

**CITY COUNCIL BUILDING  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
JULY 20, 2010**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/  
INVOCATION**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Murphy gave the invocation for the evening.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

On motion of Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published and signed in open meeting.

**WORLD CHANGERS**

Mayor Littlefield stated that this was something that he looked forward to; that enthusiastic young people, at their own expense, go through the City to make a difference in peoples' lives; that it is a very moving experience to see the World Changers and hear the unsolicited testimonies of people who are beneficiaries in getting roofs and flooring replaced; that these young people help them get their houses back together and are able to improve their quality of life. At this point he read the following proclamation:

**WORLD CHANGERS (CONT'D)**

**WHEREAS:** Since 1990, World Changers, a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has sought to provide youth and adults with opportunities to meet the needs of others both nationally and internationally by providing practical learning experiences and opportunities to serve through missions work; and

**WHEREAS:** World Changers provides “hands-on” mission involvement through participation in home construction and renovation work by partnering with government, community agencies, and local churches; and

**WHEREAS:** Locally, World Changers partners with the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development and area churches to help improve Chattanooga’s neighborhoods and most importantly, the quality of life of the recipients who receive their services; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Chattanooga congratulates World Changers for 20 years of services and fully support the 2010 theme “**Unhindered**” to describe the sacrifice and fortitude displayed in providing this invaluable contribution of free labor to the residents of our city

**NOW THEREFORE,**

I, Ron Littlefield, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, do  
Hereby proclaim July 12-23, 2010 as

**WORLD CHANGERS  
REPAIR WEEKS**

Mayor Littlefield, at this point, recognized the presences of Vanessa Jackson and Anthony Sammons with the Department of Neighborhood Services.

**WORLD CHANGERS (CONT'D)**

Ms. Jackson wished a good evening to the Mayor, City Council, and citizens. She stated that she was Program Specialist with the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development and with her was Anthony Sammons, Deputy Administrator for their department. She stated that she was delighted to recognize this phenomenal organization to our city; that with as much delight as they looked forward to summer itself, their department looked forward to the World Changers return to our City. She went on to say that the City of Chattanooga is one of 97 cities on the 2010 project schedule, and this year marks our twenty-year anniversary of the program; that over the course of two weeks, nearly 500 World Changers' volunteers will provide home repair to 37 city-funded sites, bringing the total to 287 sites since its first project in Chattanooga.

Ms. Jackson went on to say that they had representatives from the World Changers with us today: **Pam Rector**, who is the Co-Construction Coordinator from Hixson; **Bobby Boutwell**, the Associational Coordinator from Soddy; and **Linda Shadwick**, the Crew Chief from Soddy.

**Ms. Rector** thanked the City of Chattanooga for giving them this opportunity; that this was an especially important moment for her; that she tracked all over the country, and it was awesome to be able to do this in her hometown. She thanked the City for being a financial partner and giving these kids an opportunity to grow—that every teenager is a changed person. She thanked everyone for the opportunity of working here and serving the City.

**AMEND CITY CODE  
PERSONNEL ORDINANCE**

**Councilwoman Robinson made the motion to approve this Ordinance.** It was noted that first a substitution was needed. Attorney McMahan explained that the substitution occurred on the last page of the Ordinance; that Section 4 was addressed, and there were still some issues being worked on concerning personal leave for fire protection personnel; also Section 5 dealing with payroll periods beginning July 2, 2010. He mentioned that Councilwoman Scott had questioned Section 2-193, which also might require a change concerning an employee running for election to public office being required to take a leave of absence. He stated that more changes needed to be worked out concerning the Fire and Police issue of injury-on-duty.

**PERSONNEL ORD. (CONT'D)**

Due to the need for a substitution, Councilwoman Robinson withdrew her previous motion.

On motion of Councilwoman Berz, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,  
PART II, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2-3, IN GENERAL,  
AND ARTICLE III, DIVISIONS 1 THROUGH 7, SECTIONS 2-  
136 THROUGH 2-174, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2-193 OF  
THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE**

**was substituted, with Councilwoman Scott abstaining.** On motion of Councilwoman Berz, seconded by Councilman Benson, the Ordinance passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting.

**AMEND ZONING ORD.**

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 12396  
ENCAPTIONED, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38,  
ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS AND  
ARTICLE V, DIVISION 3, RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE  
ZONE, AND DIVISION 5, R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL  
TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE REGARDING  
TOWNHOUSES" IN ORDER TO CORRECT SUBSECTIONS 2, 3,  
AND 4**

passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting with Councilwoman Scott voting "no".

**REZONING**

**2010-066 (Alan E. Richelson)**

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,  
PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO  
REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 5500 HIXSON  
PIKE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM M-2  
LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE  
COMMERCIAL ZONE**

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

**REZONING**

**2010-086 (James M. Storey d/b/a RTB Enterprises)**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,  
PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO  
REZONE TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED AT 618, 620, AND  
622 EAST 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 1910 JEFFERSON STREET,  
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-3  
RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE,  
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

passed second and final reading and was signed in open meeting, with Councilwoman Robinson abstaining.

**REZONING**

**2010-087 (Frank Goodwin)**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,  
PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO  
REZONE TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED AT 625 EAST MAIN  
STREET AND 1402, 1412, AND 1430 JEFFERSON STREET,  
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-3  
RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO  
C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN  
CONDITIONS**

passed first reading, with Councilwoman Robinson abstaining.

**MAINTENANCE CONT.**

On motion of Councilwoman Scott, seconded by Councilman Murphy,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A  
MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2010-2011, RELATIVE TO THE STATE REIMBURSING THE  
CITY FOR MAINTENANCE WORK ON STATE HIGHWAYS  
ROUTED THROUGH THE CITY**

was adopted.

**FAIR LABOR ACT**  
**EXEMPT POSITIONS**

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilwoman Scott,  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY PERSONNEL  
DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EXEMPT  
POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(k) OF THE FAIR  
LABOR STANDARDS ACT AND SECTION 2-155 OF THE  
CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE**  
was adopted.

**AGREEMENT (RPA)**

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilman Murphy,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA-  
HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TO  
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PM ENVIRONMENTAL,  
INC. FOR CONDUCTING A PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE  
ASSESSMENT AT AN ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT OF  
THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
(\$31,500.00)**  
was adopted.

**AGREEMENT (RPA)**

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilman Murphy,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA-  
HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TO  
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TERRACON  
ENGINEERING FOR CONDUCTING A PHASE II  
ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT AT AN ESTIMATED  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SIX  
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$33,600.00)**  
was adopted.

**PROPERTY DONATION**  
**(CNE)**

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF  
PROPERTY TO CNE LOCATED AT 2403 IVY STREET, TAX  
MAP NO. 146K-G-025, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED  
HEREIN, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL  
SERVICES TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS  
NECESSARY RELATING THERETO**  
was adopted. Councilwoman Scott abstained.

**PROPERTY DONATION**  
**HAB. FOR HUMANITY**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Murphy,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF  
PROPERTY TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LOCATED AT 908  
W. 38<sup>TH</sup> STREET, TAX MAP NO. 155N-F-007, MORE  
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING  
THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES TO EXECUTE ANY  
AN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY RELATING THEREO**  
was adopted.

**WHISTLE BLOWER**  
**PROTECTION POLICY**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilwoman Berz,  
**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE  
PREVENTION AND DETECTION OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND  
ABUSE FOR THE CITY**  
was adopted.

SEVERANCE PAY

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilwoman Scott,  
**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SEVERANCE PAY FOR  
EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DISCHARGED FOR BUDGETARY  
REASONS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**  
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilwoman Ladd, seconded by Councilman Murphy,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXTEND THE  
EXISTING SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH CHARLES R.  
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, FROM FOUR  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) TO TWELVE THOUSAND  
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,100.00) TO PROVIDE  
STATE-CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTION SERVICES TO  
SUPPLEMENT THE INSPECTION SERVICES OF THE LAND  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR THE VOLKSWAGEN PROJECT**  
was adopted.

CONTRACT

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd,  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXTEND THE  
EXISTING SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH AUGUSTUS M.  
BRYAN, P.C. FROM FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00)  
TO TWELVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
(\$12,100.00) TO PROVIDE STATE-CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL  
INSPECTION SERVICES TO SUPPLEMENT THE INSPECTION  
SERVICES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR THE  
VOLKSWAGEN PROJECT**  
was adopted.

Councilman Murphy explained that both of these contracts were temporary; that because the scope of Volkswagen is so large, it is less expensive than hiring a new staff from the City.



**BONDS ISSUANCE**

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, OF CHATTANOOGA LEASE RENTAL REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2010 AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTION RELATING THEREO**  
was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending July 15, 2010, totaled \$74,557.43.

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the various departments:

**CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- **LESLIE J. VAN WESTBROOK**—Resignation of School Patrol Officer, effective 6/28/10.
- **DAVID RODDY**—Promotion to Police Captain, Range P8, \$56,135 annually, effective 7/6/10.
- **DAVID WOOSLEY**—Promotion to Police Captain, Range P8, \$58,790 annually, effective 7/6/10.
- **DAVID FRYE**—Promotion to Police Captain, Range P7, \$56,981 annually, effective 7/6/10.
- **MARK RAWLSTON**—Retirement of Interim Police Chief, effective 7/15/10.
- **MELINDA HARRIS**—Hire as Crime Statistical Analyst, Range 15, \$35,911 annually, effective 7/16/10.

**PERSONNEL (CONT'D)**

**CHATTANOOGA HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:**

- **DERRICA CHISM**—Resignation of Family Services Asst. in Head Start, effective 7/14/10.
- **BETTY FREEMAN**—Reduction in Force of Human Services Teacher, effective 7/23/10.
- **LEAR GRAY**—Termination of Teacher Asst. in Head Start, effective 6/29/10.
- **JANICE HODGE**—Reduction in Force of Center Supervisor, effective 7/23/10.
- **TOMMIE PRUITT**—Retirement of Deputy Administrator of Human Services, effective 7/23/10.
- **TOMEKA TUCKER**—Resignation of Teacher Assistant in Head Start, effective 7/15/10.
- **JOANNE WATKINS**—Reduction in Force of LIHEAP Coordinator, effective 7/30/10.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

- **DONNAVON VASEK**—Hire Park Ranger, Range 4, \$22,050.00 annually, effective 7/12/10.

**CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPT.:**

- **TIMOTHY YOUNGBLOOD**—Resignation of Staff Lieutenant, effective 7/15/10.

**TREASURER'S OFFICE:**

- **VIRGINIA HICKS**—Return from FMLA of Tax Specialist, effective 7/19/10.

**PERSONNEL (CONT'D)**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.:**

- **CHRISTOPHER D. COTTER**—Resignation of Electronics Technician I, effective 7/30/10.

**EDUCATION, ARTS & CULTURE**

Missy Crutchfield, Administrator of Education, Arts & Culture announced that they would have the official launching of the Memorial Auditorium Fundraising Campaign on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.; there will be an opportunity for drive-by donations and at 2:00 p.m., Nascar will arrive. She stated that this was a big deal involving thousands of dollars with several media opportunities and everything will be focused on this building (Memorial Auditorium) and this campaign to really rally behind making this building what it truly stands for. She went on to say that throughout the day there will be Children's readings, culminating at 7:00 p.m. She mentioned a list of things that would be occurring. She emphasized that no public funds are designated and that they were committed to moving forward. She invited everyone to participate and mentioned the opportunity of buying a plaque costing \$150.00 each. She thanked the Council for their involvement.

**HOTEL PERMITS**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the following hotel permit was approved:

**HOME AWAY EXTENDED STAY STUDIOS**—1949 Northpoint Blvd., Hixson, Tenn.

**REFUNDS**

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the City Finance Officer was authorized to make the following refunds for 2009 Property Taxes:

**JAMES C. & CARLYDIA BERRY -- \$7,735.80.**

**SIXTH STREET LIMITED PARTNERSHIP -- \$14,323.00**

**JAMES C. BERRY -- \$2,882.61.**

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the following purchases were approved for use of the various departments:

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**3M COMPANY (Lowest and best bid)**  
**Requisition 29217**

Reflective Pavement Marking Tape

\$24,000.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**RAE SYSTEMS OF SAN JOSE, CA (Single Source Purchase)**  
**Requisition 30944**

Rapid Deployment Kit

\$58,723.00

**BOARD APPOINTMENT**

On motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Ladd, the following Board Appoint was approved with **Councilman Benson abstaining**:

**CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Appointment of **ADAM VERON** for a term expiring **May 31, 2012**.

**HEARING:**  
**MICHAEL DOUGLAS**

Attorney McMahan noted that **September 27, 2010** was the suggested date for this hearing. This is on Monday, and the hearing is scheduled for 4:00 P.M. It was decided to wait until closer to the time of the hearing to set the panel.

**ATTORNEY MCMAHAN**

Attorney McMahan informed the Council that we are nearing the time to draft ordinances for the November ballot. He recommended putting on the November ballot an Ordinance dealing with an alternate procedure for disciplinary hearings, explaining that by doing it with an Ordinance it could be done without another referendum. He suggested following the National Law and requested that Councilman Murphy set a Legal and Legislative Committee for early in August to discuss this.

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD**

Councilman Murphy recognized the presence of Judith Schorr and Shari Jump with the Highland Park Neighborhood Association. He noted that this was their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and of all the neighborhood associations that he had worked with, none have done more and achieved more; that they were a shining example for the rest of the City as to what neighborhoods can do for themselves. He thanked the ladies for their contributions.

**COMMITTEES**

Councilman Murphy announced that there would not be a **Legal and Legislative Committee meeting** next Tuesday. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to immediately follow the** Education, Arts and Culture Committee.

Councilwoman Scott stated that there was an Economic Development Committee held earlier today where the Tourist Development Zone was discussed.

Councilwoman Robinson noted that Community Impact hosted a tour of the North Holley Street Area Improvement Project. She stated that many forces came together for neighborhood changes including private development, CNE and the City all partnering with funding under the leadership of Beverly Johnson; that this had been a successful model, and she thanked all who participated in the tour including Councilwoman Scott and Mayor Littlefield. She stated that it was a nice turnout.

Councilman McGary stated that he lived in the Oak Grove community, which was next to the Highland Park neighborhood and that they were a great neighbor. He scheduled an **Education, Arts and Culture Committee meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to immediately follow the** Public Works Committee to further discuss wine and alcohol sales at Tivoli/Memorial Auditorium.

Councilwoman Ladd scheduled a **Public Works Committee meeting for Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to immediately follow the** Agenda Session.

Councilwoman Berz reported that there was a Work Session on the Capital Budget today and that the Council had finished deliberating and the Capital Budget would be on the agenda for first reading next week. She went on to say that there would be a **Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee on August 10<sup>th</sup>** to bring back the changes in the Personnel Ordinance that Attorney McMahan had spoken about in order to get the Ordinance right.

**AGENDA: JULY 27, 2010**

Chairman Rico stated that items on the agenda for next week were discussed during today's Agenda Session.

**JOANNE HOLIDAY JOHNSON**

**Ms. Johnson** stated that it was sad to know what happened two weeks ago; that there was also a sewer charge wrapped up in this package; that there were no jobs in the city; that the Mayor had sold us out; that she kept hearing on the radio, concerning her councilman, Mr. Rico, about what had been voted on; that she was on a fixed income and could not afford this rise in taxes; that this Council was either “out of hand” or “senile” to vote for a \$.37 tax increase; that they were running jobs away. She stated that she would rest her case and questioned if everyone had to pay more on sewers? She stated that we didn’t even know who the Mayor was—that he often popped up like “Howdy Doody”—that the Council was running the show.

**DEBORAH FUQUA**

**Ms. Fuqua** stated that she was a very sick person and lived in the Patton Towers—that it provided a roof over her head; that she had previously stayed in rooming houses but had moved into Patton Towers on April 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that no one there could say anything negative about her; that she minded her own business and did not socialize. She stated that the reason she was here tonight was because of the two envelopes in her hand—that they were bills with parking tickets; that she had paid three \$19.00 bills for parking across from the Patton Towers; that they did not have anywhere to park; that she was upset, and the lady talking to her had seen her going to her car and had still put another ticket on it; that she was told to contact someone about this and someone in the parking garage had told her that her time was not even expired—that she turned these tickets in and this person told her not to worry—that they would handle it. She reiterated that her time had not expired; that she had parked in front of the building with a meter and sick as she was, she forgot about the time—that her memory was short, she suffered from acid reflux and did not have enough oxygen in her blood; that her medicines cost \$600, and she was getting all of these tickets; that she had not complained, and one of the tickets was not even hers, and the tag number was not hers. She wanted to know what can be done about these parking tickets.

Councilman Murphy stated that with her health problems, he thought she could get a Handicap Card and could park without any charge.

**DEBORAH FUQUA (CONT'D)**

Mayor Littlefield added that that was the law.

Councilman Murphy suggested that she ask her doctor to get her a Handicap Sticker. Ms. Fuqua responded that she would have to pay \$21.00 for this sticker, with Councilman Murphy saying that it was still a lot cheaper than paying the tickets. Ms. Fuqua indicated that her doctor was not in town.

Councilman McGary asked her to get with him after this meeting, and the two of them would talk.

**JUDITH SCHORR**

**Ms. Schorr of the Highland Park Neighborhood Association** was the next speaker. She thanked the Council and the Mayor's Office for their support; that sometime back the City had had to tell them "no", but she thanked the City for their guidance and leadership throughout the years and the tools they had provided to make them a better neighborhood; that they had been allowed to fix their problem; that 20 years ago they did not even know who the Chief of Police was but that Chief Cothran had helped make this happen in their neighborhood—that Highland Park was a stable neighborhood; that 20 years ago they started out with 129 drug houses and prostitutes; that they now had less than five drug houses and prostitution was less in the area (as Councilman McGary knew about). She went on to say that they had had a gang problem as most neighborhood have—that they had their fair share and now it was hard to find gangs in Highland Park. She stated that they had very little graffiti because they had taken care of this; that 20 years ago Highland Park had been the dumping ground for Group Homes—they had 30 and now had only 10; that they did not have a R-1 Zone and Steve Leach and John Bridger had worked with them and taken them under their wings and had developed a plan; that they came to the Council with their plan four times, and the Council supported them, and it was implemented; that now Highland Park was a neighborhood of choice.

Councilwoman Scott thanked Ms. Schorr for letting the Council hear this good story.



**TONY DAHLBERG**

**Mr. Tony Dahlberg, Executive Director of the Samaritan Center**, spoke next. He stated that solid waste had been brought up in committee meeting; that the City had deemed that their service was of value up until now and no charge had been made to them for a Landfill fee; that the City had not charged for non-profits, and they were asking to be exempt; that they had been open for 24 years and had helped tens of thousands of people to get back on their feet and stay viable within their community and church and to be able to pay taxes; that thrift stores are provided for through community donations; that some things that are donated are not reusable; that to not be charged, they had complied with their own container and decal—that it was a big recycling endeavor and helped to keep a lot of things out of the landfill; that due to the size of their operation, they were paying themselves to haul to the landfill; that if they had to buy their own vehicle, they would not have the funds to focus on what they do best; that they were at the mercy of what people drop off, and they wanted to make this a better place to live.

**BILL HALE**

**Mr. Hale** stated that he was with Bethel Bible Village and had with him photographs to show. He stated that they were blessed by the generosity of Chattanooga with in-kind donations and depended greatly on the proceeds of their thrift store; that they, too, were hit with a lot of unsaleable and unusable goods that were dropped off, and they had to take these and recycle them at their own expense and had a compactor take them to the landfill; that they had gone three times a month for two and one-half years; that the Council could see the waste from the photographs; that they tried to recycle so that all of this did not go to the landfill. He stated that torn, damaged furniture had to go because it was of no use; that if they did not take these items, 311 would be called; that they wanted to be a good neighbor and depended on donations and funded a great ministry, but they did get items that they did not know what to do with; that it cost \$150.00 each trip plus the City's fees and the cost for the compactor. He stated that they needed help—that they did not solicit a lot these things—that they just appeared; that they had to get rid of some of it and take it at their own expense with their truck.

**JOHN DILIBERTO**

**Mr. John Diliberto of the Salvation Army** spoke next. He stated that they depended on donations, too; that they had two trucks that make pickups; that they had an ongoing relation with donors and picked up everything; that even if it were not useable and good, they would pick it up if it were not falling apart; that people could put things in front of their store, and it went away; that if they had to pay fees, they would have to take a harder look at what they pick up; that they were not in a position to pay additional fees, and if they did not pick this stuff up, the people would call 311. He stated that thrift stores were doing the City a service—that what they could not sell or give away, it goes to the landfill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, beginning at 6:00 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)**

