

BUDGET, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

June 7, 2009

4:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Berz, Chairwoman, called the meeting of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee to order with Councilmen Murphy, Benson, Robinson, Rico, Gilbert, Ladd, McGary and Scott present. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Larry Zehnder, Dan Johnson, Richard Beeland, and Vicky Haley. Mayor Littlefield joined the meeting later.

AUDIT COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Chairwoman Berz called the meeting to order and provided handouts, which are made a part of this minute material. She stated that this was the final step of the Audit Committee, reading from page 2 of Ordinance 12250 that establishes the Audit Committee and procedures: *“There is hereby established an Audit Committee of the City of Chattanooga which shall consist of five (5) voting members”*. Chairwoman Berz noted that the Council was to have by today the names that had been submitted. As of present the nominees are **David J. DiStefano, Charles H. Millsaps, and Timothy E. Moore**. Chairwoman Berz noted that the Council had two more nominations to fill. In an effort to go forward, she asked that the Council accept these three names and also suggest more names. She stated that the law was silent except for staggered terms.

Councilman Benson asked if this could be changed to just three members? Chairwoman Berz responded “no sir”, adding that she did not need the other names today.

Councilman Murphy stated that Councilman Rico had given him grief, and he had asked for assistance, and his “pick” was not eligible, and he did not have a second choice at this time. He added that the Council could read this Ordinance.

Chairwoman Berz stated that Randy Burns was ready to go, and we needed the Audit Committee in place; however, we were missing two names, and the law was structured for five members.

Councilman Gilbert pointed out that we were missing slots in some of our other Boards; that he thought we could start with three members and then hire the other two.

Chairwoman Berz stated that whatever we do, it needs to be on record.

Councilman Murphy stated that he thought she should go ahead with this.

Chairwoman Berz stated that she would go ahead with this approval and give these people notification and a copy of the Ordinance, and they can take it from there; that the duties are laid out and taken care of. She wanted to make sure that she did have permission to go forward and contact these people.

Councilwoman Scott stated that this was a great idea and urged to go forward with these nominations.

Councilman Murphy stated that we would get the other two members in short order.

Chairwoman Berz confirmed that she had the consensus to go forward, stating that she would go forward with this and authorize the Audit Committee that they were set to go.

Chairwoman Berz stated that there was another issue that was not on the agenda; that she had asked Randy Burns to give us a vetting of the agencies that are asking for money to be sure they are properly audited; that there were questions about this and Randy Burns will be getting this information to the Council; that there would be a vetting and to please see him as he has pamphlets.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.