



## HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION NOVEMBER 11, 2015

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- A Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ending September 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Unaudited Financial Reports from Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk and Master, County Clerk and Register for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 1115-16 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 1115-17A, 1115-17B, and 1115-18 were assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Haynes.
- Resolution Nos. 1115-19, and 1115-25 through 1115-33 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Boyd.
- Resolution No. 1115-24 was assigned to the Roads Committee, chaired by Commissioner Haynes.
- Resolution Nos. 1115-20 through 1115-23 and 1115-34 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Bankston stated that Resolution Nos. 1115-20 through 1115-23 and 1115-34 would now be heard by the Committee of the Whole.

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1:44 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1115-20**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$1,500.00 from general fund discretionary monies to the City of Chattanooga as allotted to District 4. The funds will assist with renovations at the South Chattanooga Youth and Family Development Center. Commissioner Mackey added that this is an effort to help reduce violence.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

2:24 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1115-21**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$2,500.00 from general fund discretionary monies to the Tides Foundation as allotted to District 4. The NAACP has entered into an agreement with the Tides Foundation to create the NAACP Collective Action Fund in order to raise funds locally. It was noted that these funds will assist the NAACP in developing community initiatives and projects.

Commissioner Mackey added that the goal is to keep kids focused on education and out of trouble.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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2:52 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1115-22**

Commissioner Beck spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$2,500.00 from general fund discretionary monies to the Tides Foundation as allotted to District 5. He noted that this item is a joint effort with Commissioner Mackey in order to assist the NAACP in developing community initiatives and projects.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

3:26 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1115-23**

Attorney Taylor spoke regarding this item, which amends and extends the current contract with the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM) for management of the rail yard and tracks at the Enterprise South Industrial Park. The amended contract will guarantee the County at least \$140,000 in income per year for the TVRM's exclusive operation of the rail system inside the park.

4:57 In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Albert Kiser, Administrator of Finance, added that the rail system has generated between \$76,000 and \$126,000 in revenue for the County over the last few years. He added that the amended contract will guarantee the County \$140,000 or 4% of their gross revenue, whichever is greater. Mr.

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Kiser clarified that the County is not currently paying the TVRM to manage the rail system; their revenue is generated from suppliers through user fees. It was noted that the museum is required to report their gross revenue quarterly, and the County can audit those records if necessary.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Tim Andrews, Director of the Railroad Authority, noted that he did not expect an employment increase in that department. Mr. Kiser clarified that there is clause within the agreement that would allow either party to break the contract if that became necessary.

8:23

Commissioner Haynes clarified for the record that the TVRM is a customer of his at Porter Warner Industries. He asked that Attorney Taylor advise him on whether he should recuse himself from the vote at next week's meeting. Attorney Taylor indicated there was not a conflict.

Mayor Coppinger noted that Attorney Allen McCallie was present at the meeting representing the TVRM.

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In response to Commissioner Graham's comments, Attorney Taylor clarified that the County is guaranteed at least \$140,000 per year. It was noted that the County will not be responsible for any maintenance costs at the rail yard.

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Mayor Coppinger clarified an earlier comment regarding the current revenue generated for the County by the TVRM. He noted that the correct numbers are between \$76,000 and \$126,000.

11:34 **LATE ITEM: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1115-34**

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding the late item, which appropriates \$2,000.00 from general fund discretionary monies to the Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department as allotted to District 9. It was noted that the funds will assist them in purchasing supplies and equipment for their holiday program.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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12:35 Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Roads and Zoning Committee, announced that the Roads and Zoning Committee would be meeting in the adjacent Conference Room immediately following today's meeting. He thanked all the veterans for their service in honor of Veterans Day.

13:03 Commissioner Mackey spoke about Clarissa Jackson, an employee of the Finance Department, who unexpectedly passed away this past Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. He asked that her family be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers. It was noted Clarissa was the daughter of former Election Commission Administrator Carolyn Jackson.

13:22 Commissioner Graham echoed Commissioner Mackey's sentiments about the passing of Ms. Jackson. He also announced that he would be attending the Veterans Day service at the Chattanooga National Cemetery today. He thanked all service members and their families, as well as all the first responders for their service.

14:36 Commissioner Boyd praised the East Ridge Pioneer's football team for their current record-breaking 11-0 season. He added that he was part of the previous record-holding team at East Ridge, when they had a 10-1 season in 1968. He thanked Head Coach Tracy Malone and his staff, and the faculty at East Ridge for their hard work and dedication.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Commissioner Boyd added that he was a running back for the East Ridge football team.

16:13 Commissioner Fairbanks spoke about Veterans Day and the program he attended at Soddy Daisy Middle School to honor veterans. He added that he appreciated the faculty at Soddy Daisy teaching children the importance of honoring veterans. He also announced in response to an earlier comment by Commissioner Boyd that he would not be officiating the football game at East Ridge High School this week.

17:29 Commissioner Smedley thanked veterans and their families. She invited everyone to Veterans Memorial Park in Collegedale at 3:00 pm where the memorial statue honoring the five service members that were killed in the July 16<sup>th</sup> shootings in will be unveiled. It was noted that Lieutenant Commander Tim White will be honored at next week's meeting for his dedicated service. She also announced that school board members and their spouses, and the commission and their spouses will be attending a joint dinner event hosted by TechTown at 325 Market Street on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

18:30 Commissioner Beck thanked the veterans that were present at today's meeting, and sent his thoughts and prayers to the families of veterans whose lives have been lost. He recognized Charline Kilpatrick and Gloria McClendon with the United



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Community Action Alliance who were present in the audience at today's meeting. He asked that they stand, and they were given a round of applause.

19:37            Mayor Coppinger spoke about the passing of Ms. Jackson. He noted that is a time to reflect on the important things in life. He also added that is important to remember veterans and their families on Veterans Day and every day. He thanked the veterans that were present at today's meeting. Mayor Coppinger spoke about attending the Veterans Day program at Soddy Daisy Middle School. He praised the behavior of the children and the job the faculty is doing at that school.

22:18            Chairman Bankston thanked all the veterans in honor of Veterans Day. He noted that as a veteran, he understands the sacrifices that they and their families make daily. He also congratulated Ooltewah High School on winning the first game of the play-offs. He wished them luck at their game Friday night.

22:56            **DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

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Being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

12-02-2015



Date

Clerk's Initials