



## HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION AUGUST 26, 2015

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- The Criminal Court Clerk report for June 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee Monthly and Excess Fee reports for July 2015 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The Juvenile Court Clerk's report for June 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 915-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 915-2 through 915-4, and 915-12 through 915-19 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolution No. 915-8 was not used.
- Resolution Nos. 915-5 through 915-7, 915-9 through 915-11, and 915-20 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Fields stated that Resolution Nos. Resolution Nos. 915-5 through 915-7, 915-9 through 915-11, and 915-20 would now be heard by the Committee of the Whole.

1:11 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 915-5**

Commissioner Graham spoke regarding this Resolution, which approves the expenditure of \$12,500.00 from general fund discretionary monies as allotted to District 6, to assist the Town of Lookout Mountain with the renovation of their pavilion and picnic area.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

2:09

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 915-6**

Chairman Fields spoke regarding this Resolution, which approves the expenditure of \$6,027.00 from discretionary bond funds, as allotted to District 2, to assist with the cost of a parking lot for the indoor batting facility at Shackleford Ridge County Park. Chairman Fields noted that the batting facility is used by Signal Mountain Middle/High School and area recreational teams.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

2:53

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 915-7**

Chairman Fields spoke regarding this Resolution, which approves the expenditure of \$4,960.00 from discretionary bond funds, as allotted to District 2, to assist with a ceiling replacement at the McCoy farmhouse, property owned by the Town of Walden. It was stated that the property was donated to the Town by the McCoy Family, and is currently used for community recreation.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 915-9**

Commissioner Beck spoke regarding this Resolution, which approves making an appropriation to Girls Incorporated of Chattanooga in the amount of \$2,500.00 from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to District 5. The funding will assist the nonprofit organization with summer camp scholarships.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

4:11

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 915-10**

Commissioner Boyd spoke regarding this Resolution, which approves making an appropriation to Chattanooga Ballet, Inc. in the amount of \$1,750.00 from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to District 8. The funding will assist the nonprofit in replacing costumes for the Nutcracker Ballet. Commissioner Boyd reported that the Nutcracker Ballet has a positive seasonal impact on downtown Chattanooga. In closing, he added that private donors will match every dollar that is donated to the Ballet.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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5:40 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 915-11**

Commissioner Boyd spoke regarding this Resolution, which approves making an appropriation to Sculpture Fields at Montague Park in the amount of \$6,000.00 from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to District 8. The funding will assist with the purchase of materials for a sculpture commemorating the servicemen who lost their lives on July 16, 2015, at the Naval Reserve Center on Amnicola Highway in Chattanooga. Commissioner Boyd added that he would be teaming with Commissioner Mackey on the project. In closing, he noted that the sculpture would be over 65-feet tall and would be erected in early September.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

7:13 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 915-20**

7:50 Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this Resolution, which adopts those powers granted to Tennessee Counties pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 5-1-118, et seq., also known as the County General Powers Act, and authorizes Hamilton County to exercise certain powers granted to municipalities pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 6-2-201 (22) and (23) with respect to the regulation of nuisances and other practices detrimental to the inhabitants of the County. He

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explained that the County General Powers Act gives more power to inspectors who respond to complaints of overgrown yards, inoperable vehicles, etc. In closing, he noted that this would empower the Health and Safety Hearing Board to be able to enforce rules and regulations without delay.

County Attorney Rheubin Taylor added that the General Powers Act applies to zoning ordinances as well, and that a two-thirds majority vote is required to adopt the Resolution.

Several Commissioners voiced their support for this Resolution. They thanked Mayor Coppinger and Attorney Taylor for bringing this item before the Commission.

10:20 In response to Commissioner Haynes question, Attorney Taylor clarified that the regulations will go into effect immediately after adoption of the Resolution.

There were no further questions or comments from Commissioners.

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

11:49

Commissioner Haynes announced the birth of his grandson, William Manning Haynes.

Commissioner Haynes also spoke about meeting with Joe Smith, founder and director of the YCAP boxing league, Jabbin' for Jesus, and Gary Haskew, co-host of SportsTalk Radio WGOW 102.3 FM. Two young men from the boxing league recently won the world championship in Kansas City, MO, and will now represent Chattanooga in the Olympic trials in Philadelphia, PA September 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Haynes spoke about assisting in fundraising efforts for the young men, and issued a challenge to fellow Commissioners to participate as well.

Several Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Haynes on the birth of his grandson.

13:30

Mayor Coppinger reminded the Commission about an employee benefits meeting taking place immediately after the Agenda Session in the Mayor's conference room.

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**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, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

9-16-15  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials