

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Regular Meeting
January 18, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 18th day of January, 2017, a Regular Meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

0:48

Present and presiding was the Honorable Chester Bankston, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Jenneth Randall.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Public Notice of this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

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1:08 Commissioner Fairbanks introduced Reader Betty Morris, Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Chattanooga, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Fairbanks led in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2:48 County Clerk Bill Knowles stated that a correction had been made to the January 4, 2017 minutes per Commissioner Martin's request. It was noted that at last week's Agenda Session, Commissioner Martin asked that the record more accurately reflect a reference he made pertaining to the Hixson High School track.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of December 28, 2016, the Recessed Meeting of January 4, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2017, be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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CRIMINAL COURT CLERK'S REPORTS

The Criminal Court Clerk's reports for November 2016 were submitted and made a matter of record.

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An Order was recorded designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of January 9, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. 117-14 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, AND THE BONDS AND
OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED.**

3:54

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 117-14. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 117-15 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS AND ONE (1) COMMISSIONER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 18, 2017, AND ENDING JANUARY 18, 2019.

4:26 This Resolution appoints Commissioner Randy Fairbanks, Tammy Cotter, and Johnny Johnson.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 117-15. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

5:08 **RESOLUTION NO. 117-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FROM BOND FUNDS TO REPLACE THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL/BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK (PREVIOUSLY RES. NO. 117-6).**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 117-16.

5:29

Commissioner Beck referenced the discussion at last week's Agenda Session regarding obtaining a prioritized list of school needs in order to determine how to allocate the available bond funds. He noted that each Commissioner was given a copy of the Department of Education's Bond and Capital Expenditures by District from 1999 to 2016. He pointed out that District five which he represents has only received \$4 million in bond funds for school projects/repairs. A copy of the spreadsheet was filed with the Clerk's office. He expressed concern that funds would not be available for projects in District 5 in the future, and indicated a desire to table the item until a more equitable solution is reached.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to table Resolution No. 117-16. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Nay", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Nay", and Chairman Bankston, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 4.

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In response to Chairman Bankston's question, Clerk Knowles stated that it would take a two-third's vote to remove the item from the table.

9:27

Commissioner Martin requested a list of capital maintenance projects from the Department of Education in order to prioritize spending. Chairman Bankston responded that a formal request would need to be made. He noted that this would be the second request made for the list.

Commissioner Mackey requested additional information regarding spending from the School Board and the Finance Department.

11:16

Commissioner Graham suggested combining the Commission's leftover bond funds with the proceeds the School Board will receive from the sale of East Brainerd Elementary School in order to complete necessary projects in all districts. He encouraged both bodies to reach a compromise.

In response to Commissioner Smedley's question, Chairman of the School Board Steve Highlander stated that a list of priorities will be discussed at the Board's upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting. He noted that a formal letter requesting such list would be helpful.

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In response to Commissioner Smedley's question regarding safety on the track, Attorney Taylor stated that the item has been tabled and further discussion should be deferred.

15:56 Mayor Coppinger stated that if the school board's risk manager determines it to be a liability, then the track should be posted as off limits for use to reduce the risk of injury and ease the County's legal responsibility.

16:59 **RESOLUTION NO. 117-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE) TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BOOKS FOR HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 117-17. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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17:41 **RESOLUTION NO. 117-18 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ROSS GLASS & ALUMINUM, LLC, FOR \$32,275.00, FOR REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AT THE JOHN A. PATTEN RECREATION CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION (PREVIOUSLY RES. NO. 1016-15).**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 117-18. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

18:28 **RESOLUTION NO. 117-19 A RESOLUTION (1) ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM BID AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY HAMILTON COUNTY THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES (2) AUTHORIZING THE OFFER OF SAID PARCELS FOR SALE AT THAT MINIMUM BID AMOUNT, AND (3) AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SAID PARCELS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE FOR AN AMOUNT LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES, PENALTY, COST AND INTEREST ACCUMULATED AGAINST THE PROPERTY.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 117-19. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-20 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2133 RETRO HUGHES ROAD.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to deny Resolution No. 117-20.

It was noted that the applicant and a group opposing the zoning change were present at today's meeting.

Commissioner Fairbanks reported that he has received multiple calls and emails about this item pertaining to gun rights. He clarified that his recommendation to deny this item was due to the location and did not reflect his stance on gun rights. He added

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that protecting property rights of his constituents was what he was elected to do. He noted that he was in support of gun rights.

20:58 In response to Commissioner Fields' request for clarification, Chairman Bankston confirmed that voting "Aye" would be a vote to deny the special permit.

Commissioner Beck agreed with Commissioner Fairbanks comments. He stated that while Hamilton County supports new businesses, the support or opposition of taxpayers should ultimately be the deciding factor.

Commissioner Graham thanked Commissioner Fairbanks and Commissioner Beck for their comments. He encouraged the applicants to seek out another location for the shooting range.

Commissioner Mackey stated that he would be relying on Commissioner Fairbanks' recommendation.

The foregoing Resolution was denied on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and

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Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8.

Total "Nay" votes – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-21A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO 0-1 OFFICE DISTRICT, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5631 WATKINS STREET.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-21B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO 0-1 OFFICE DISTRICT, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5631 WATKINS STREET.

27:03

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 117-21A and 117-21B, and stated that the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval of Resolution No. 117-21B, which includes certain conditions as recommended by the Regional Planning Agency. It was noted that no opposition was present.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 117-21B. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham,

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“Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-22A A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A PERMANENT AMUSEMENT RESORT & WEDDING BARN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10905 HOWE FARMS WAY.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-22B A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A PERMANENT AMUSEMENT RESORT & WEDDING BARN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10905 HOWE FARMS WAY.

Resolution Nos. 117-22A and 117-22B were pulled during last week’s Agenda Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-23 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 8199 AND 8231 BALATA DRIVE.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 117-23, and stated that the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval. It was noted that no opposition was present.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 117-23. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 117-24 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT,
PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 9742 AND 9744 EAST BRAINERD ROAD.
RESOLUTION NO. 117-25 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY
ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, EXCEPTIONS, SECTION 408 SHORT TERM
VACATION RENTALS RELATING TO BEING REVOCABLE.**

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 117-24, and stated that the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval. It was noted that no opposition was present.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 117-24. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a

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Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-25 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, EXCEPTIONS, SECTION 408 SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS RELATING TO BEING REVOCABLE.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 117-25, and stated that the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval. It was noted that no opposition was present.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 117-25. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner

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Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 117-26 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY
ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS
AND ARTICLE VII, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, SECTION 500 SPECIAL
PERMITS RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENT FACILITIES.**

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 117-26, and stated that the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval. It was noted that no opposition was present.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 117-26. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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31:14 **RESOLUTION NO. 117-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$345,050.00 TO PROVIDE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION SERVICES IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017.**

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 117-27, and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 117-27, The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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LATE ITEM

**RESOLUTION NO. 117-28 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____
AS JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE
RESIGNATION OF SHARETTA SMITH, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING
JANUARY 18, 2017 AND EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2017, AND ESTABLISHING THE
COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED.**

Chairman Bankston noted that interviews were conducted after last week's Agenda Session and opened the floor for nominations for Judicial Commissioner.

Commissioner Fairbanks nominated Brandy Spurgin-Floyd. Commissioner Beck nominated J. Micah Guster, III. There were no other nominations.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "J. Micah Guster, III", Commissioner Boyd, "Brandy Spurgin-Floyd", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Brandy Spurgin-Floyd", Commissioner Fields, "Brandy Spurgin-Floyd", Commissioner Graham, "J. Micah Guster, III", Commissioner Mackey, "J. Micah Guster, III", Commissioner Martin, "Brandy Spurgin-Floyd", Commissioner Smedley, "Brandy Spurgin-Floyd", and Chairman Bankston, "Brandy Spurgin-Floyd". Total Present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Brandy Spurgin-Floyd" votes – 6. Total "J. Micah Guster, III" votes – 3.

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Deputy Clerk Carrie Godwin was asked to read the Resolution with the name of Brandy Spurgin-Floyd inserted in the blank.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 117-28 with the name Brandy Spurgin-Floyd inserted in the blank. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

37:44 Commissioner Graham thanked both applicants for their interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

38:44 Commissioner Graham recognized Jerry Walls and his wife, Karen, who were present in the audience at today's meeting. He stated that Mr. Walls is the Vice President of the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association, and was instrumental in keeping the City of Chattanooga from tearing down the John A. Patten Recreation

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Center in Lookout Valley several years ago. Commissioner Graham thanked the Commission for their support for the window replacement project at the center.

39:58 Commissioner Martin asked that Chairman Bankston draft a formal letter to the School Board requesting a prioritized list of projects.

40:36 Commissioner Boyd spoke about the upcoming School Board vote on transferring athletic facilities at East Ridge High School to the city of East Ridge. He stated that little to no funding was allocated for upgrades to the athletic facility at East Ridge by the Department of Education or the County until the stadium was determined unfit for use, at which time the Department of Education replaced the stadium for a cost of \$300,000.00. He stated that multiple fields at the school are currently unfit for use, and citizens and the elected officials of East Ridge have offered to take the property and upgrade the athletic facilities. He stated that the transfer would relieve the County and the Department of Education from allocating funds towards the upgrades. He questioned if there was a negative side to transferring the property to the City of East Ridge.

Mayor Coppinger responded to Commissioner Boyd's comments. He stated that the decision is ultimately the School Board's, but giving up assets could have a negative effect on the County's bond ratings. Mayor Coppinger cautioned members of the Commission about giving away property and noted the importance of having claw back

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provisions within the agreement. He added that Real Property Manager Paul Parker could be a valuable asset to the School Board to make sure that agreements and claw back clauses have been thoroughly vetted.

Commissioner Boyd thanked Mayor Coppinger for his comments and agreed the contract should contain claw back provisions. He encouraged Commissioners to contact their School Board member to voice support for the property transfer.

48:38

Commissioner Smedley thanked County Clerk Bill Knowles for his valued and exceptional work in running such an efficient office. She also thanked Mayor Coppinger for his recent comments about growth in Hamilton County. Clerk Knowles expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Smedley and noted that he has a great staff.

50:00

Commissioner Fairbanks announced that a Securities and Corrections Committee meeting would take place in the Commission Conference Room following today's meeting.

50:14

County Attorney Rheubin Taylor indicated he had reviewed and approved revisions to the Trustee's Employee Handbook as required by law and submitted a copy of his letter of approval to the Clerk's office for the record.

Attorney Taylor called for a brief legal meeting following today's meeting.

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Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioner Smedley for her comments.

50:51

Mayor Coppinger spoke about visiting the Business Development Center. He stated that Branch Technology, located within the center, just participated in a competition in Miami, Florida using their C-Fab Technology, which uses cellular fabrication to build walls, ceilings, etc. It was noted that Branch Technology will be building an exhibit to place at the Chattanooga State campus using the largest 3-D printer in the United States. He commended their hard work and encouraged Commissions to visit the Business Development Center.

Chairman Bankston reported that he has visited the Business Development Center and commended their hard work.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

53:34

Jerry Walls, Vice President of the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association, thanked Commissioners for their support for the replacement windows at the John A. Patten Recreation Center. He emphasized the importance of supporting small businesses and vocational education in Hamilton County.

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Mayor Coppinger responded to Mr. Wall's comments and stated that small businesses make up about 93% of all businesses in Hamilton County.

There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

02-01-18
Date

WJK
Clerk's Initials