

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 13, 2001
5:00 P.M.

The Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Councilman Taylor, Chairman, with Councilmen Pierce, Hurley, and Lively present. Also present were Attorney Randall Nelson; Randy Burns, Management Analyst; and Shirley Crowover, Assistant Clerk to the Council.

Others present included Adm. Boney, Daisy Madison, and Attorney Phil Noblett. Adm. Mitchell joined the meeting later.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 13, 2001

Adm. Boney proceeded to go over agenda items, beginning with **Ordinance (f)**, amending Ordinance No. 11027 (Budget Ordinance), to provide for certain changes in Special Revenue Funds set out in Section 6 and to provide for certain changes in Personnel set out in Section 7(b). Adm. Boney explained that they were realigning personnel positions and had done a good job at minimizing the net gain. We are adding police officers and a Fleet Manager with a pay-back on part of the positions. We are giving up a Captain for two officers and are down to nine captains. There are also some changes in Parks and Recreation, Neighborhood Services, and Public Works—all of these changes are a net “0”. Personnel is adding one new Data Clerk, and the Pension Fund will help us with this by paying one-half in terms of salary. There is also a reallocation of State Street Funds, and it is down by \$300,000. In the past there has been a steady gain, and this year it has fallen off.

Resolution (l) authorizes a refund to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$129,566.00 relative to Local Law Enforcement Block Grant 96-LB-VX-2618. Adm. Boney explained that we had to make this refund because the Grant was not totally expended properly. This portion was for mobile data terminals for police cars and Motorola was unable to deliver before the Grant ended. There was no provision for the time to be extended, and we have to return the money. It will be charged to the Police Budget and taken from the Contingency Fund.

Councilwoman Hurley asked if Motorola was liable in any way. Adm. Boney responded that he did not think so. He added that the total Grant was for \$650,000.00, and we did not “fritter” away the whole Grant.

Resolution (k) ratifies, approves, and confirms the resignation of First Tennessee Bank National Association and the appointment of Chase Manhattan Trust Company, National Association, as service provider or successor service provider relating to City of Chattanooga bond issues and authorizes the Mayor to execute an Agreement relative to said resignation. Adm. Boney explained that soon after the last Bond deal in October, First Tennessee sold the division to Chase Manhattan Bank, and this will legally assign the responsibility to Chase Manhattan Bank. It is just a matter of a clean-up.

Councilman Franklin asked if there was a procedure for choosing an underwriter or paying agent. Adm. Boney explained that we send out RFP's, and today we picked U.S. Bank; that we only had two bids; that we are getting down to a few banks because banks are getting out of the business. It is a low market business, and they are not making any money.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 20, 2001

Resolution ® authorizes Change Order Nos 1 through 6, City Courtroom Renovation, with RMG Construction, increasing the contract amount by \$8,046.40 for a revised contract total of \$72,756.40. Adm. Boney explained that the largest item was for air conditioning and heating system; that we are adding thermostats and supplementary heating.

On motion of Councilman Lively, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the above items will be recommended to the full Council.

EARLY VOTING FOR RUN-OFF IN DISTRICT 3

Attorney Nelson stated that Carolyn Jackson wanted to know if we wanted to have early voting at Northgate Mall for the run-off election. It will cost \$3,000+. It will start next week and people can still vote early at the Election Commission office. **On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, this will be recommended to the full Council.**

SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION AND SALE

Adm. Boney asked for the Fire Hall at 20th Street to be declared surplus and authority for the Mayor to sell it to Labor Solutions. **On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley, this will be recommended to the full Council.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.