

## AGENDA SESSION

June 22, 2010

3:00 p.m.

The Agenda Session was called to order by Councilman Rico with Councilmen Berz, Scott, Benson, Gilbert, Ladd, Murphy and Robinson present; Councilman McGary joined the meeting later. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

Others present included Daisy Madison, Dan Johnson, Steve Leach, Lee Norris, Gary Hilbert, Dennis Malone, Barry Bennett, Chief Parker, Chief Rawlston and Jim Templeton.

Dan Johnson stated in reference to ordinances on final reading, **Ordinance (a)** for rezoning was deferred from the previous meeting and the request is now to defer it indefinitely until construction is complete.

Councilwoman Scott confirmed that the request is to pursue the rezoning to R-TZ upon completion of the construction.

Gary Hilbert stated that he would notify the City Attorney as to when to place the matter back on the Council agenda when his office gets ready to issue the Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

Mr. Johnson stated **Ordinance (b)** in the name of Arvin Reingold is up for final reading. After Councilman McGary joined the meeting he explained that the neighborhood association met regarding this matter sometime today and has not heard from Mr. Reingold. He stated he would check to see what the status of the matter is and have an answer by the 6 p.m. Council meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated **Ordinance (a)** on first reading was explained last week by Daisy Madison which references a change in the restrictive fund.

Daisy Madison explained that it is in reference to the solid waste fund for an equal amount of revenues coming in to support the increased level of expenditures that were unanticipated.

As for Resolutions, Mr. Johnson stated **Resolutions (a) and (e)** would be discussed in Public Works Committee today. He stated **Resolution (b)** reflects a correction in the amount as \$379 was previously left off. He stated **Resolution (c)** is for professional services for an RPA study which was explained last week.

Mr. Johnson stated **Resolution (d)** is for the Neighborhood Services Department. Sandra Gober explained that the amount reflects an allocation to CNE involving stimulus money to match the \$2.6 million allocated to them (CNE) from the State; that the \$464,110 is to match/leverage that for weatherization.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she knows the weatherization funds are federal monies and asked who is matching it.

Ms. Gober responded that it is not a required match; that it is just leveraging. Mr. Johnson stated that this is the same arrangement as the one with Human Services and the money is being converted over to CNE.

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Mr. Johnson stated there are no ordinances on first reading; that **Ordinance (a)** for final reading has been previously explained by Daisy Madison. He noted **Resolution (a)** for an agreement with Volkert, Inc. was previously on the agenda for tonight but has been moved to next week. Indication was given that the matter needed to be moved back to tonight's agenda. **It was the consensus of the Committee to move Resolution (a) back to the agenda for tonight for consideration.**

**Resolution (b)** involves the Parks and Recreation Department's acceptance of a donation from Bi-Lo for five different camps.

Larry Zehnder explained that the Department had the same sponsorship with Bi-Lo last year which helped the Department support a lot of their summer camp activities; that last year they received \$16,000 and this year \$24,000 wherein a sponsorship agreement was signed which provides for equipment and t-shirts for the kids. He offered copies of the sponsorship agreement for Council members to peruse.

Councilwoman Berz expressed concern about the kids' programs that seem to be getting cut all over the place as it could mean a lot of crime in the community in the future! She stated she plans to vote for this and asked if the Department will have the staff to implement the programs.

Mr. Zehnder stated that would be his question to the Council! He stated under what they have been providing in past summer programs a lot happens through the recreation centers with existing sports programs; that the programs they are doing will be done with the people at the recreation centers (doing it).

Councilwoman Berz quickly added "if we still have people at the recreation centers"! She stated the problem is we are cavalierly cutting programs that deal with kids or cutting hours; that a lot of money is leveraged through his department and every time a vote for money is leveraged, it is provided we have the staff. She stated her concern has to do with some of the decisions we are making and how it affects "stuff" like this.

Councilman Benson asked if the staff is already on board. Mr. Zehnder stated some of the staff is; that the special programs do use temporary staff during the summer; that the day camps are a revenue generating program and they hope to cover a lot of expenses with the revenue they get in. He stated if we start taking more away from seasonal work it could affect some of the clinics where temps are hired.

Mr. Zehnder stated the Zooability Camp happens with the staff at the Zoo who assist the campers and the money from Bi-Lo goes toward t-shirts for kids in the program; that the revenue coming in pays for a lot of expenses they do not normally put toward it.

Mr. Johnson stated **Resolutions (c) and (d)** will be discussed in Public Works Committee. He stated **Resolution (e)** is for surplus property and in the absence of Paul Page and/or Dan Thornton the matter will be explained next week. He stated it essentially allows property the city has on Chestnut Street to be swapped with property in Eastgate for the proposed Eastgate Library and other functions.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she has questions about this Resolution. Mr. Johnson asked if the questions could wait until next week when someone would be present to respond to them.

### **FULL TIME BUDGETED POSITIONS**

Mr. Johnson distributed information regarding full time budgeted positions from 2000 – 2001 and noted that there are more employees now than then; that we are doing more and the internal controls of the city is the basis for all of it. (Document filed with minute material of this date.)

### **PURCHASES**

Mr. Johnson stated the following purchases will be presented at tonight's Council meeting:

- **Police Department -- GT Distributors, Purchase of 34 Ballistic Plates, \$18,491.63:** Councilwoman Scott inquired as to whether these are for new hires or people already have employed. Captain Jeff Francis responded every five years the vests go out of date, are not covered by the manufacturer's warranty and have to be replaced. He stated the next purchase from GT Distributors for Ballistic Body Armor is for when new hires are brought on. He stated the Department also tries to get a grant for up to 60 percent of the price and they generally get fourteen percent, even though they apply for more.
- **Police Department -- GT Distributors, Purchase of a Blanket Contract for Ballistic Body Armour, \$60,047.00 (Approximately annually):** Captain Francis stated having the company right here locally is great in case there is a problem with the armor not fitting properly or improper measurement.
- **General Services -- Chattanooga Office Supply, Purchase of a Blanket Contract for Office Supplies, \$170,000.00 (approximately annually).**
- **Human Services -- CBS Building Management, Purchase of Janitorial Services for Head Start, \$84,180.00.**

The meeting was adjourned.