HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION JULY 8, 2015

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Agenda Preparation Session

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) July 8, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of July, 2015, an Agenda Preparation Session 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:--

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Present and presiding was the Honorable Jim Fields, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fields. 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 Bill McGriff.

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0:25 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Fields indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- An Order of Reappointment to the Walden's Ridge Utility District Board of Commissioners.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The Criminal Court Clerk's Report for May 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 715-18 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc.
 This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution No. 715-20A and 715-20B was assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Haynes.
- Resolution Nos. 715-21 through 715-25 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolution Nos. 715-19 and 715-26 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Fields stated that Resolution Nos. 715-19 and 715-26 would now be heard by the Committee of the Whole.

1:06 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 715-19

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which reappoints Robert Lynch to the Chattanooga –Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Board for a term ending July

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19, 2019. He noted Mr. Lynch was an active member and has served on the board since 1992.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

2:04 COMMITTEE OF THE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 715-26

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which authorizes payment o Will Denami to represent the interest of Hamilton County before the Tennessee General Assembly and other Governmental entities during fiscal year 2015-2016. The Tennessee General Assembly has been introducing bills the last quarter of the year instead of waiting until January. Therefore, Mr. Denami's expertise is needed full time instead of part time and his contract will change from four months to twelve months. Mr. Denami will receive salary and expenses as specified in the Resolution.

Commissioner Mackey spoke highly of Mr. Denami and reflected on the many times he has witnessed him working hard at the Tennessee State Capitol.

In response to Commissioner Graham's concerns, Mayor Coppinger spoke in support of Mr. Denami and thanked him for his commitment to support and serve

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Hamilton County. In closing, he reflected on the countless dollars Mr. Denami has saved taxpayers.

Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Roads, Waste, Energy, Transportation and Zoning Committee, announced the committee would meet in the conference room following today's meeting.

Commissioner Graham, Chairman of the Finance Committee announced that the Finance Committee would be meeting in the Commission Room immediately after the Agenda Session.

5:07 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

County Mayor reported that the Hamilton County Forensic Center is in dire need of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning unit (HVAC). Camel and Associates is currently doing the HVAC design for a fee of \$5,000. HVAC replacement cost is not to exceed \$100,000 and three quotes will be brought back to the commission for approval.

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In closing, Mayor Coppinger announced two new projects that have created additional jobs in Chattanooga. Remington Industries will be investing more than \$4 million dollars and creating 89 jobs. Remington will manufacture injection molded plastic parts and compound rubber parts from a 63,000 square foot facility in Mountain View Industrial Park in Ooltewah. Yanfeng Automotive Interiors will be investing \$55 million and creating 350 jobs. The company will supply interior components, including floor consoles, instrument panels and trunk trim for future Volkswagen models, including the new mid-size SUV. Yanfeng Automotive will be requesting a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement.

8:35

Commissioner Boyd invited the public and media to attend an open discussion meeting at ArtsBuild, July 15th at 8:00 am. ArtsBuild has requested district eight discretionary funds to support a program they wish to offer. He also invited the public and the media to attend a community meeting to be held at Christ United Methodist, in East Brainerd, July 13th at 6:30 pm. He indicated that he would be in attendance as well as Commissioner Smedley.

9:52

Commissioner Graham, Chairman of the Finance Committee announced that the Hamilton County Forensic Center has also been in contact with him and he had been receiving updates from the Mayor's staff on progress. In closing, he noted that it is evident that the HVAC system needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

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Chairman Fields announced that the Signal Mountain Playhouse will be begin

featuring Peter Pan this Friday, July 10th. The performances will be held at the outdoor

amphitheatre, with curtain at 8:00 pm each night.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fields asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were

none.

Being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting adjourned until

Wednesday, July 15th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-05-15

Date

Clerk's Initials

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