Feagans, Missy Crutchfield, David Johnson, Daisy Madison, Mark Keil, Chief Parker, Gary Hilbert, Dickie Hutsell, Danny Thornton, Phil Noblett, Donna Kelley, Madeline Green, Patrick Bobo, Steve Leach, Bill Payne, and Dennis Malone.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to go over agenda items, beginning with **Ordinance 5(a)** that amends the City Code relative to speed on through streets. **Ordinance 5(b)** amends the City Code relative to "Injury On Duty Program", which has been discussed extensively.

Ordinances First Reading (a) and (b) will be discussed in Public Works. **Ordinances (c) through (e)** are zoning issues.

Resolution (a) authorizes an agreement with Global Green Lighting and was discussed for an hour from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Councilman Murphy asked if more time was needed? Mr. Johnson explained that the question in point was how we will finance this and spread it out—that the Resolution might have to be changed. Councilman Murphy asked if it were ready for substitution? Attorney McMahan stated that there would be a meeting later this week, and the Resolution would be more firm next week. Mr. Johnson noted that this had been extended four times, and we need to get it going.

Resolutions (b) through (f) are Public Works' items. **Resolution (g)** adopts the current records retention manual approved by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service as the official records retention schedule of the City of Chattanooga. **Resolution (h)** is a PUD—no discussion was needed.

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Ordinance 6(a) First Reading establishes event fees for usage of various Chattanooga Parks and Recreation facilities and Arts and Civic Centers. Mr. Johnson explained that this is a correction. Attorney McMahan noted one for Parks and Recreation and one for EAC—that we are getting this correct, and his office was correcting the error.

Ordinance 6(b) is a Public Works' item.

Ordinance 6(c) amends the Budget Ordinance so as to appropriate \$25,000 to the Engel Stadium Foundation for roof repair to Engel Stadium. Mr. Johnson noted that the Agenda was amended at 11:00 this morning to accommodate this Ordinance. It has been added for next week. This is a condition needed for filming of the “Jackie Robinson Story”. Both the City and County will share in the appropriation.

Councilman Murphy asked if we owned Engel Stadium? Mr. Johnson responded that it is owned by UTC and leased to the Engel Stadium Foundation; that the Film Company will be using digital imaging.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she was completely in the dark as to what this is, questioning if we were spending \$25,000 for repair to the Stadium for a film to be made. She asked “is or is not” it ours? Mr. Johnson explained that the Stadium did belong to the City and the County and was transferred to UTC, and they are leasing it to the Engel Stadium Foundation for maintenance; that we had money in the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget for most of this—that we still have the money with only a new portion of \$5,000.00.

Chairman Ladd indicated that we needed more discussion other than just making a movie, such as the economic return.

Councilman Rico noted that the movie people were investing \$400,000 in this—that there will be \$10 to \$12 million dollars in revenue; that Harrison Ford is starring in the movie.

Councilwoman Robinson added that we will be getting back so much money—that the \$25,000 is nothing compared to what we will make.

Councilman Benson added that this is a great investment—that we want this movie in the city, and it will bring in much needed money.

Missy Crutchfield explained that there is a basic formula for films, and this will be the biggest film production that we have had in Chattanooga; that in terms of star quality, it is greater than “Water for Elephants”, which amassed over \$1 million dollars and for this we are expecting well over \$3 to \$5 million dollars; that improvements are needed on Engel Stadium—that Tennessee getting this film, at all, is fantastic, and we will be able to leverage a lot of money and a lot of other places would like to have the Engel Stadium attributes.

Councilman McGary stated that congratulations were in order for those would brought this about; that he had the opportunity tour Engel Stadium, and he thanked Missy Crutchfield for this; that all of the history of the stadium had not come to the forefront; that we need to think how this can be utilized after the movie. Ms. Crutchfield noted that it will be used for inter-city baseball.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she was delighted that we would have a reduction on our debt service with this one film; that she loved Harrison Ford! This prompted Chairman Ladd to note that we might have a “groupie” in our presence.

Councilman Murphy stated that he was confused—Harrison Ford starring in a Jackie Robinson movie!! Mr. Johnson noted that an interest in Harrison Ford was an indication of one’s age.

Ordinance (d) is a zoning issue.

Resolution (a) authorizes a License Agreement with Eastgate Town Center, LLC, for temporary use of certain facilities located at 5600 Brainerd Road for the operation of the Eastgate Senior Activity Center from June 1, 2012 to July 31, 2012. We are getting this space without rental charge.

Resolutions (b) through (e) are Public Works’ items.

Resolution (f) approves payment to the State of Tennessee for the release from public ownership and use requirements in the amount of \$32,000, plus closing costs in connection with the Property Exchange Agreement with Walnut Commons, LLC and Little Miss Mag Child Care Center, for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000. Mr. Johnson stated that we had been trying to get this done for six years and Danny Thornton could answer any questions.

Resolution (g) is a Public Works’ item.

Mr. Johnson went over the following two purchases for Public Works: purchase of four tractors from Tennessee Tractor, LLC for \$170,788.68 and purchase of two electric utility carts from Chattanooga Golf cars for \$17,900.00.

Attorney McMahan gave notice that next week, under Other Business, there will be a Public Hearing for Misty Dawn Powell (SkyZoo Nightclub) at 5709 Lee Highway—Special Permit. He stated that this would take a bit of time so the Council should come prepared; that there will be a court reporter, and this might take a couple of hours.

Mr. Johnson noted that Ms. Madison had advised him that the Ordinance in regards to the \$25,000 is amending two ordinances—one is \$20,000 and the other is \$5,000. Chairman Ladd confirmed that Harrison Ford was still coming!

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.