

City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
March 21, 2006
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Robinson called the meeting of the Chattanooga Council to order with Councilmen Bennett, Benson, Franklin, Page, Pierce, Power, Rico and Rutherford present. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal, CMC, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Powers gave invocation.

MINUTE APPROVAL

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

AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE

On motion of Councilman Page, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING ARTICLE V,
SECTION 1208, SITE IMPROVEMENTS, WITHIN PLANNED UNIT
DEVELOPMENT – RESIDENTIAL, BY DELETING SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (5),
RELATIVE TO CURBS, GUTTERS AND STORM DRAINAGE STRUCTURES**
passed second and third reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

2006-014: City of Chattanooga (by staff)

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO CLARIFY AND REZONE CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE EAST CHATTANOOGA STUDY BOUNDARY, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-5 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, C-5 NEIGHBORHOOD CONVENIENCE ZONE, M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE AND M-3 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE ZONE

passed second and third reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

2006-017: City of Chattanooga (by staff)

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 5447 HIGHWAY 58, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE (TEMPORARY) TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE

passed second and third reading and was signed in open meeting.

REZONING

2006-022: Leighton Smith

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Powers,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 823 EAST 11TH STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE TO C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

passed second and third reading and was signed in open meeting.

LIFT CONDITION

2006-039: City of Chattanooga City Council

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Powers,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED,
KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITION NO.
4 IMPOSED IN ORDINANCE NO. 11784 ON A TRACT OF LAND
LOCATED AT 1511 GUNBARREL ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY
DESCRIBED HEREIN**

passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

AMEND 11762: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 11762 ENTITLED "AN
ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING OR ALLOCATING FUNDS
TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2005/2006" TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF A DONATION
FROM THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO PARKS & RECREATION
GREENWAYS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND A GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN
BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM TO PRESERVE BILLY GOAT HILL**

passed first reading.

AMEND CITY CODE

Chairman Robinson stated this request was heard in Legal and Legislative Committee today and details the outline of the area on the riverfront and the Tennessee Aquarium.

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II,
CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11-377, TO INCLUDE A NEW SUBSECTION (10),
WHICH PROHIBITS SIDEWALK VENDING ON THE CITY BLOCKS
LOCATED BETWEEN MARKET STREET BRIDGE AND OLGATI BRIDGE
ADJACENT TO RIVERFRONT PARKWAY AND ALSO FOR THE SIDEWALK
AND PARKS LOCATED BETWEEN MARKET STREET AND WALNUT STREET
ADJACENT TO FIRST STREET WITHIN THE PROTECTED VENDING ZONES
OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP**

passed first reading; Councilwoman Rutherford abstained.

ACCEPT DONATION

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$39,847.00) TO BE APPLIED STRICTLY TO ITS CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR GREENWAYS AND EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. E-05-011-201, EAST 18TH STREET ROADWAY AND DETENTION FROM ADAMS STREET TO JEFFERSON STREET, TO EAST TENNESSEE GRADING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 20/100 DOLLARS (\$354,341.20), PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00), FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 20/100 DOLLARS (\$389,341.20)
was adopted.

AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Rico,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS, G&M, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. S-06-003-101, FRIARS/POE BRANCH DRAINAGE STUDY AND MODEL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$99,000.00)
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) RELATIVE TO THE PROJECT DESCRIBED AS S.R. 17, BRIDGE STRUCTURE OVER HOLMAN SPRING BRANCH FOR THE BOX CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON ST. ELMO AVENUE AT 57TH STREET
was adopted.

AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Powers,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ADDENDUM NO. 1 WITH EARTHSCAPES, INC. FOR THE BENEFICIAL USE OF WOOD MULCH AND LEAVES FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL THREE (3)YEAR TERM
was adopted.

CHANGE ORDER

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-05-007, WARNER PARK-ENGEL STADIUM HYDRAULIC MODELING, WITH CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC., WHICH CHANGE ORDER INCREASES THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY TEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$10,500.00), FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$43,500.00)
was adopted.

PROPOSED FINAL PUD

2005-221: Chattanooga Housing Authority

On motion of Councilman Powers, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSED FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE OAKS AT CAMDEN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY STONE GATE PLANED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 1615 DODSON AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS SHOWN ON THE FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

was adopted.

AD VALOREM TAXES

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Rico,

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE POWERTEL/MEMPHIS, INC. D/B/A/ T-MOBILE/HEG CHATTANOOGA, L.L.C. PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, TENNESSE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES

was adopted.

AD VALOREM TAXES

On motion of Councilman Rico, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE STEEL WAREHOUSE OF TENNESSEE, LLC/LJT TENNESSEE, LLC PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, TENNESSEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES

was adopted.

QUIET TITLE OR EMINENT DOMAIN

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Rico,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE QUIET TITLE OR EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF MARKET STREET ON MANUFACTURERS ROAD, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FORMER CHATTANOOGA TRACTION COMPANY LAND, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN
was adopted.

CHANGE ORDER

On motion of Councilman Powers, seconded by Councilman Franklin,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT RELATIVE TO INSTALLATION OF AN HVAC SYSTEM AT THE WATKINS STREET MAINTENANCE FACILITY WITH ASSOCIATED MECHANICAL SYSTEMNS, INC., WHICH CHANGE ORDER INCREASES THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY NINE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$920.00), FOR A REVISED CONTRACT PRICE OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$213,891.00)
was adopted.

REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Pierce,
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 KING STREET, TAX MAP NO. 145E-C-003, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE SENIOR NEIGHBORS ANNEX BUILDING, FROM THE ALEXIAN BROTHERS HEALTH SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$160,000.00), PLUS REASONABLE CLOSING COSTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID PURCHASE
was adopted.

OVERTIME

Overtime for the week ending March 17, 2007 totaled \$60,323.04.

PERSONNEL

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- **HENRY MCELVAIN** – Suspension (2 days without pay and one year probation), Senior Firefighter, effective March 20-21, 2006.
- **ANDREW CARSON** – Promotion, Captain, Pay Grade F4/Step 6, \$44,395.00 annually, effective March 31, 2006.
- **JAMIE RATCHFORD** – Promotion, Lieutenant, Pay Grade F3/Step 5, \$36,767.00 annually, effective March 31, 2006.

CHATTANOOGA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

- **ROB HEALY** – Termination, effective March 15, 2006.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

- **MATTHEW SIGLER** – Resignation, Code Enforcement Inspector, effective March 16, 2006.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- **HAROLD G. BURKE** – Hire, Plant Operator, Waste Division, Pay Grade 9/Step 1, \$24,012.00 annually, effective March 15, 2006.

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- **LEIGH NOORBERGEN** – Suspension (28 days without pay), \$Sergeant, effective March 17, 2006.
- **STEPHEN PEARSON** – Voluntary Demotion, Police Service Technician, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$19,350.00 annually, effective March 17, 2006.
- **DWIGHT A. MANGHANE** – Termination, Police Officer, effective March 16, 2006.

PERSONNEL (Continued)

- **MICHAEL HAYNES** – Re-Hire, Property Technician, Pay Grade 7/Step 1, \$21,624.00 annually, effective March 17, 2006.
- **LUCIA WALTERS STEPHENS** – Hire, Communications Officer, Pay Grade 11/Step 1, \$26,402.00 annually, effective March 17, 2006.

PURCHASE

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

TRAFFIC LOGIX (Lowest and best bid meeting specifications)
R0087902/B0002939

Rubber Speed Cushions

\$37,750.00

PURCHASES

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Bennett, the following purchases were approved for use by the Chattanooga Fire Department:

GREENLEAF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (LOWEST AND BEST BID)
R0086476/B0002747

Hazardous Waste Removal

\$24,000.00

TRUCK 'N' TRAILERS (Lowest and best bid)
R0087840/B0002936

Utility Trailers

\$35,895.00

PURCHASES (Continued)

PRO FIRE EQUIPMENT (Lowest and best bid)
R0087534/B0002902

Hazmat ID

\$60,565.00

PURCHASE

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchase was approved for use by the Finance and Administration Department, Information Services Division:

ASAP SOFTWARE (Single source)
R0088469

Three Year Software Maintenance per TCA 6-56-304-6

FY06	\$24,969.73
FY07	37,730.73
FY08	<u>31,350.23</u>
TOTAL:	\$94,050.69

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilwoman Bennett, the following Board appointments were approved:

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Appointment of **GRADY RHODEN** and **LORA DAWSON** for two year terms expiring May 31, 2008.

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

On motion of Councilman Powers, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the appointment of **Jacqueline Strong Moss** as Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs was approved.

HEARING WITHDRAWN

City Attorney Nelson reported that a communication from Sgt. Tom McKinney's attorney had been received notifying the withdrawal of St. McKinney's appeal to the Chattanooga Council scheduled for Monday, March 27.

LARRY ZEHNDER

Chairman Robinson recognized the presence of Larry Zehnder noting that many on the Council recall his years of previous service in the Parks and Recreation Department. She stated that she speaks for everyone that they are pleased to have him and wish him well in his new endeavor. She stated Council members look forward to hearing from him to hear of his plans as he moves forward.

Larry Zehnder stated that he was pleased to be back with the city and working with the Parks and Recreation Department; that he looks forward to meeting each and everyone on the Council to talk about areas of responsibility and finding out what the needs are in an effort to see what he can do to assist. He stated for the past several days he has been involved in meetings with all on staff, talking about new projects and individual needs; that he has had over twenty-five meetings at this point in the last couple days. He stated it has been rather grueling to catch up to what really are the needs and on the minds of employees; however, it has been rewarding to reintroduce himself to some of the folks he saw six years ago and meet new people. He stated that he looks forward to this challenge and it is a challenge; that with the Council's help and support the department can be developed.

Mr. Zehnder continued by stating that he has full confidence in the staff and (he) told the staff in a couple meetings there is no individual or person at the top; that the individual and their work ethic/responsibility and what they do for the city is what is important. He stated that he hopes to meet with each on the Council very shortly.

Councilman Page welcomed Mr. Zehnder aboard and asked that he give Council members his contact numbers. He asked whether he preferred to be contacted by telephone or e-mail.

Mr. Zehnder noted that he is reachable through the department.

COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Rutherford scheduled a **Public Safety Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 4 at 4 p.m.**

Councilman Powers reminded Council members of the **Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 28 at 4 p.m.**

AMEND CITY CODE

Councilman Benson stated it was his thought as an outgrowth of today's Legal and Legislative Committee an ordinance would be adopted on first reading tonight regarding trailer trucks.

Councilman Rico added that it was his thought Richard Hutsell had reviewed it. Councilwoman Rutherford also injected that Mr. Hutsell had revised and okayed the ordinance.

Adm. Steve Leach stated that he spoke with Mr. Hutsell who indicated that he reviewed it and it looked good.

Councilman Benson stated members of the Legal and Legislative Committee recommend approval of the request.

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Rico,
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II,
CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-305, RELATIVE TO PARKING**
passed first reading.

TROY COX

Troy Cox requested a briefing on the Ashland Terrace Road widening.

Adm. Leach stated that it is a project programmed for 2008; that the city is still getting money together for our match as this is a state project. He stated it will be a million-plus for the local match. He stated his understanding is that the right-of-way has been acquired and certain survey work has been done and it is projected that the major connector road will be from Dayton Pike to Hixson Pike. He reiterated that this is a state project and the city has waited for them to do their part then we will do our part; that it is on the agenda for the MPO, TPO and then it goes to second or third in priority after the Shallowford Road project, which is a state project also in East Brainerd. He stated 2008-09 is the start to that project and the engineering has been completed.

TROY COX (Continued)

Mr. Cox stated that he thought it was a 2006 project and asked what happened. He stated that he talked with TDOT who thought everything was going to end as of June of this year; that he was the one that informed them there was probably a problem. He asked what happened all of a sudden; that the plan was drawn in 1992 or 1994 and it has been a twelve year project.

Adm. Leach stated all he could say is that the state has priority and Shallowford is one of their priorities; that Ashland is scheduled for 2008.

Chairman Robinson asked if funding is what is being talked about.

Mr. Leach stated that is correct; that it was put on the capital budget cycle until it gets to the point where we have the necessary match when we need it in 2008.

Councilman Page stated that he did see a list from the state recently and unless there was an error it did say it would be in the spring of this year and that might be what Mr. Cox is referring to. He stated that he is surprised and asked Mr. Leach if he was sure about what he was saying; that he saw that this contract was being let.

Mr. Leach responded that he was sure of what he was saying and understands the confusion. He stated that he has seen it for many years on plans and it goes through a process. He stated as far as he knows from the city's money side it is on the capital budget but it is a couple years out.

Councilman Pierce asked if TDOT committed that contract in order to keep it from rolling over. He stated that it does not matter whether it is ready to go forward or not, they want to commit funds for the project and once they commit the funds it is down for the year and that could be the case.

Councilman Page stated he wanted to piggyback on another comment, as this is not his area but it is an important area in Councilmen Robinson and Benson's district. He stated that these people have been expecting this for a number of years.

Adm. Leach stated this occurred prior to his stint; that from the capital budget it is a 2008 draw and it is his belief the state has done their work on the right-of-way design and the acquisitions. He stated we have to manage our money as this is a very expensive project and it is in the hopper for 2008.

TROY COX (Continued)

Mr. Cox distributed information to the Council and stated in 2002 the traffic count on Ashland Terrace was 19,683 automobiles a day and in 2005 it was 14,351; that thirty-eight percent more people traveled that road in 2002 than in 2005. He stated that he wanted to compare Ashland Terrace to another road and closest he could think of was Access Road. He stated in 2003 the traffic count on Access Road in the sixth lane portion coming off Hixson Pike prior to reaching the C. B. Robinson Bridge was 19,350 and Ashland Terrace in 2002 totaled 19,385 on a two-lane road. He stated what he is getting at is from 2002 to 2004 the population in Hamilton County did not change and people are tired of waiting in line and still crossing from Red Bank into Hixson and Hixson into Red Bank and are still using alternate routes on Memorial Drive, Lupton Drive, Ely Road, Appian Way and Gadd Road. He stated those roads do not have traffic lights or stop lines, however there are children waiting on bus lines and this is not only one dangerous road, but many! He stated he does not know how the city prioritizes road projects but obviously this is a very serious issue.

Chairman Robinson stated that this matter should come before the Public Works Committee for discussion and asked Mr. Cox to return on next Tuesday at 4 p.m.

In summary, Mr. Cox stated that Ashland Terrace is very crowded and dangerous; that the alternate streets have also become more dangerous. He stated if Ashland Terrace is widened now TDOT is ready and he has talked to many people in the past few days about this.

Councilman Benson commended Mr. Cox for the way he brought the matter to the Council and expressed that he knows how Mr. Cox feels as it is very frustrating. He stated we have a very serious problem; that we have annexed a lot of country roads into this city which is why he is not in favor of annexing more until we take care of the infrastructure we have. He stated that it is his thought this administration feels the same way; that the Legal and Legislative Committee engaged in discussion about Davidson Road today and how terrible it is, also noting that Igou Gap was included. He stated on every country road carrying commercial there is a population explosion no one would believe. He stated we have two choices which are to try to accumulate funds through growth or raise taxes; that he does not think anyone wants to raise taxes to cover all the needs at once. He stated the city tries to work through prioritizing, find out the corridor streets and which streets are falling in and let the traffic engineer identify where the greatest needs are. He stated that he knows Mr. Cox is frustrated and it is tough. He again expressed appreciation for the way Mr. Cox presented his concern and asked that he attend next week's Public Works Committee meeting as the traffic engineer needs to check the counts.

TROY COX (Continued)

Mr. Cox stated that he called traffic engineering this morning.

Chairman Robinson stated we all talk about smart growth, stopping sprawl and improving our infrastructure within the city limits. She stated this matter has been on her a-list the whole time she has been in office and will work hard to see if it can be fast tracked.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga Council until Tuesday, March 28, 2006 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)**