

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION JULY 12, 2017

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- The report on Debt Obligation dated June 29, 2017 would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 717-11 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolutions No. 717-12 through 717-27 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Bankston stated Resolutions No. 717-12 through 717-27 would now be heard by a Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-12

0:46

This Resolution appoints Vince Butler to the Hamilton County Health and Safety Board for a term beginning July 19, 2017 and ending July 19, 2019.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-13

1:05 This Resolution appoints Rebecca Jones and Don Howe and reappoints Charles Blevins and Stephen E. Meyer to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council for four year terms beginning July 19, 2017 and ending July 19, 2021.

 There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-14

1:33 This Resolution appoints David Roddy to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council to fill an unexpired term ending May 7, 2018.

 There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-15

1:51 This Resolution confirms the appointment by the County Mayor of Sheila Boyington to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees for a term ending August 31, 2018.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-16

2:11 This Resolution confirms the appointment by the County Mayor of Karen Shostak to the Hamilton County Beer Board for a term ending May 18, 2019.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-17

2:28 This Resolution confirms the reappointment by the County Mayor of Daniel K. Collyer, Eddie Phillips, and Boyd A. Veal to the Emergency Communications District Board of Directors for terms ending July 15, 2021.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-18

2:5 This Resolution confirms the appointment by the County Mayor of Doug Fisher to the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority Board of Commissioners for a term ending July 18, 2022.

 There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-19

3:12 Commissioner Smedley spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$750.00 to Medal of Honor Hall of Valor Museum of Military History Foundation from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district seven. It was noted the funds will assist with the purchase of a table for their Celebration of Valor luncheon. Commissioner Smedley noted the funds should be allocated from general fund travel discretionary monies.

 There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-20

3:53 Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$750.00 to Medal of Honor Hall of Valor Museum of Military History Foundation from general fund travel discretionary monies, as allotted to district nine. It was noted the funds will assist with the purchase of a table for their Celebration of Valor luncheon.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-21

4:16 Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which authorizes a contract for professional services with Will Denami to represent the interests of Hamilton County before the Tennessee General Assembly and other governmental entities. He noted this is an annual contract that may be extended four additional one-year terms without coming back before the commission so long as there are no changes to Mr. Denami's salary.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-22

6:01

Director of Administration for the Sheriff's Office Don Gorman spoke regarding this Resolution which accepts the quotation of DataWorks Plus, LLC for software and hardware continued maintenance and support, amounting to \$35,871.71, for one year beginning August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018. He noted this was an annual contract for support and maintenance of the electronic fingerprint and mugshot machines.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-23

6:44

Development Director Dan Saieed spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to accept a \$200,000 Fast Track Economic Development Fund Grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of West Star Aviation, Inc. to provide various improvements at the company's hanger facility at the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport. He reported the grant was applied for February 17, 2016 (*Resolution No. 216-31*) and has created 200 new jobs in Hamilton County with an average annual wage of \$55,000.00 for maintenance employees. He noted Charles Wood, Vice President of Economic Development for the Chamber of Commerce, was present to answer any questions.

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Several Commissioners thanked Mr. Saieed and Mr. Wood for obtaining this grant and bringing additional jobs to Hamilton County.

8:41

In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Mr. Wood stated the job opportunities are specialty jobs, including aircraft maintenance and management. He noted Chattanooga State Technical Community College is offering a certification program in aircraft maintenance.

In response to Commissioner Fairbanks' question, Mr. Wood confirmed the 200 new jobs are permanent full time jobs.

At the request of Commissioner Mackey, Mr. Wood spoke about the workforce demand in Hamilton County. He reported the metropolitan unemployment rate is 3.3%, which is the lowest since 2007. He noted the gap between available jobs and the deficit in workers to fill them has been addressed. Mr. Wood also reported Hamilton County graduates roughly 3,000 high school students each year, and the Chamber hopes to work with Mayor Copping and the School Board to provide skill development programs that would allow those students to enter directly into the workforce.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's questions, Mr. Wood explained on the front end most of the workforce will be recruited in from other areas, as Hamilton County

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does not have an established aviation industry. Mr. Wood commended Chattanooga State for their workforce development programs. He added the Chamber does not plan to stop recruiting companies to come to the area or developing skilled workers to fill the job pipeline.

Commissioner Smedley stated she had the opportunity to attend meetings with Mr. Saieed in Washington D.C. and commended his work in obtaining these types of grants.

18:20

Mayor Coppinger reported during his tenure over 14,000 new jobs have been created in Hamilton County. He noted there was never a time when workers were not available to fill open jobs. He spoke about the West Star Aviation recruitment process and thanked the Chamber, Chattanooga State, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and all other organizations helping with workforce development. Mayor Coppinger expressed frustration at the inordinate amount of people applying for jobs that cannot pass drug screens, or do not have the necessary soft skills.

Chairman Bankston thanked Mr. Wood for his work in Hamilton County.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-24

Administrator of Finance Al Kiser spoke regarding this item, which authorizes Hamilton County to make an intergovernmental transfer to the State of Tennessee TennCare program in order to secure additional funding from the State of Tennessee's Public Hospital Supplemental Payment Pool Plan (PHSPP) for Erlanger. He noted this would net approximately \$23 million for Erlanger from the TennCare Program.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-25

25:48

Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to execute a deed conveying Hamilton County's interest in the 2100 Block of Wilson Avenue (Tax Map Parcel 136M-C-003) and 3702 10th Avenue (Tax Map Parcel 168G-D-025) acquired through previous delinquent tax sales and jointly owned by Hamilton County and the City of Chattanooga. He noted the property would be used to reconstruct Avondale Youth and Family Development Center on Dodson Avenue and for future development related to the East Lake Youth and Family Development Center. He noted Real Property Manager Paul Parker was available to answer any questions.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mr. Parker explained the centers are in separate locations, but both locations have adjacent properties available for development.

Commissioner Graham stated this is a great opportunity for the centers to expand and place the adjacent properties back on the tax rolls.

Chairman Bankston reported Resolution Nos. 717-26 and 717-27 would also be heard by a Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-26

28:58

Karen Rennich, Deputy Director of the Regional Planning Agency, spoke regarding this item, which rezones from A-1 Agricultural District and R-2 Residential District to R-1 Single Family Residential District, property located at 2606 Ooltewah-Ringgold Road (Tax Map Parcels 160-040.02 and 160-040.04). It was noted the applicant, Bryan Bledsoe with Assurance Land Development, was present. No opposition was present. Ms. Rennich provided details regarding the project, which includes a 9.6-acre development with 31 single-family dwellings. She stated the proposal came out of Planning Commission with a recommendation to approve.

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In response to Commissioner Smedley's question, Ms. Rennich stated developers are strongly encouraged to hold meetings with the community and surrounding property owners. She added this ensures the project moves forward in a timely manner.

Commissioner Smedley spoke about concerns neighboring property owners relayed to her including the widening of Ooltewah-Ringgold Road and stormwater run-off. She encouraged the RPA to consider the widening of the road when giving estimated setbacks or right-of-ways to developers.

37:01

Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon addressed concerns including traffic on Ooltewah-Ringgold Road and stormwater run-off. It was noted the developer is required to follow Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines in regards to flood plain elevations and run-off detention.

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place among Commissioners, Ms. Rennich, Mr. Leamon, and Mr. Bledsoe. Topics included flood zone and stormwater regulations and enforcement, zoning restrictions, compliance with conditions and regulations, and additional conditions for development of the aforementioned property.

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After much discussion, it was agreed by all parties that a condition would be added to the language of the Resolution prior to Commission approval, which requires maintaining a natural, undisturbed buffer of 15 feet from the property lines in Grenada Estates subdivision. It was noted Ms. Rennich would draft the amended language and submit it to the County Attorney's Office.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-27

1:12:12 Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon spoke regarding this item, which accepts the bid of Talley Construction Company, Inc. for one-year contract pricing, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, beginning July 20, 2017 and ending July 19, 2018 for In-Place Hot Mix Asphalt. He noted this gives the County an option in the event additional road paving projects arise.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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1:13:36 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Chairman Bankston reported he was not contacted about a meeting with Tennessee Commissioner of Education Candice McQueen and School Board members, nor was he aware of any partnership.

1:14:51 Commissioner Martin welcomed former District 3 Commissioner Mitch McClure to today's meeting. He thanked Mr. McClure for his work as Chairman of the Board at the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

1:14:51 Attorney Taylor announced he would be submitting a Resolution to be considered at next week's Regular Meeting regarding the revised Official Rules and Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners.

Attorney Taylor announced the County Purchasing Department now has a Tickle reminder system. He referenced the County Clerk's 1996 Tickle reminder procedure that remains in place to assist all county departments. However, he stated that Purchasing Director Gail Roppo has requested that all purchasing items that flow through her department be deleted eliminating confusion when receiving reminders from two sources.

Attorney Taylor called for a legal meeting in the Commission Conference Room immediately following today's meeting.

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County Clerk Bill Knowles confirmed the Purchasing Department will be sending out reminders for purchasing related items.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:17:11 Mitch McClure, residing at 1703 Thrasher Pike, Hixson, TN 37343, addressed the Commission regarding the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) and recent discussions regarding accountability of non-profit organizations. He distributed a handout to Commissioners, and thanked Clerk Knowles for providing information included in the handout. A copy of the handout was filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Mr. McClure provided background information on the history of funding for fire protection services in Hamilton County, and spoke of the many ways Dallas Bay VFD remains transparent and accountable to County government, including financial statements that are filed with the County Clerk's Office annually. It was noted Dallas Bay VFD does not fall under the parameters of recently adopted Resolution No. 617-35, which requires certain policies of non-profits receiving County appropriations in excess of 25% of their operating budgets.

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In response to questions by Commissioner Fairbanks and Commissioner Graham, Mr. McClure explained the reporting he discussed is required by multiple local, state, and federal agencies.

Administrator of Finance Al Kiser and Clerk Knowles each confirmed financial statements are required to be filed annually by any non-profit agency receiving County funding.

Being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 19th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-02-17
Date

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Clerk's Initials