

**City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
February 1, 2000**

The meeting of the Chattanooga Council was called to order by Chairman Lively with Councilmen Crockett, Eaves, Franklin, Hakeem, Hurley, Pierce, Rutherford and Taylor present. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal, CMC, were also present.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Hurley.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

**REZONING**

**1999-134: Hamilton County Government c/o Becky Browder, Real Property Office**

Councilman Pierce stated it is out of the ordinary to have a hearing on second and third reading; that he has received calls from persons in the community that were not present last week who would like to voice their opposition to this rezoning. He asked if a couple minutes could be given so that they could make their presentation before the Council.

Sister Bey stated she does not want prostitutes and drug addicts in her neighborhood; that the best thing is for the Council and Room In The Inn to have "hands off". She stated she has been to Senator Thompson about this and he has indicated he will look into it. She stated the neighbors do not want this and there are several vacant buildings/houses on Citico. She stated the residents will "fight" this and that she has a list of names that she planned to bring (but did not). She stated some things are best left alone.

Councilman Pierce stated 70-80 residents signed a petition who were not opposed to this rezoning request. He stated he has met several times with community organizations to give input on what is being voted on. He stated his position from day one was that he would do whatever the community wanted him to do; that the last information he had from the neighborhood organization is that they voted and support the property being used for the Room In The Inn. He stated he supports the proposal and will recuse himself from voting.

**REZONING (Continued)**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 224 NORTH HIGHLAND PARK AVENUE, BEING ON THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF NORTH HIGHLAND PARK AVENUE AT EAST 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE**

passed second reading; **Councilman Pierce abstained**. On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the Ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting; **Councilman Pierce abstained**.

**AMEND CITY CODE**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-04, SCHEDULE IV, RELATIVE TO ONE-WAY STREETS**

passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the Ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

**AMEND ORDINANCE 10896**

**Councilmen Hakeem and Franklin made the motion to approve this Ordinance on second reading.**

At this point, Councilman Crockett stated he abstained last week from voting on this Ordinance so that it could be discussed today in Committee. He stated he supports the funding and projects that are being funded; that he did have a problem with the funding sources, specifically the use of \$10 million of monies from the Economic Development Fund. He stated the main questions were not whether or not we had the money, but establishing a clear policy for using the money before we spent it and setting that as a precedent. He stated he felt that a great number of projects in the capital budget would meet the criterion of leveraging the reinvestment in the community and that economic development funds create not only economic development projects but community development with some potential for tax revenue-producing and job creation. He stated those were generally things said to people when we campaigned to pass this in 1996; that those were the commitments made when we sent this to a lot of people to pass the sales tax, half of which was support for education and the other half would fund both large projects as well as future opportunities.

**AMEND ORDINANCE 10896 (Continued)**

Councilman Crockett stated that it is his thought that the Council to date has been very good at making those projects fit the criteria and practically in every case the uses of having the economic development fund has helped develop community development, but to him the criteria has helped us move more quickly than we ever could have in the past. He stated he would like to have had another Committee meeting; that today's discussion was fruitful. He stated he just wanted to talk about how we will get clear funding plans for a good parks plan, but no funding plan to fund 2008 other than what is available on a given basis for the greenways and river walks, which could be appropriate under this ordinance, but no clear funding plan.

Councilman Crockett continued by stating for the first time in this City's history we have had an economic development fund clearly identified where we could use it to promote economic development and not on a catch-as-you can basis; that it is his thinking that we need to say this with a policy. He stated the projects are good and hopes we have a future discussion on the issue of how to lay out clear funding mechanisms for all the projects more clearly that we have now. He stated he will vote in favor of the capital budget ordinance, but would like to be on record that he does not agree with the way we have funded this and used the economic development fund.

Councilman Hakeem stated he would like to apologize to the Council if there is any inference or implication that we are not keeping our word to the people; that in fact we are keeping our word with these funds because we are using them for economic development and for improvement within the neighborhoods which generate economic development. He stated that it is his thought that we need to be conscious of the fact that all Council persons have had the opportunity to assist in providing guidelines as to how these monies are spent, and before today there was no formal request to do so. He stated Councilwoman Rutherford asked that we be about the business of formally trying to put some criteria in place and to his knowledge and understanding none of the funds being designated or used under economic development are inappropriate because there is no policy we have put in place in regard to how the funds are used. He also added that the matter has been discussed in Budget and Finance Committee today, last week and other weeks as to what our capital budget makeup is and this is not something that has been done on a whim; that it has been done with research. He stated it is his feeling that this Council is more than within its bounds and guidelines to move forward on this matter this evening.

Councilman Pierce "called for the question" at this point and stated that this matter has been discussed in Committee; that he would not like to see another discussion take place, now. He stated all are prepared to vote.

Councilman Crockett stated that he certainly respects the Council and anybody who has a different opinion; that we have discussed the policy for this and it came up when we funded the Chamber as we talked about whether to use capital or operating funds.

**AMEND ORDINANCE 10896 (Continued)**

Councilman Crockett stated we have had a good discipline for using it and if we go back and look at the records that say what we have used the funds for, it has not been for general maintenance of police, fire and parks; it has been targeted where it would leverage other investments and was a pretty good use. He stated he does not have an honest difference of agreement with how the budget is proposed; that everything in our budget helps economic development. He stated he meant no offense to Councilman Hakeem or any other members; that those were his opinions.

At this point Councilman Eaves “called for the question”.

Councilwoman Hurley clarified that we are only funding one-third of the capital budget out of economic development funds; that some of them that have been generally described here are coming out of the bond fund.

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 10896, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1999/2000” TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES**

passed second reading. On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Pierce, the Ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

**AMEND CITY CODE**

Councilman Taylor asked for clarification regarding this Ordinance and wanted to know if the matter came before Committee to strengthen the existing Air Pollution Ordinance.

Councilman Franklin stated this matter was discussed in last week’s Public Works Committee; that the purpose for the Ordinance is to strengthen the guidelines that are currently in place for the Air Pollution Control Board.

Councilman Hakeem asked if this infers the Council is in agreement with this plant being located where it is being proposed.

City Attorney Nelson responded “no”; that the ordinance will be operative city-wide and is not directed to any one participant. He stated the Ordinance is designed in such a way to direct and strengthen the sulfuric acid regulation of the Air Pollution Control Bureau but does not preclude us from doing other things further that are in excess. He reiterated that this is only to strengthen what is on the books; that the matter is still under study in other areas.

**AMEND CITY CODE (Continued)**

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that she missed the meeting last week and asked if the Chattanooga Manufacturer's Association has had any comment on the amendments? Bob Colby, Director of the Chattanooga Air Pollution Control Bureau, stated that he was notified by Wayne Cropp, Chairman of the Environmental Committee of the Chattanooga Manufacturer's Association, that they will not have a position to these proposed rules.

Councilwoman Rutherford asked if that means they do not oppose or are not supporting the amendment? Mr. Colby stated that the general stand they take is no position in support or opposition; that he will leave Council members to draw their own conclusions regarding that.

Councilman Franklin stated that in Committee the discussion was as it relates to an independent business representative that was in attendance; that that person did not have anything to do with the items on the agenda for this evening. He stated this came from the Air Pollution Board to strengthen what is already on record as their position as it relates to sulfuric acid and those chemicals.

Councilman Eaves stated he feels the present ordinance is just fine; that he thinks both State and Federal regulations are stringent enough and sees no reason to add to the matter. He expressed his objection to the amendments.

Councilman Crockett stated there was a lengthy meeting and the points that were brought out involved the location of four schools very close to where this business is operating, that a community surrounds its borders and that it is adjacent to property the City has just purchased. He stated it is important to be diligent about what is going next to all that and it was evident last week that there is a fair risk factor associated with this operation. He stated he supports the ordinance, but also asked if there will be further Committee meetings to follow up on other issues brought up on zoning and other areas.

Councilman Taylor asked if there is an existing business that is presently there. Councilman Franklin stated there is just a building of a former business that was on the property.

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 4, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS "THE CHATTANOOGA AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE" BY PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CORROSION ENGINEERS STANDARD RP0294-94 "RECOMMENDED PRACTICE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSPECTION OF TANKS FOR STORAGE OF CONCENTRATED SULFURIC ACID AND OLEUM AT AMBIENT TEMPRATURES."**

passed first reading; **Councilman Eaves voted "no"**.

**AMEND CITY CODE**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 4, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS “THE CHATTANOOGA AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE” BY PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO FUEL-BURNING EQUIPMENT AND INCINERATOR PERMIT FEES; AND BY ADDING A NEW RULE FOR SULFURIC ACID PLANTS AND OLEUM MANUFACTURING PLANTS; AND BY ADDING A NEW RULE FOR OLEUM TRANSFER OPERATIONS**

passed first reading.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED GROWTH PLAN**

Councilman Hakeem stated he has questions and would like for Ken Hays to elaborate on them. He asked if there is any agreement or accord among the municipalities and inquired as to whether there is any validity to what he has been hearing that the county opposition costs could rise as high as \$500,000?

Ken Hays stated what the Council is viewing tonight is the plan adopted by the Coordinating Committee which was overwhelmingly adopted by a 14-2 vote. He stated the Plan has not been sent to governments in Hamilton County for their ratification; that it is still the hope and desire of everyone that all governments will pass this. He stated there is still some conflict between Walden and Signal Mountain and they are meeting regularly to resolve those issues; that he thinks the Plan has the support of at least one of the Commissioners of Walden and all of Signal Mountain. He stated the Plan is basically the plan the Council approved at the end of last year; that there were some issues that were worked out with Collegedale; that the City resolved the urban growth issues but not the annexation case. He stated it is amazing that this process has taken eighteen months and Vice Chairman Hakeem, Mayor Kinsey, Mayors and City Managers of all the cities have worked diligently together to produce this Plan.

Mr. Hays stated before the first County Commissioner showed up for a meeting the County Commission hired an attorney to represent them; that what is interesting is that the threatened lawsuit will be aimed at ten municipalities, Hamilton County and the State, as well. He stated that it is not very easy when challenging the constitutionality of a law that was overwhelmingly passed in the Legislature; that legal fees could easily cost \$500,000 or higher and indicated that everyone has read that additional attorneys have been hired.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED GROWTH  
PLAN (Continued)**

Mr. Hays stated one of the other key points in voting for the adoption of this Resolution tonight was an attempt by the municipalities to work out an arrangement and show good faith for the County. He stated this Resolution allows people to vote both in the City and County, as well as the proposed annexed areas.

Councilwoman Hurley asked if it is true under the current annexation law there is no provision for a vote?

Mr. Hays responded “that is exactly true”; that we have said for the next three years to take it one step further in allowing that to happen. He stated it has been said this is a bad law and will not pass in the State; that it is anticipated less than 80% of counties in the State will adopt this law and approximately 20% will not. He stated 15-20 counties have already adopted it and if it is adopted by the County by July 1 there will be an extra point when we make application to the State for federal grants. He stated the Coordinating Committee, including Claude Ramsey, has voted for this Plan with only two voting against it.

Chairman Lively stated it needs to be pointed out that this Council, along with the Mayor’s Office, was asked to draw up the 20 year growth plan mandated by the State; that we did our job and feel we would have been foolish not to draw the plans up if we had to grow by 50% in the next 20 years. He stated due to the County’s present tax policy it is encouraging people to leave the City for the unincorporated areas, not just Chattanooga, but the other nine cities in this county. He stated he feels the day the County “wakes up” and realizes it and changes their tax structure to make it more compatible living in the cities as to living in unincorporated areas, they will see the City of Chattanooga, along with the other nine municipalities, probably having no interest in “land grabbing”. He stated we are determined to survive by whatever means it takes.

Mr. Hays stated all should be proud; that the past year was the record year for building permits. He stated statistics show we are the “engine and generator” in the County; that 73% of all Hamilton County businesses are located in the City’s limits; that 84% of the people in the County earn their living in the City and 95% of the commercial industrial tax base is in municipalities and only 5% in the County.

Councilman Crockett stated the first phase of this is to thank people who have spent time to get this first phase done, which was in great part a discussion about boundaries; that hopefully over the next three years we can take time to start asking and identifying questions to know where we will grow, where our boundaries will be and how we should do it in a way that should not keep our taxes continually rising and our infrastructure requirements continually going up.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED GROWTH PLAN (Continued)**

Councilman Crockett stated 90% of the revenue that is raised for the County government is raised within those ten municipalities; that some transferred outside in incorporated areas to provide service for people who don't pay. He stated it is incredulous to understand how that process is existing right now; that sixty cents out of every dollar paid in local taxes by citizens in Chattanooga goes to County government; that we are only getting 40% and we provide most of the services. He stated most of the other municipalities range from 60 cents out of every dollar to the highest case of nearly 90 cents in Soddy-Daisy.

Mr. Hays stated that has been one of the most frustrating things he has witnessed in government. He stated all the municipalities all worked together and working together really does work.

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDED GROWTH PLAN PROPOSED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 28, 1999**

was adopted.

**PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

On motion of Councilman Eaves, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1204 SOUTH WILLOW STREET FOR A CONSIDERATION OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00), AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SAID PROPERTY TO CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE, INC. (CNE) FOR REDEVELOPMENT**

was adopted.

**JOINT CONTRACT: TDOT AND HAMILTON COUNTY**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HAMILTON COUNTY FOR A TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$2,844,160.00) TEA-21 GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS OF THE TENNESSEE RIVERPARK TRAIL**

was adopted.



**CONTRACT: SCHAERER CONTRACTING  
CO., INC.**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT  
FOR THE MAIN STREET FIREHALL CONSTRUCTION TO  
SCHAERER CONTRACTING CO., INC. FOR THEIR LOW BID IN THE  
AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,144,000.00)**  
was adopted.

**TEMPORARY USE: SCOTT BARKLEY**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCOTT BARKLEY TO USE  
TEMPORARILY THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 4225 MOUNTAIN  
CREEK ROAD TO CONNECT TO A 2" WATER LINE, MORE  
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN  
CONDITIONS**  
was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending January 28, 2000 totaled \$112,445.53.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchases were approved for use by the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Department:

**AFFORDABLE FENCE CO. (Only bid meeting specifications)**  
**Requisition No. R0046767/P0013742**

Requirement Contract for Fencing

**(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)**

**HORSIN' AROUND (Low and best bid)**  
**Requisition No. R00046772**

Carousel Repair & Restoration

**(Price information available and filed with minute material of this date)**

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Public Works Department:

**ALBERT MOORE, VAN M. JOHNSON, FRED W. SIMPSON** – Promotion, Equipment Operator Senior, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 8/Step 9, \$29,748.00 annually, effective January 12, 2000.

**JAMES W. TUMBLING** – Promotion, Sanitation Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective January 26, 2000.

**EDWARD SADDLER, ANTHONY L. THURMAN** – Employment, Crew Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective January 12, 2000.

**TRAVIS BELL** – Employment, Sanitation Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective January 12, 2000.

**SEIJID J. MATEEN** – Rehire, Sanitation Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective January 19, 2000.

**EDDIE HILL** – Lateral Transfer, Crew Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 8, \$20,866.00 annually, effective January 19, 2000.

**WARREN MINES** – Lateral Transfer, Crew Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 2, \$15,992.00 annually, effective February 2, 2000.

**CHARLES D. STEWART** – Compulsory Medical Leave, Crew Supervisor Senior, City-wide Services, effective November 23, 1999 – February 29, 2000.

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the following purchase was approved for use by the Public Works Department:

**U.S. FILTER/DAVIS PROCESS (Single Source per TCA 6-56-301)**  
**Requisition No. R0045265**

Twelve Months Requirements Contract for Odor Control Chemical

\$1.75/Gallon Delivered

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Chattanooga Police Department:

**JULIE LADD** – Promotion, Communications Officer, Pay Grade 13, Step 5, \$31,362.00 annually, effective January 28, 2000 (**Correction of Step as reported in Departmental personnel transaction to Council dated January 25, 2000**).

**LOUISE WILLIAMS, PATRICIA C. MATHEWS** – Promotion, Communications Officer Senior, Pay Grade 13/Step 5, \$31,652.00 annually, effective January 28, 2000.

**JONATHON E. GUY** – Promotion, Communications Officer Senior, Pay Grade 13/Step 4, \$30,333.00 annually, effective January 28, 2000.

**MAXWELL C. LEE** – Promotion, Communications Officer Senior, Pay Grade 13/Step 2, \$27,695.00 annually, effective January 28, 2000.

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, the following purchase was approved for use by the Chattanooga Police Department:

**MOUNTAIN VIEW FORD, NEWTON CHEVROLET, Inc. (Accept both bids)**  
**Requisition No. R0047100/P0013848**

Vehicles for Department (12 Months Requirements Contract)

\$14,941.00 per unit (Mountain View Ford)  
\$14,875.00 per unit (Newton Chevrolet)

Councilwoman Hurley asked for clarification that the contract will be split between the two car companies. Chief Dotson responded affirmatively.

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matter was reported for the Finance Department.

**KAREN L. TURNER** – Family Medical Leave, Programmer, Senior, Information Systems, effective January 27, 2000.

**REFUND**

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, the Administrator of Finance was authorized to issue the following refund of 1998 Personalty Taxes:

**COORS ELECTRONIC PACKAGE**, Map No. PER-1002246, due to County Board of Equalization Decision, \$2,361.87

**BOARD APPOINTMENT**

On motion of Councilwoman Hurley, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, the following Board appointment was approved:

**LIBRARY BOARD:**

- Appointment of **HERB COHN** for a term ending July 1, 2000.

**COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM**

Admin. Freeman asked permission to come before next week's Public Works Committee to discuss something administration has been working on for some time, the "Chattanooga Best Practice Community Awards" Program. He stated he and Candace McRae of the Mayor's staff will be present to provide more details regarding the Program at the Committee meeting next week.

Candace McRae stated the awards program is an endeavor to give recognition to the unsung heroes of our community who have, in their own way, contributed to the "Chattanooga story" and that it is an ambitious undertaking. She stated everyone involved will have to reach out to as many people as they can to give them a chance to nominate themselves or others they know who have gone the "extra mile" to make this community a better place for all of us. She stated this Program will be incorporated as part of the Neighborhood Conference in May and is the "perfect marriage" as there will be some of the same people that would be interested in recognizing their peers in such a way. She stated she would like to give more details next week and hopes the Council can help "spread the word".

**COMMITTEES**

Councilman Franklin reminded Council members of the **Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 4 p.m.**

**ORDINANCE REGARDING CEMETERIES**

Councilman Hakeem asked for Council approval to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance regarding cemeteries for forwarding to the Planning Agency for review and study. He stated a copy of a draft was distributed earlier for the Council to review.

**The City Attorney was duly authorized to follow through with the request.**

**REZONING REQUEST 1999-013: LARRY ARMOUR**

Chairman Lively stated he received a request today to table for seven days the rezoning request 1999-013 for Larry Armour scheduled for next week's agenda on first reading.

City Attorney Nelson stated the matter should be left on the agenda because it has been advertised to be heard on the ninth; that he will call attention to the matter for it to come back the following week.

Chairman Lively indicated that the applicant has a conflict in time and cannot be present next week.

**On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley the request for Larry Armour will appear on the February 9 agenda and will be tabled one week (February 15).**

**SHIRLEY DEAKINS**

Shirley Deakins stated she lives in the City as well as the County and resides on Baker Street in District 2. She stated she has an ongoing "beef" regarding a continual problem; that she cannot get CNE to "do the right thing". She stated she has been to HUD and found that even they can be manipulated; that the only claim to power she has is in telling the truth. She stated the street she lives on is one with a gorgeous view and made reference to the ongoing problem of debris and trash. She distributed photos of the area and stated for that the last four weeks she has been trying to get the debris cleared; that it was finally cleared today and expressed thanks to whomever she spoke with. She stated the trash comes out of homes that are rental houses where there are "slum lords" and made reference to one of the property owners being connected to someone "powerful", which is why nothing is being done. She stated the situation is irritating; that there are powerful forces that refuse to do anything about it and acknowledge that the problem exists. She concluded her comments by expressing thanks to the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lively adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 6 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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