

**City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 30, 2000**

The meeting of the Chattanooga City Council was called to order by Chairman Hakeem, with Councilmen Eaves, Franklin, Lively Pierce, Rutherford and Taylor present. Councilman Crockett joined the meeting later. Councilwoman Hurley was out of the country. City Attorney Randall Nelson; Management Analyst Randy Burns; and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Attorney Nelson.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
LOCAL UNIONS

Chairman Hakeem turned the meeting over to **Mr. Holiday**, President of the Chattanooga Building Trades Council, who introduced some of the people with him, including Bobby Rogers, Gary Ridge of SMW Local 5, Chris Keith of Chattanooga Building Trades, Melvin Brewer of IW Local 704, Robert Eigelsbach with the Ironworkers, and Gary Watkins of IBEW Local 175. He stated that all were members from the Chattanooga area. He thanked the Council for this opportunity to speak, noting that their chief concern was jobs for local people because local people keep the money at home with investments that keep our local economy strong and growing. He stated that our local people were capable of performing tasks, yet we were often using workers from outside the City. He mentioned that all working people were entitled to benefits and we have a less rosy future if older members can't retire in dignity. He reiterated that he would like to see local people hired on local jobs, yet was seeing more and more from outside the City—that our tax dollars were leaving the City. He continued to say that they were pursuing local jobs for local people and thanked the Council for their time, stating that they could be called upon at any time if they could be of any assistance.

LOCAL UNIONS (CONT'D.)

Mr. Michael Stumpff with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training spoke next. He stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Building Trades. He stated that hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent each year in an effort to attract new business to the Chattanooga area and questioned if it made sense to spend our construction dollars with out of area contractors who invest little in the local community or its workforce. He noted that the Chamber of Commerce had hired Michael Porter, a Harvard University professor, to facilitate the community's plan for economic growth; that Mayor Kinsey had said that Mr. Porter understands better than anyone how regions can become more competitive and how regions can create a competitive advantage for inner city neighborhoods. Mr. Stumpff stated that he listened to Mr. Porter's kickoff speech, and Mr. Porter raised the question of how we could raise the quality of jobs, business vitality, and the wealth of this region. He stated that he believed the way this could be accomplished was by supporting local businesses that invest in workforce development; that local contractors participating in registered apprenticeship programs invest a percentage of every payroll dollar in the training of their workforce--the Council's constituents; that \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually is spent on training for each apprentice. Mr. Stumpff noted that Claude Ramsey felt that the economic impact of a good work force is the central issue when we talk to new or existing industry; that well paid workers spend a good portion of their earnings in this community, and we could not say the same for transient workers who are here temporarily and return home when the job is finished.

Mr. Stumpff went on to relate figures, noting that a four-year apprentice makes around \$30,000 annually and at the end of seven years would be making around \$37,000.00. He went on to say that a person with some college would make \$26,235 annually, with females making \$19,800. By comparison a journeyworker in Chattanooga earns \$37,430 annually and there is no gender difference. Mr. Stumpff thanked the Council for their time.

Councilman Franklin stated that these were decent numbers for apprentices and journeymen in this area and asked Mr. Stumpff if he had any demographics to go with these figures.

Mr. Stumpff responded that he took the wage samples locally with wage scales in the first year apprenticeships onward towards seven years; that the comparison of wages was related to information coming from the Census Bureau; that the final comparison of journeymen is from the four local trades.

LOCAL UNIONS (CONT'D.)

Councilman Franklin stated by demographics he meant male-female breakdown and the percentage of minorities. Mr. Stumpff responded that the individual programs would have to provide this information. Councilman Franklin indicated that he would like to see this information.

Councilman Eaves stated that this group was probably more familiar with the elected industry than others; that he would like to know, given the constraints we have in the public sector, if this group had any ideas or would like to sit down with the elected officials and come up with some ideas on how we can achieve some of these ends.

Mr. Holiday stated that they would like to have this opportunity to sit down with a committee or group and discuss this.

Councilman Eaves stated that he did not see why this could not be done; that we do have some constraints in the public sector but would be more than glad to sit down and talk to the Unions about accomplishing their goals if possible. He asked Chairman Hakeem to set this up, as he felt most of the Council would be willing to sit down and discuss ideas with the Unions; that we might not be able to do everything, but he thought we could help.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that on the 15th of June the Council was supposed to have lunch with the Union people—the carpenters and millwrights—and we could get further information.

Chairman Hakeem noted that there seemed to be an interest and desire to have open communication on issues that relate to the best interest of our citizens in the community. He asked that the Union members present provide the Council with cards so that they could contact them for a better understanding of what we can and cannot do; that we are favorable towards helping local people. He indicated that the initial discussion could occur on June 15th and verified that Councilman Eaves could be present at this luncheon; that at this time we could get some ideas of what the Unions would want or expect from the Council. He asked where the luncheon would be held.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that it would be at the Carpenter's Union on Airways Blvd., behind Sam's.

REZONING

2000-081 (Barry Evans)

Ms. Crownover related that the applicant had called the office and asked that this case be withdrawn. **Councilwoman Rutherford moved that the case be withdrawn.**

Councilman Eaves did not understand the reason for withdrawal. He stated that he went out and looked at this property and had talked to the people and felt that it would be a good thing; that it was the main concern that it go R-T/Z zone instead of commercial. Councilman Eaves indicated that he would like an opportunity to talk to the applicant before this is withdrawn; that he felt it was a good use of the property.

On motion of Councilman Eaves, seconded by Councilman Taylor,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE SEVERAL UNPLATTED TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 7200 BLOCK OF BONNY OAKS DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

was deferred to June 20th.

CAPITAL BUDGET AMEND.

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, 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 Councilman Eaves, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the ordinance passed third and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 10872, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1999, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2000, AND APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, AND THE TIME TAXES AND PRIVILEGES ARE DUE, HOW THEY SHALL BE PAID, WHEN THEY SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; AND PROVIDE FOR INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES." SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS SET OUT IN SECTION 5

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

**FIRE HYDRANTS & WATER
MAIN INSTALLATION**

On motion of Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS AND WATER MAIN AT LOCATIONS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE TARIFF THEREFOR TO THE TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

was adopted.

This was discussed in committee.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
SUPPORT FACILITY**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SUPPORT FACILITY ON BELL ARBOR AVENUE FOR THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEXTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND, FOR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$402,400.00)

was adopted.

SUPPORT FACILITY (CONT'D.)

Councilman Crockett asked to confirm the location. Chief Coppinger explained that this is a driveway that is between the Training Tower and Vehicle Shop and is the Old Safety Lane Building.

(Councilwoman Rutherford noted that the next four Resolutions were discussed in Committee and come with a recommendation.)

AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Crockett,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
AN AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE GROVE CENTER, INC.,
RELATIVE TO THE DUAL BLUE BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002**
was adopted.

**PAYMENT (ROCK & DIRT
BORING)**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT
OF ELEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE
DOLLARS (\$11,245.00) TO HIWASSEE CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC. FOR ROCK AND DIRT BORING ON THE
GOODWIN AND GUNBARREL SIGNAL INSTALLATION**
was adopted.

AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Eaves, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE AN
ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED
TECHNOLOGIES, INC., RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. SS-9-00,
MARTIN LUTHER KING HISTORIC DISTRICT (UTC)
STREETSCAPE PROJECT FOR A TOTAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED
SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00)**
was adopted.

TEMP. ROW USE

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUE MARKLEY TO USE
TEMPORARILY THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 1401
WILLIAMS STREET FOR INSTALLATION OF A WALL-
MOUNTED SIGN AND TWO (2) WALL-MOUNTED
ORNAMENTAL IRON PLANTERS, MORE PARTICULARLY
DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**
was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending May 26, 2000, totaled \$16,566.75.

PERSONNEL

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

CHRISTOPHER D. HUDGINS—Resignation of Sanitation Worker, effective 5/19/00.

FREDRICKO MOORE—Three days suspension without pay, effective 5/22-5/24/00.

JOEL RICHARD MEEKS—Promotion to Equipment Operator Senior, Pay Grade 8/1, \$20,803.00 annually, effective 5/17/00.

MANUEL D. LEWIS—Transfer and Promotion to Equipment Operator Senior, Pay Grade 8/1, \$20,803.00 annually, effective 5/31/00.

PURCHASE

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

ECO-TECH, INC. (Single Source Purchase)
Requisition R0050554

Eight (8) Dezurik Valves

\$24,512.00

EMERGENCY PURCHASE

The emergency purchase for the repair of KT19 engine in TD25G at the Moccasin Bend Sewer Plant of the Public Works Department, Purchase Order No. B010232 in the amount of \$21,670.23 issued to Power Equipment Company was duly reported and signed in open meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, the following persons were appointed to:

WASTEWATER REGULATIONS AND APPEALS BOARD, with said terms ending **May 31, 2004**

- ? *Mr. Arthur Grisham (reappointment)*
- ? *Dr. Leila Pratt (reappointment)*
- ? *Mr. John Eagar (reappointment)*
- ? *Mr. Mike Bowman (reappointment)*
- ? *Mr. Dan Wade (reappointment)*
- ? *Mr. Jim Callaway (Georgia Representative)*
- ? *Mr. Reed L. "Skip" Pond*

BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS, with said term to expire **May 31, 2002.**

- ? *Mr. Robert Douglas Dailey*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS. (CONT'D.)

BOARD OF MECHANICAL EXAMINERS, with said terms to expire **May 31, 2004**.

? *Mr. Bart Bledsoe*

? *Mr. Jesse Graham*

? *Mr. Charles N. Adams, Jr.*

? *Mr. Denny R. Baker*

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matter was reported for the Chattanooga Fire Dept.:

CARLOS HAMPTON—Promotion to Senior Firefighter, F2/3, \$27,376.80 annually, effective June 2, 2000.

Chief Coppinger explained the position of Senior Firefighter to Councilwoman Rutherford and noted that once a person has accomplished the requirements that they are moved into that position.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matter was reported for the Chattanooga Police Dept.:

SHIRLEY VARNER—Transfer to Police Records Clerk Trainer, Pay Grade 7/7, \$25,792.00 annually, effective 6/2/00.

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the following purchase was approved for use by the Chattanooga Police Dept.:

BOSWELL'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON (Lowest and best bid)
Requisition R0047942

Three (3) Harley-Davidson Motorcycles

\$12,600 each, totaling \$37,800.00

JOHN WRIGHT REPORT

Chief Dotson reported that John Wright, who was at the Council meeting last week, did file a complaint on December 9, 1999, with the allegation of false arrest and excessive use of force by an officer. Chief Dotson reported that through investigation they had found that there was no excessive use of force—that the officer did have to subdue Mr. Wright. As for the false arrest allegation, it was exonerated. Chief Dotson stated that the case was scheduled for hearing on July 12, 2000; the case is bound over for a hearing due to the false arrest allegation.

Councilman Crockett asked the meaning of “exonerate”. Chief Dotson explained that it means that the officer acted properly according to policy.

Chairman Hakeem noted we would have to wait until after the 12th to see if there are other comments.

Councilman Franklin stated that he would like to be updated on the progress of this.

Chief Dotson stated that they had completed their investigation; that Mr. Wright did meet with Captain Parks and saw the file.

COMMITTEES

Councilman Crockett stated that he would like to look at the Personnel Hearing issue in committee in regards to changing it to a Board rather than a Group of the Councilmembers. He stated he had also asked to look at the Sewer Sludge issue at Moccasin Bend in committee. Chairman Hakeem noted that Councilman Crockett was Chairman of the Legal and Legislative Committee and could set a meeting to hear the Personnel Hearing issue. Councilman Crockett scheduled a meeting of the **Legal and Legislative Committee to meet Tuesday, June 6th, immediately following the Budget and Finance Committee.**

Councilwoman Rutherford added the issue of Sewer Sludge to the **Public Works Committee already set for Tuesday, June 27th at 4:00 P.M.**

Councilman Franklin reminded the Council of the **Parks and Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th at 4:00 P.M.**

Councilman Lively reported that the Economic Development Committee met earlier today and heard a report from Mayor Kinsey regarding the Tourism Zone and there would be a Resolution on next week’s agenda concerning this, and he stated that it looks positive.

COMMITTEES (CONT'D.)

Councilwoman Rutherford reminded everyone that there would be no committee meetings on Tuesday, June 13th, and the next **Public Works Committee meeting would be held Tuesday, June 20th immediately following the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.**

Councilman Taylor announced that there would be a Housing Committee Charette in Alton Park at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Calvin Donaldson School and residents and business owners should be present. He stated that he was looking forward to this.

Councilman Taylor also announced that the St. Elmo community and the Planning Staff had expressed to him that they had extra interns to assist them with the general plan dealing with the old school property and South Chattanooga, and he asked the Council to vote for Planning to go forward with and look at this general area. **On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Pierce, Planning is authorized to go forward with the plan of interns and looking at this general area.**

SISTER BEY

Sister Bey stated that she lived in the Highland Park area; that she had asked for a Stop Light at Highland Park and East Third St.; that this was a dangerous intersection, and she could not understand why they could not get one; that if the City did not hurry and get one, she was going to ask the U.S. Senator why they could not get one. She stated that the point was that she paid taxes and should be able to suggest what she wanted. She stated that she also wanted a report on the money being spent, and she wanted a traffic light.

Chairman Hakeem asked if any Study had been done in this area for a Traffic light. Adm. Marcellis stated that this intersection does not warrant the volume, but he would get a full report by next week. Chairman Hakeem asked that it include the frequency of accidents, and he explained that we would follow the proper process.

Attorney Nelson told Sister Bey that there was a manual available. Sister Bey indicated that she was **not** interested in any manual. Attorney Nelson explained that certain warrants have to be met to put up a Stop Light.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hakeem adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, June 6th at 6:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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