

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION JUNE 28, 2017

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for May 2017 would be submitted for the record.
- The Juvenile Court Clerk's Report for April 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. 717-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolutions No. 717-8 through 717-10 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Boyd.
- Resolutions No. 717-2 through 717-5, and 717-7 were assigned to a Committee of the Whole.
- Resolution No. 717-6 was pulled.

Chairman Bankston reported Resolution Nos. 717-2 through 717-5, and 717-7 would now be heard by a Committee of the Whole.

1:06

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-2

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$1,000 to Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation from general fund travel discretionary monies, as allotted to District 9. It was noted the funds will assist the non-profit with their annual banquet.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-3

1:26 Commissioner Fields spoke regarding this item, which adopts the Official Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Tennessee, as compiled and modified to date. It was noted the County Attorney distributed the draft rules of order at last week's meeting for review. A copy of the handout was filed in the Clerk's office. Commissioner Fields pointed out the first paragraph on page one of the draft rules, relative to the Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore being ineligible for reelection after serving one term, was deleted after last week's Legal and Legislative Committee meeting.

Commissioner Martin thanked Commissioner Fields and the members of the Legal Committee for their work on drafting the rules. In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Commissioner Fields clarified when a Resolution has been voted on in order for the same issue to be reconsidered by the Commission a member voting on the prevailing side must move for reconsideration (*Rule 24*). He added when any matter fails to obtain a majority, it is eligible to be considered by the Commission later and can be brought forward by any member, regardless of how they previously voted (*Rule 7*).

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Commissioner Boyd pointed out two spelling errors. Commissioner Fields asked Attorney Southerland to correct the spelling errors and present a new copy of the rules to Commissioners next week.

Commissioner Mackey stated the Legal Committee met at least four times over the span of three months to draft the rules of order. He added the work was thorough and well thought out.

9:30

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-4

Administrator of Finance Al Kiser spoke regarding this item, which accepts the bids of Troxell Communications, Inc., One Diversified, LLC, and VisionWorx, LLC, dba CCS Presentation Systems for audio visual equipment amounting to \$30,791.26 for upgrades in the Commission Room.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Mr. Kiser stated additional equipment would be necessary in order to live stream Commission meetings.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-5

11:02

Real Property Manager Paul Parker spoke regarding this item, which is property located at 1701 Reggie White Boulevard, jointly owned by the City of Chattanooga, as surplus, and authorizes Hamilton County to execute any documents necessary to convey its interest in said property to the City of Chattanooga. It was noted the property was built in 1895 and is located on the Finley Stadium campus near the First Tennessee Pavilion. Mr. Parker stated the City plans to convey the property to Cornerstones, Inc., a non-profit historical preservation organization, who would in effect request proposals from developers with experience in developing and preserving historically significant properties. He added a partial roof collapse increased the need for the property to be renovated or demolished, and Cornerstone Inc. determined the property could be salvaged and placed back on the tax roll.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mr. Parker stated to his knowledge no additional requests for funding from the Commission would be necessary.

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In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Parker stated a clause could be added to the deed to state in the event the property is not used for the intended purposes; it would transfer back to the County. Commissioner Graham thanked Mr. Parker for his work.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mayor Copping confirmed the County and City share a collaborative and cooperative effort in determining the best use of land.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 717-7

17:48 Director of General Services Lee Norris spoke regarding this item, which approves the purchase of CivicPlus website redesign, maintenance, support, and hosting, and CivicRec Recreation Management Software from CivicPlus, from the General Services Administration (GSA) contract GS-35F-0124U for the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted this is a continuing effort to update the reservation program at County Parks and Recreation centers.

19:09 In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mr. Norris reported the total cost is \$65,000 for both programs, with an annual maintenance cost of \$15,000. Mr. Norris explained the largest savings would be generated from reduced staff time in maintaining a system that does not function properly. He added the system will allow residents from outside Hamilton County to make reservations online to visit local parks and generate additional business within the county. It was noted the current reservation system operates on a first come first served basis.

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In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mr. Norris confirmed the new system will be a useful tool in increasing functionality of the reservation system. Commissioner Boyd voiced his support for this Resolution.

Chairman Bankston reported the Commission previously approved camping rate increases at county parks.

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Norris pointed out the system will allow for greater visibility of available camping sites and policies. He noted this program will help Hamilton County parks become more self-sufficient.

Mayor Coppinger explained the reservation system requires payment in advance for campsites.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee, will meet in the Commission Room immediately following the Agenda Session.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Mackey spoke about former District 9 County Commissioner Jerry Turner. He asked for help in locating a picture of Mr. Turner to add to the Commissioner Conference Room wall.

27:30

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Clerk Knowles provided some background information on Mr. Turner and his service in county government. He reported Mr. Turner was a staff attorney in the County Executive's office, and was appointed to the Commission after a vacancy was created. It was noted Mr. Turner served on the Commission from October 3, 1994 to November 10, 1994. Clerk Knowles reported Mr. Turner passed away several years ago.

Chairman Bankston asked the County Attorney's office to locate a picture of Mr. Turner to add to the Conference Room wall.

28:17

Commissioner Graham announced the Lookout Valley Lion's Club and Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association 4th of July celebration will begin about 6:00 PM on

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Tuesday. He encouraged everyone to attend. He noted this year's celebration will be dedicated to Joe Manning, longtime Lookout Valley resident and volunteer, who passed away suddenly in April.

30:00 Commissioner Boyd wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

30:04 Commissioner Beck spoke about the crime that continues to haunt the community, particularly young African American men. He spoke about steps he and Commissioner Mackey are taking to curb some of the violence, including a mentorship program for young men. He encouraged Commissioners and community leaders to join their efforts and pray for their work.

33:58 Commissioner Smedley wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July weekend. She invited everyone out to Veteran's Memorial Park in Collegedale for a celebration on Monday, July 3rd at 5:00 PM.

34:19 Commissioner Fairbanks invited everyone to attend 4th of July celebrations at Soddy Daisy parks on Tuesday.

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Mayor Coppinger wished everyone a happy 4th of July. He spoke about attending the screening of USS Indianapolis: The Legacy at Regal Cinemas last night. He noted USS Indianapolis survivor Louis “Kayo” Erwin was a special guest at the event.

Mayor Coppinger commended the hard work and dedication of the staff, particularly Al Kiser and Lee Brouner in the Finance Department, who both have decades of service to county government. He spoke about recent news articles in reference to receiving budgets from non-profit agencies, and stated non-profits are required to file financial statements with the County. He clarified budgets are a plan, while financial statements show the stability of the organization. Mayor Coppinger emphasized no funding is issued to organizations who have not filed their financial statements with the County.

Mayor Coppinger publicly thanked County Auditor Jenneth Randall for her presentation to Commissioners at last week’s meeting. He encouraged Commissioners to be cautious of accusations that call into question individual integrity and creditability.

Mayor Coppinger also spoke about the important service non-profit organizations provide to Hamilton County. He asked that everyone be responsible in their comments and communicate more effectively.

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40:21 Chairman Bankston invited everyone to attend the 4th of July celebration at Veteran's Memorial Park in Collegedale.

DELEGATIONS

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

Being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 5th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-19-17
Date

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Clerk's Initials