

**Municipal Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
October 5, 1999**

The meeting of the Chattanooga Council was called to order by Chairman Lively with Councilmen Eaves, Franklin, Hakeem, Hurley, Pierce, Rutherford and Taylor present; Councilman Crockett joined the meeting later. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal, CMC, were also present.

**INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Hurley gave the invocation for the evening.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO BARRY  
BENNETT**

Vice Chairman Hakeem recognized the presence of Barry Bennett and asked that he and his wife join him at the lectern. He presented Mr. Bennett with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Council and stated Mr. Bennett had "put up" with the nine members on the Council, as well as the County Commission and Planning Commission, for several years. He stated the work Mr. Bennett has done at the Planning office over the years has been invaluable to this Council. At this point Vice Chairman Hakeem read the wording on the certificate and presented him with various other gifts and a decorative plate bearing the City's Official Seal. He stated Council members will still be calling on him from time-to-time and that he was leaving the Council "in good hands" (with Jerry Pace).

Barry Bennett stated his decision to leave the City's employ was probably one of the more difficult decisions he ever made and hopes it ends up being the right one for everyone involved. He stated he will be working with the Home Builders Association, which might be considered by some as "going to the other side of the fence". He stated the City, County and developing industry all have the same interests at heart, which is providing for the best developments and creating quality living for this entire community. He stated he hopes to be the catalyst to help promote positive relations between the developing industry and the legislative bodies of the City and County, as well as all the other governmental departments.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO BARRY BENNETT (Continued)**

Mr. Bennett continued by stating it has been an honor and privilege working with and for each of the Council members and considers all on the Council his very good friend. He stated his “door is always open” and offered to help in whatever capacity he could in an effort to assist; that he hopes the Council will consider him as a resource for anything! He stated it is difficult for him to express everything he is feeling; that he started working with the City at the age of 21 and is now 52, and indicated that 30 years is a long time! He stated working for the City was one of the best decisions he ever made and has enjoyed every part of it; that he has enjoyed the comradeship with people like Jerry (Pace) and he knows he is leaving the Council “in good hands”. He stated Jerry is the only other (on staff) that has been with the City longer than he has; that he is a fine man and knows he will do a good job. He closed his remarks by stating that he will be in close proximity working with Planning and everyone to further regulations and whatever is needed to get the community going in the right direction.

Councilwoman Hurley stated she would like to comment on behalf of the rest of the Council; that she thinks those who started out in the beginning (on the Council) probably did not realize that two of the four evenings spent on Tuesday would be on zoning matters. She stated Mr. Bennett has been extremely helpful in guiding the Council through a terribly important task, a task that is underappreciated. She expressed thanks to Mr. Bennett and stated that he made the exercise of zoning credible and the Council appreciates him.

Councilman Pierce stated all on the Council will miss Mr. Bennett and that he has enjoyed working with him. He jokingly told Mr. Bennett that he (Pierce) would like to send a message to the Home Builders that just because he (Bennett) is on their side it does not mean the Council will automatically take his (Bennett’s) recommendation! He stated he looks forward to working with Mr. Bennett in the future and wished him the best.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated she knows no one who has had more influence in neighborhoods than Mr. Bennett; that he made a tremendous impact in her district and will miss him very much. She wished him luck in the future.

Councilman Taylor stated that he will really miss Mr. Bennett; that he could lean over and ask questions of Mr. Bennett. He stated since the short time he has been on the Council he certainly appreciates the advice he has given and definitely appreciated his opinion and fairness. He wished him well wherever he goes and God’s blessing.

Councilman Franklin echoed the comments of his colleagues and expressed appreciation, also. He stated he did not realize Mr. Bennett had been with the City 30 years, noting that he probably worked with his father. He wished Mr. Bennett all the best and indicated he has worked with some of his new colleagues and feels he will be a great asset to them.

**REZONING**

1999-009: Robert C. & Helen T. Mowery

Pursuant to notice of public hearing the request of Robert C. and Helen T. Mowery to rezone a tract of land located at 7401 Lee Highway came on to be heard.

The applicant was present; there was no opposition.

Mr. Pace stated this case was brought up earlier in the year and involves a tract of land located on Lee Highway, south of Tyner Road. He stated the request is for M-1 and the recommendation from the Staff is for denial, and the recommendation from Planning is for approval upon conditions that the property use remain the same as it is now.

Robert Mowery stated he and his wife own the property in question along with 7445 Lee Highway, as well. He stated he has been operating a trucking business there as long as Barry has been with Planning. He stated he started in the early 70's and has three sons in business with him. He distributed information regarding the property that gave a pictorial history of what has been done with the land beginning with the 70's through the 90's, as well as a petition signed by neighbors supporting his application for rezoning. He stated he does not have a used parts department anymore and is permitted to do his business because of the grandfather clause. He stated if the property was C-2 he could continue to use the property; that there is R-3 facing Lee Highway, with an M-2 zone across the Street and M-1 further down the street. He stated the zoning will automatically give an increase in taxes that the City will be able to get, and his rezoning request will improve the look in the community. He stated Councilman Eaves is familiar with the rear and side of the property and instructed him as to how to build the berm to make it more aesthetically suitable; that the berm is hidden from any of the surrounding residential areas. He stated he built the berm high enough and seeded it; that it will make that intersection at Tyner and Lee Highway much safer. He stated the State came in and purchased part of his property and built a turning lane that takes care of traffic turning into Tyner High.

Councilman Hakeem asked Mr. Mowery for clarification as to the zone he is requesting, whether he is asking for C-2. Mr. Pace clarified that the property is presently zoned R-3 and that his business is in a C-2 zone.

Councilman Hakeem asked if what he desires to do with the property can be done under the grandfather clause or present zoning. Mr. Pace stated what is on the property, as he understands it, is a vacant site and is in an R-3 zone; that if it were already there it would be grandfathered in and could continue, but the site is vacant.

Councilman Hakeem asked if he has to have the zoning changed to do what he desires. Mr. Pace responded "that is correct".

**REZONING (Continued)**

Mr. Mowery stated he purchased this property in the mid 80's when it became available and was not aware he could not use it in the same way; however, he was quickly informed.

Councilman Hakeem asked if the proposal is to limit the use of the property to the use that he would initially put into place. Mr. Pace responded "correct".

**At this point Councilman Hakeem made the motion to approve the request with Councilman Pierce seconding the motion.**

Councilwoman Rutherford stated that she did look at the property as Councilman Eaves asked. She stated there was no yellow sign up and inquired about the procedure. She asked Mr. Mowery if he posted the property so that the neighbors would know.

Mr. Mowery responded "yes"; that the sign was up three-or-four weeks. He stated as soon as the matter was set on the agenda and (he) was told he would have to bear expense for the ad, the lady at Planning called him to come down to get a yellow sign. He stated the sign is still up tonight; that he looked at it prior to coming to the Council meeting.

The question was asked if there was any opposition. Mr. Mowery indicated "no".

Councilwoman Rutherford stated the Ordinance stated "*subject to conditions by the Planning Commission*" and inquired as to what the conditions are.

Mr. Mowery made reference to the berm and the screening required. Mr. Pace stated, as he understood it when the zoning "kicks in" the landscaping ordinance requires screening around the property. He stated Mr. Mowery was referring to the request Councilman Eaves made in asking that a condition of berms be added. He stated that was not a condition from the Planning Commission; that the condition is that the property be used for the current use only.

Councilman Pierce stated when the landscape ordinance "kicks in" there will be an automatic condition for screening. Mr. Pace stated the landscaping protects the residential area to the west and north near Tyner Road.

Councilman Crockett stated as he looked at the 2000 Plan what is being discussed is that this area is actually in a C-2 zone; that the landscape ordinance would not "kick in" unless the entire tract was being rezoned. Mr. Pace stated it would where the industrial property abuts against a residential zone.

**REZONING (Continued)**

Councilman Crockett stated he wanted to be clear that we are changing all of this area to an industrial zone. Mr. Pace responded “no”; that the back portion against Tyner Road abuts a residential zone to the west; that there would have to be some trees against Lee Highway.

Councilman Crockett stated he would like to pass the Ordinance on what it is now; that Councilman Eaves understands it; that the drawing shows landscaping trees abutting Tyner Road and Lee Highway.

Mr. Pace stated the northern portion abuts Tyner Road; that a person would not landscape against his or her own property.

Councilman Crockett stated the point is that Councilman Eaves has been out and has a drawing that is not affected by the landscape ordinance; that he would like to vote on this on first reading and amend the conditions prior to second and third reading when Councilman Eaves is back.

Councilman Hakeem asked if Mr. Mowery has any problem with the berm that Councilman Eaves spoke with him about. Mr. Mowery responded “no”; that it is completed. He stated he told Councilman Eaves he would do that and it had nothing to do with the zoning. He stated he wanted to make it comfortable for the neighborhood; that he has been there a long time. He stated he moved ahead of the zoning to get the berm done; that it is much improved at that corner, now.

Councilwoman Hurley stated she understood the condition is that the property would not be used for another purpose except for the one for which Mr. Mowery is applying. She asked if he accepts the condition.

Mr. Mowery stated he was misinforming the Council; that Councilman Eaves talked with him and inspected the property and said he could not in good faith vote for this until he (Mowery) cleaned it up.

Councilwoman Hurley stated it is the purpose she is talking about. She stated the Planning Commission's recommendation is based upon the fact it be restricted to the use to which Mr. Mowery is going to use it and Mr. Mowery accepted it. At this point she called for the question.

City Attorney Nelson asked if the berm has been constructed and where it is. Mr. Mowery stated it is easier to see the berm on the pictorial information distributed; that the berm is coming back from the top of the R-3. He stated the trucks make noise and by building the berm high enough it will serve as a noise and sight barrier.

**REZONING (Continued)**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Pierce,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6958, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 7401 LEE HIGHWAY, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

passed first reading.

**PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

Councilman Hakeem stated on yesterday he talked with Mr. Wood of the Eastgate Company who stated the individual who will make the special presentation is going to be out of the City and requested that the matter be put off for two weeks. He stated this tabling request applies to the special presentation, as well as the Resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hakeem, seconded by Councilman Crockett,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$250,000.00) FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE EAASTGATE TOWN CENTER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL PLAZA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGREEMENT WITH EASTGATE TOWN CENTER AS AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 22057**

was tabled two weeks.

**GRANT**

Councilman Taylor expressed thanks to the representatives from Chattanooga Cares for being present to support the Resolution this evening.

Paul Scott, Executive Director of Chattanooga Cares, introduced persons present with him that included Cynthia Wood of the Prevention Department who has been with the agency eight years; Connie Havis, the Volunteer Coordinator who is instrumental in developing the Conference along with Ed Harrison, of the Southeast Tennessee Regional Health Coalition, a co-partner in this endeavor. He stated as a result of the impact of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community, they felt it imperative to develop a conference and agenda in order to educate the community about the impact. He stated of those testing positive in Hamilton County in the last two years, the numbers have increased greatly in the African-American population in 1997 at 57.5 percent and in 1998 at 60.5 percent.

**GRANT (Continued)**

Mr. Scott stated the complexion of AIDS and how it affects different people, cultural groups and races has changed over what was traditionally a white male disease when it first came out. He stated his agency felt compelled to develop this Conference to educate the community and empower the “gate keepers” in the African-American community to understand, participate and assist with understanding the developing strategies, as well as intervention. He stated the purpose is to bring together the people who are the “gate keepers”, social workers and community leaders who have a presence in the community to develop strategies and invite them to acquire the knowledge to assist them with implementing and developing a program. He again expressed thanks to the Council for the grant and stated the all-day Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26; that Hydeia Broadbent, a 15-year-old African-American female living with AIDS, will be the luncheon speaker. He stated Ms. Broadbent is a dynamic speaker and has won several awards. He stated she will be speaking at Howard at 7 p.m. and will address 800-1000 young adults and youth.

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) TO CHATTANOOGA CARES TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THEIR CONFERENCE REGARDING AIDS ISSUES, SUCH GRANT TO BE PAID FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND**

was adopted.

**PROPERTY ACQUISITION: VAAP**

On motion of Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY AT THE VOLUNTEER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (VAAP) THROUGH THE FEDERAL LANDS TO PARKS PROGRAM**

was adopted.

**CONTRACT: MARCH ADAMS & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Taylor,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARCH ADAMS & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A REPLACEMENT AIR COOLED CHILLER FOR THE CITY HALL BUILDING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000.00)**

was adopted.

**AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: ARCADIS, GERAGHTY & MILLER, INC.**

Councilman Franklin stated this Resolution was discussed in today's Public Works Committee and comes with the Committee's recommendation for approval.

On motion of Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilwoman Hurley,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS, GERAGHTY & MILLER, INC., RELATIVE TO THE TREMONT STREET COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW FACILITY, WHICH AMENDMENT INCREASES THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT BY EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$84,500.00) FOR A TOTAL AGREEMENT COST OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$226,000.00)**

was adopted.

**PROPERTY ACQUISITION: VAAP**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin,

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY AT THE VOLUNTEER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (VAAP) FOR CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT USES**

was adopted.

**OVERTIME**

Overtime for the week ending September 3, 1999 totaled \$19,185.40.

Overtime for the week ending October 1, 1999 totaled \$28,616.57.



**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Parks and Recreation Department:

DEXTER L. BELL -- New Hire, Cultural Arts Special (Music Specialist), Cultural Arts Division, Pay Grade 9/Step 1, \$21,918.00 annually, effective October 22, 1999.

JAMES W. TUMBLING -- New Hire, Custodian, Memorial Auditorium, Pay Grade 2/Step 1, \$14,115.00 annually, effective September 29, 1999.

BARRY A. SETLICH -- New Hire, Cultural Arts Specialist, Cultural Arts Division, Pay Grade 9/Step 1, \$21,918.00 annually, effective October 22, 1999.

**PURCHASE**

On motion of Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilwoman Rutherford, the following purchase was approved for use by the Parks and Recreation Department:

**BOLIN ENTERPRISES, INC. (Lowest and best bid)**  
**Requisition No. R0036883**

Foundation Repairs to Tivoli Theatre

\$15,950.00

**EMERGENCY PURCHASE**

The emergency purchase of Irrigation Pump and Parks for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$13,529.65, Requisition No. 0043759, to Mills Pump Service was duly reported and signed in open meeting.

**ART IN THE CITY**

Admin. Mitchell reminded Council members of the Thursday evening presentation of Art in the City in the hallways. He stated he has heard several good comments and would like to invite everyone to attend.

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Public Works Department:

MORRIS L. FITTEN -- Employment, Sanitation Worker, City-wide Services, Pay Grade 3/Step 1, \$15,230.00 annually, effective September 29, 1999.

MELVIN ANDERSON -- Release from Duty (Disability), Equipment Operator, City-wide Services, effective September 29, 1999.

DONALD K. SCHNEITMAN -- Suspension (3 days without pay), Crew Worker Sr., City-wide Services, effective September 22 - 24, 1999.

ELDRIDGE KENNEMER -- Suspension (4 days without pay), Sanitation Worker, City-wide Services, effective September 20 - 24, 1999.

JEFFERY A. HORNE -- Termination, Crew Worker, City-wide Services, effective September 21, 1999.

DORIS SATTERWHITE -- Release from Duty (Disability), Custodian, City-wide Services, effective September 29, 1999.

OTIS RUMPH -- Release from Duty (Disability), Heavy Equipment Operator, City-wide Services, effective September 29, 1999.

JOHN W. WEHUNT -- Promotion, Information Technician, Engineering, Pay Grade 10/Step 2, \$24,185.00 annually, effective September 10, 1999.

RUTH A. MANNING -- Promotion, Information Technician, Engineering, Pay Grade 10/ Step 2, \$23,033.00, effective September 10, 1999.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Crockett, the following purchases were approved for use by the Public Works Department:

**VULCAN MATERIALS CO. (Per Section 2-342, Paragraph V, Chattanooga City Code)**  
**Contract No. P0009948**

Extension of Contract for Emulsion and Emulsified Asphalt

**(Price information available and filed with minute material)**

**PURCHASES (Continued)**

**F. M. FUSSELL CO. (Per Section 2-342, Paragraph V, Chattanooga City Code)**  
**Contract No. P0009958**

Extension of Contract for Cement, Mortar Mix, Expansion Joint and Wire Mesh

**(Price information available and filed with minute material)**

**HOTEL PERMIT**

On motion Councilman Crockett, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following hotel permit was approved:

**COMFORT SUITES**, 2431 Williams Street

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Chief Coppinger stated Fire Prevention Week began on Monday and expressed appreciation to Councilman Taylor, Chairman of Safety Committee, for coming out to their opening event.

**FIREFIGHTERS' COMBAT CHALLENGE**

Chief Coppinger stated he would like to boast about the firefighters for a moment. He stated eight firefighters competed in a highly competitive combat challenge in Winston-Salem and all eight qualified for the finals; that of the eight, six are men and two are women. He stated one firefighter who is 51 years old with two years of service advanced to the world championship. He stated all of the firefighters represented the City well.

Councilwoman Rutherford inquired as to the types of tasks that are required during the challenge.

Chief Coppinger stated there are six tasks that have to be completed within a three minute time period, and in order to go to the world championship the tasks have to be completed in a time frame under two minutes. He stated the competitor has to climb four flights of stairs with 40 pounds of protective clothing on and hoist up to 60 pounds. He stated they have to strike a machine simulating an entry, run 100 feet while dragging a 220-pound hose and hit a target; that they then have to pick up a 175-pound mannequin and drag it 100 feet.

**FIREFIGHTERS' COMBAT CHALLENGE**  
**(Continued)**

He stated one firefighter completed the tasks in less than the time required to compete nationally. He stated he will bring the firefighters before the Council for recognition; that it was the first time in history that the department competed. He stated the firefighters are excited and so is the Department. He stated it shows the community that the firefighters are ready and able to perform their duties. He stated there was a competition for Fire Chiefs but he did not participate.

**MCCALLIE AVENUE FIRE**

Councilwoman Rutherford inquired about the fire situation on McCallie Avenue.

Chief Coppinger stated there was a three alarm fire under one roof and the firefighters were able to contain it. He stated five small businesses were involved; that there was a fire wall between one of the businesses. He stated there was a lot of devastation with extensive property damage and were able to get the victims out with no injuries.

**PERSONNEL**

The following personnel matters were reported for the Chattanooga Police Department:

HERBERT M. KEEDY, JR. -- Retirement, Police Sergeant, effective October 7, 1999.

CHERRY ANN EVANS -- Declined Position, School Patrol, effective September 24, 1999.

Chief Dotson acknowledged the retirement of Herbert Keedy after twenty-five years of excellent service with the Department.

**PURCHASES**

On motion of Councilwoman Rutherford, seconded by Councilman Franklin, the following purchases were approved for use by the Chattanooga Police Department:

**MOTOROLA (Per State Contract SWC 420)**  
**Requisition No. R0038354**

Portable Radio Units

\$26,001.50

**PURCHASES (Continued)**

**GOTCHA, INC. (Sole Source per TCA 6-56-301)**  
**Requisition No. R0033426**

In/Car Video/Audio Systems

\$16,400.00

**POLICE PRECINCTS**

Chief Dotson announced that beginning today citizens can go to the precincts and get reports without having to go to the Service Center. He stated the goal is to make sure the Department becomes more customer oriented; that when the Department comes "on line" they will have that service available so that citizens can pick up all reports and conduct business in their neighborhoods without having to go to the Service Center.

Chairman Lively indicated that this is a good move!

**HEARING: REGINALD FINLEY**

City Attorney Nelson stated the hearing for Officer Finley was recessed in order to give the Internal Affairs Department time to complete their investigation into the latest complaint against him. He stated the investigation has been completed and sustained and the Police Department would like to reschedule the hearing before the same Committee to pick up where it left off. He stated members of the panel included Councilmen Eaves, Hurley and Rutherford

**The hearing for Officer Finley was rescheduled for Monday, October 11 at 7 p.m.**

Councilman Pierce asked if it was legitimate to do it that way; that the officer was charged with a specific charge and he caught another charge in between. He stated he cannot see them holding one charge and waiting on another.

City Attorney Nelson stated, generally, if an officer is found guilty of one charge then his entire record may be looked at to determine what punishment should be for that charge. He stated while he was not present and did not see it, it would appear to be an acceptable procedure.

Councilman Pierce asked if the recommendation was from administration to suspend the meeting until further investigation on the new charge was complete?

City Attorney Nelson stated he did not know whose recommendation it was.

**HEARING: REGINALD FINLEY (Continued)**

Councilwoman Hurley clarified that it was from Atty. Shelley Parker.

Councilman Pierce asked if that procedure was correct?

City Attorney Nelson stated he has not seen it done that way before, but apparently the second charge was of the same type the first charge was for the same offense.

Councilman Pierce stated he felt administration should have asked that the hearing be suspended until they investigated the charge.

City Attorney Nelson responded "they have".

Councilman Pierce stated this should have happened before the hearing; that they should have asked for a delay before the hearing started.

Councilwoman Rutherford stated the Committee took the advice of Atty. Cash who was representing us is how the Committee came to that decision.

Councilwoman Hurley again clarified that it was on the recommendation of Atty. Shelley Parker.

**HEARING: TIMOTHY NABORS**

Councilman stated a hearing was held for Timothy Nabors and Council members serving on the hearing recommended unanimously to support the administration's recommendation for termination.

**COMMITTEES**

Councilman Crockett cancelled the Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 19.

Councilman Hakeem stated a **joint meeting of Budget and Economic Development will be held on Tuesday, October 12 immediately following the Parks and Recreation Committee.** He stated the agenda for the Committee meeting will consist of budget amendments, possibly an initiative from the Chamber will be presented and an outline of where we are in the tax equity question so that we can decide where we want to go with it from here with the City and County tax agreement we have had over the years.

**COMMITTEES (Continued)**

Councilman Taylor scheduled a meeting of the Safety Committee for Tuesday, October 19 immediately following the Public Works Committee for a hands-on demonstration of the Police Department's new lap top technology.

**TML REGIONAL MEETING**

Councilman Hakeem stated on tomorrow in Knoxville there will be a regional luncheon meeting for City officials of TML. He stated it is considered vital that representatives from each district should be there. He stated the meeting deals with the statewide tax question where it is projected we will have a deficit of \$382 million in the State's next budget. He stated he has requested a City car for the trip and invited other Council members to ride with him if their schedules permit. He stated the luncheon meeting is scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. at the Howard Johnson Plaza, located at 621 Kingston Pike.

**GPS SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS**

Chairman Lively recognized the presence of several seventh grade students from GPS. Each were asked to stand and identify themselves.

It was indicated Councilwomen Hurley and Rutherford are former GPS students. Councilwoman Hurley stated that she was delighted to have the students present and expressed hope that they would follow her and Councilwoman Rutherford and run for City Council some day!

**DR. GRACE HEWELL**

Dr. Grace Hewell stated she would like to bring to the Council's attention that two young people attended the Congressional Black Caucus on Environmental Justice last weekend. She stated the National Institute of Medicine has come out with a report on a three year study where it is indicated environmental justice is very important. She stated she and others in AARP are working closely with the Chattanooga delegation and Senator Crutchfield to get one of the first resolutions on environmental justice at the State Legislative level. She stated since the State Legislature has taken a policy position on environmental justice and she asked if the Council would consider that, as well; that there are three bills in Congress on this topic.

Councilman Hakeem made the motion to refer the matter for discussion in a meeting of the Economic Development Committee; Councilwoman Rutherford seconded the motion; the motion passed. Councilman Crockett, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, stated he will review the information prior to discussion in Committee.

**JERRY SHORT**

Jerry Short inquired as to whether Council members are receiving the AIM Center's newsletter and stated the Center will celebrate homecoming on October 29 and hoped Councilman Hakeem would be available to attend since the Center falls within his district. He stated a softball game will be held on Saturday with the players being comprised of persons from the Westside and the Police Department. He asked Councilman Pierce to attend the game as the district's representative.

**LADIES OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Councilwoman Rutherford stated Councilwoman Hurley will be honored at one of the Ladies of Significance at a reception at the History Museum on Sunday afternoon. She stated since the students from GPS were present she wanted to make them aware of this; that she is very proud of her and wishes her the best.

Jerry Pace stated Dr. Grace Hewell served in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations in Washington and is one of our "giants" in Chattanooga.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lively adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, October 12, 1999.

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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)**



