

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

October 21, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Dickey called the regular meeting to order, pursuant to proper notice having been given. City Recorder Betty Modrall called the roll. Present were Mayor Dean Dickey, Vice Mayor Wayne Kennedy, Council Members Carl McCullen, Christa Martin, Mike Greene and Susan Stephenson, Acting City Manager Patti Baltzer, City Attorney Tim Tisher, City Recorder Betty Modrall, and Recording Secretary Liz Bermudez. Council Member Debbie Matthews and City Manager Paul C. Boyer, Jr. were absent.

Minister David Morris offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Dickey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member Martin moved to approve the agenda. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Council Member Matthews arrived to the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Item 6.1 – **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2010.** Council Member McCullen moved to approve the October 7, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 6.2 – **CONSIDERATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR HERBERT FITZGERALD, SANITATION OPERATOR IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.** Council Member Martin moved to approve the consideration of retirement benefits for Herbert Fitzgerald. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ADMINISTRATION:

Item 8.1 – **DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,110,680.74.** Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the disbursements for the month of September 2010 in the

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amount of \$3,110,680.74. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

**Item 8.2 – CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION OF CITY OF COLUMBIA REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, FOR THE YEAR 2010 – CITY RECORDER’S OFFICE.** Council Member Martin moved to approve the Certification of City of Columbia Real and Personal Property Tax Assessments for the year 2010. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

**Item 8.3 - SELECT OPTION FOR RENOVATION OF CITY HALL BUILDING – CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE.** Council Member Stephenson moved to approve the base option for renovating the City Hall building. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion for discussion. Council Member Stephenson asked that Council please listen to her and keep an open mind. Council Member Stephenson said understandably the architect and the designers have a responsibility of building in contingency dollars into the proposed budget; she advised she was currently speaking of the base option. Council Member Stephenson advised that 20% of the base design figure is construction contingency dollars, totaling \$340,000 for both the construction and the design contingency dollars. Council Member Stephenson said the \$2.1 million figure has been “highballed” to factor in the contingency dollars. Council Member Stephenson said she spoke with Mr. Trip Hereford and he stated that if they wanted to reach a middle of the ground compromise figure around \$1.8 million overall, he stated it would be doable to achieve the scope of work outlined in the base option design within that compromised figure. Council Member Stephenson said with today’s sensitive economy construction costs have typically been coming in considerably lower than estimates and that is why the City still has \$200,000 left over from the Ridley Park Sports Complex that can now be utilized for the new City Hall. Council Member Stephenson said some renovation work and minor construction costs like finishing the entire basement level, including the south side storage area could be postponed to a later date. Council Member Stephenson said they have an opportunity to give the City a flagship facility and by that, she means a functional and attractive facility, nothing extravagant. Council Member Stephenson went over the figures of what building a new facility would cost the City.

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Council Member Stephenson advised the City got a good deal when it got the building for \$1.1 million dollars, the building allows for the expansion of City Hall in the future if it is necessary. Council Member Stephenson advised the current City Hall needs more room and they all look forward to moving the Police Department back downtown into the current City Hall building. Council Member Stephenson advised about the architect's professional opinion as a consultant of record; he has explained to them that the base design is what is basically needed for the City Hall to be the most efficient configuration, energy-saving structure possible for Columbia. Council Member Stephenson continued by saying the structure is ageing and that the base design will provide the City with a well-constructed, well-designed building for the next 30 years. Council Member Stephenson advised that the architects have based the base design off of observations they made of the existing departments in the current City Hall and what is needed for those departments in the new building. Council Member Stephenson said the base design has not been overdesigned. Council Member Stephenson advised option 2 would leave them with thousands of unusable square footage. Council Member Stephenson reminded Council that the building is for 12 departments, not one. Council Member Stephenson spoke about the elevator and conditions of the bathrooms in the new City Hall. Council Member Stephenson said the base design is the best laid out design and they need to maintain the walk through from the front to the rear of the building. Council Member Stephenson advised the only existing door on the east side of the building is a metal door that is an exit only doorway that is locked and currently located in a stairwell. Council Member Stephenson said if they do not keep the existing walk through from the front to the rear of the building, anyone including staff, public visitors etc. who wants or needs to go between the new Police Department and the new City Hall will have to walk all the way around to the front of the building. Council Member Stephenson continued by speaking of the drive-through canopy not being in good shape and what needed to be done to that area. Council Member Stephenson said they need to do this the right way; they either need to pay for this at the front end or they set themselves up for the scenario of paying dearly on the back end when costs have risen. Council Member Stephenson urged Council to look all the way down the road; they would be wise to address everything now. Council Member Stephenson asked that they support the base design. Council Member Stephenson again spoke about the contingency money. Council Member

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Stephenson said she thinks it is a mistake to go with the option 2 design. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if the City could legally use the money from Ridley Park for this project. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer advised the way the debt issue is worded is that the debt issue is for recreation and other public improvements. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer advised the money from the bond issue was used to buy the building. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer said the City used to have some loans for Ridley Park, but that they rolled everything into one loan along with the building, so this is an eligible bond expense. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if it was for separate things even though it was rolled into one loan. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer said the wording is such that it can be used for either. Vice Mayor Kennedy said City Manager Boyer made the statement that the building was too small already. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer advised the new building is adequate for the City's needs and offers room for expansion as well. Council Member Matthews said there are two options that have been brought forth to Council for the renovations to the new City Hall facility. Council Member Matthews advised one of the options is the \$2.1 million option, which is the one Council Member Stephenson is speaking about. Council Member Matthews said that option is quite expensive and she was stunned at both of the prices. Council Member Matthews advised the option for \$2.1 million does call for a \$600,000 loan, which has a debt service of \$135,000 per year for five years. Council Member Matthews asked if the total interest for that loan for five years would be around \$175,000. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer advised it would be \$75,000. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer said understand that they can authorize a loan of up to \$600,000 and then only borrow the amount that is needed to award the bid for contract. Council Member Matthews said she takes it that there is also a 20% contingency with the \$1.5 million option. Council Member Matthews said that can bring the figure down to \$1.2 million. Council Member Matthews said she thinks the general public needs to hear the differences between the two plans. Council Member Matthews asked that the architect be allowed to come to the podium and give an overview on the two options. Council Member Matthews said the City does have the funds available for option 2, which is the \$1.5 million plan without a loan. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer advised after the budget is amended the funds would be available. Mr. Trip Hereford the Principal Architect for Lyman Davidson and Dooley advised

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they have completed two designs and there are considerable differences in the designs. Mr. Hereford said they initially met with city staff and came up with an approach to get the most efficiently laid out spaces. Mr. Hereford said the Council Chambers in both schemes is in the basement, because of the chambers large size, and there is storage in the basement. Mr. Hereford went on to speak about the first floor (main level); he advised there are a couple of existing conditions they have to work around. Mr. Hereford said the vault on the first floor is suited for the clerk's office, so the layout is oriented for that. Mr. Hereford said the base option moves the current teller location, because it is more efficient to leave the clerk's office along the south elevation and build out a new teller area. Mr. Hereford advised in option 2 if they kept the current teller location, the clerk's office would rotate 90 degrees, which stretches out their space but we would lose many general observations that would be nice to have. Mr. Hereford said there are other options out there but they are not very efficient. Mr. Hereford explained that the other differences in option 2 are that they just tweaked the rest of the space and conference rooms. Mr. Hereford said they did not cut out the bathroom renovations because they knew the bathrooms had to be renovated due to the terrible shape they are in. Mr. Hereford advised the second and third floors are where the differences occurred. Mr. Hereford said on the second floor in the base option they gutted the floor and rebuilt it to what was needed. Mr. Hereford advised in option 2 they kept much of the existing corridors and created a second corridor, which resulted in inefficiencies, but did save money. Mr. Hereford said another difference would be that in one option they opened up the Council offices with some workrooms off those offices. Mr. Hereford advised another large item on the floor is they went from three unisex bathrooms to only two because they needed to bring them up to ADA standards. Mr. Hereford continued on to the third floor, which he advised had been renovated in the last ten years. Mr. Hereford said they felt the third floor could be reused at a fairly low cost. Mr. Hereford advised there are a couple of doors they need to move to create functional space. Mr. Hereford said option 2 left the painting to a minimum and the layout there now is what it would pretty much be like in the end. Mr. Hereford advised on the third floor in the base option they would make tiles match, doors etc. Mr. Hereford said the elevator in the base option would be replaced and in option 2 they would make the current elevator ADA compliant and add a telephone. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked Mr. Hereford if the east door would remain. Council Member Stephenson

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advised it would not be kept in option 2. Mr. Hereford advised it would not be kept in option 2, but in the base option, it was kept. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked about being required to have a front and back door. Mr. Hereford advised there would be a front and back door, it is just moved in option 2 to the corner, and there is a third exit. Council Member Matthews said she wants to make sure three things are on the record tonight. Council Member Matthews advised the first thing is, as a government official, she always has a problem with the City approaching capital projects and the City telling them what the budget is. Council Member Matthews said secondly, there are city employees who have not had a cost of living raise for many years and there is frustration in the community that this is going down now. Council Member Matthews said her third thing is she has concern about the number or amount the City will have to borrow to make sure this facility is up and the Police Department is moved back downtown. Council Member Matthews said the City needs new space for City Hall, but this building is fine; the Police Department is the one in dire need of a new facility. Council Member Matthews said this is a hard decision because of the large number. Council Member Matthews thanked Mr. Hereford for going over the differences on the options. Council Member Stephenson said the best design is the base design, which keeps the front, and rear entrance, which makes it convenient to have staff and citizens able to go from City Hall to the Police Department; it is the best configuration for the City Recorder's Office. Council Member Stephenson advised that the option 2 layout is not a good floor design. Council Member Stephenson said if they keep the front and back walk way it will look a lot better. Council Member Stephenson spoke about the cost for all the work that needs to be done on the existing canopy compared to a new canopy. Council Member Stephenson said they are talking about a real minimal difference when this should be a premier building that is on the main gateway coming into the downtown area. Council Member Stephenson said the existing canopy does not meet standards for width or height; some vehicles will not be able to fit. Council Member Stephenson spoke about having a bypass lane because there are a lot of people that will not be going in and out through the drive-through, most people will want one-on-one contact. Council Member Stephenson said she is thinking of employees who have to work in the building day and day out. Council Member Stephenson said they have \$275,000 left over from the River Walk; she is asking that they use \$160,000 of that and figuring that there is some

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contingency money left over from the \$340,000, which she “lowballed” and said \$140,000. Council Member Stephenson said that is approximately \$300,000 that would bring them to the compromised \$1.8 million figure, which would give them a more efficient, better laid out, more energy efficient building. Council Member Stephenson said it is important that they get this right now or otherwise they will pay for it dearly in the future. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if the base plan contains the elevator and the drive-in window. Council Member Stephenson said the base plan does contain the elevator and the new drive-in window. Council Member Matthews asked for the Mayor’s thoughts. Mayor Dickey moved to make an amendment to Item 8.3 by spending up to \$1.65 million, which would include the new elevator and drive-through on the east side, from the base plan. Council Member Matthews asked Mr. Hereford if that is possible. Mr. Hereford said the number is feasible. Council Member Matthews advised they will get a new elevator and new drive-through at a new location with a passing lane. Council Member Matthews said they are making a hybrid of the base option and option 2. Mr. Hereford said they would reevaluate the entire design, and come up with a way of getting the \$1.65 million option. Council Member Matthews asked if that can be done for \$1.5 million. Mr. Hereford said it would be tight; he highly recommends holding contingencies because they are not sure what they will find in the existing building. Mayor Dickey advised a second is needed on the amendment. Council Member McCullen seconded the amendment. Council Member Stephenson said with the Mayor’s amendment they can still have the walkway from the front door to the rear door. Council Member Stephenson advised it is the base design essentially. Council Member Matthews said except for the second and third floors. Council Member Greene advised he counted the conference rooms on the plan and there are six. Council Member Greene moved to amend the plan by removing City Council offices completely off the second floor and not have them at all. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. City Attorney Tisher said Council should vote on the amendments separately and then come back on the underlying motion. City Attorney Tisher said they should have discussion on Council Member Greene’s amendment and vote on it and then they can go back to the Mayor’s amendment. Council Member Martin asked Council Member Greene for an explanation as to having offices for Mayor and Vice Mayor but no Council offices at all. Council Member Greene said there are six large conference rooms available

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that Council can use already; why do they need a seventh. Council Member Stephenson said she asked Mr. Hereford if he would continue the hallway on the second floor and put a wall down the middle of the City Council offices it would divide the room into four rooms and cost an additional \$2,000. Council Member Stephenson said it makes more sense to have the hallway continue so staff can go directly into the kitchenette, workroom area. Council Member Stephenson advised she wants her home to be her home with her family; and she has a Florida room full of files and paperwork and she would like to get that stuff out of there. Council Member Stephenson said she needs that paperwork and the files at City Hall. Council Member Stephenson said she does not think it is appropriate for her to meet people at her home and she is not going to have a corner room in the basement to take people that want to meet with her that are potential prospects and want to invest in the community. Council Member Stephenson said she thinks it is a mistake to have to take prospects to the basement to meet after walking through storage. Council Member Stephenson said she wants and needs an office and she wants to move the paperwork out of her home. Council Member Stephenson said if she has to furnish her office, she will do that. Council Member Stephenson advised she does not think it is asking a lot for Council to have an office. Council Member Stephenson said the composition of the Council is that currently there are four Council Members that have full-time jobs, so they are elsewhere during the day. Council Member Stephenson said she does not have another full-time job so she is able to devote a lot more time to the City during the workday, so she would like to have an office. Council Member Stephenson said for \$2,000 to put the walls up to have the hallway, she does not think that is asking a lot. Council Member Stephenson said she thinks they want to have a good footing for those wanting to invest in the City. Council Member reiterated that she wants and needs an office; not just a conference room, but a place to put all the material she has collected because the material is substantial. Council Member Stephenson said she does a lot of research and work. Council Member Stephenson said she is just trying to do the job she was elected to do. Council Member Stephenson said she does not think voters will begrudge her an office. Council Member Matthews said this is not about Council; this is a city management form of government. Council Member Matthews said she also has paper and binders everywhere, but this is the last thing they need to do because the board of directors of a city is not supposed to be in the middle of the day-in

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and day-out activities of City Hall. Council Member Matthews said to have an office at City Hall gives the indication that there is some decision making there. Council Member Matthews said she has had a handful of times she has had to meet privately with someone at City Hall, but she always had a space or could always find a space. Council Member Matthews said it is not necessarily the wall division, it is a bigger more complicated theoretical decision for the City because there would be Council Members sitting across from department heads all day and that is not their function. Council Member Matthews said it is a big issue and there is supposed to be separation from the working body on a day-in and day-out basis. Council Member McCullen said he likes the Mayor's idea. Council Member McCullen asked how much savings would it save by taking out the Council offices. Council Member Stephenson advised \$2,000. Council Member Martin said she does not mean any disrespect for anyone up there tonight, but she needs Mr. Hereford to answer the questions; Council does not need to be projecting what they perceive as the answers to the questions that each of them are asking. Council Member McCullen again asked his question about how much they would save by eliminating Council offices on second floor. Mr. Hereford advised the only way to get to the \$1.65 million is they would have to leave the second floor in its current conditions, which has seven offices up there. Mr. Hereford said he would have to study and retake off the number of walls that do not have to come down, it would take a little time to get an exact number, but they can figure out how far it can go with a fixed number. Mr. Hereford said they know a lot of the priorities. Mr. Hereford said it is a substantial number on the second floor. Vice Mayor Kennedy advised they are making it about Council and they need to make it about the service to the people and what their needs are. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he is not concerned about his other job, he is not concerned about this job except serving the people. Vice Mayor Kennedy said how comfortable Council will be is immature and they need to get on with it. Council Member Stephenson said she wanted to clarify for Council Member Martin that this was not just her perception, this was based on a discussion she had with Mr. Hereford yesterday. Council Member Stephenson said she is working for the people and she disagrees that it looks bad to have an office at City Hall; she is not here to have oversight on any department or department heads. Council Member Stephenson said if they are going to make the distinction and say the Board does not need to be at City Hall across from department heads; the Board also includes the Mayor and Vice

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Mayor, who are going to be sitting across the hall from department heads. Council Member Stephenson said they cannot say this is okay and but this is not okay. Council Member Stephenson advised they are talking about an additional \$2,000 to put walls in. Council Member Stephenson said if Council Members do not want an office or need an office that is fine, it could be used for something else, but she would like to use some of that office space. Council Member Stephenson said the office space would be there, what they are talking about is what it would be used for; but she would like to find out if a Council Member wants to use one of the spaces for office space is there a problem with that. Council Member Matthews asked if she is talking about keeping her personal things in there all the time. Council Member Stephenson said she is talking about City work not anything personal. Mayor Dickey asked the City Recorder to call the roll. Council Member Stephenson said point of order and asked for a response to her question. Mayor Dickey said that is not part of the amendment. Council Member Stephenson asked if she could ask Council Member Greene if they could amend his amendment for any Council Member who would like to use the space for individual office space. Council Member Stephenson said this would also be for Council Members in the future not just today's Council Members. Council Member Stephenson said she would like to amend the amendment so that if current or future Council Members would like office space they can do so in the space on the second floor. City Attorney Tisher advised at this time Council Member Greene's amendment is to remove Council office space from the second floor, if he wishes to change his amendment that is his prerogative. City Attorney Tisher said to designate how the space is going to be used is premature at this point, until they get further plans down the road. Council Member Matthews asked if on the plans tonight they are saying everything has to stay the same with who is in what office. City Attorney Tisher said the only thing on the floor is the removal of Council office space and then they will go to the Mayor's amendment with or without the removal of Council offices depending on how this amendment is voted on. City Attorney Tisher reiterated that the only thing on the floor is to remove Council offices from the second floor. City Attorney Tisher said he gathers that is for either option. Council Member Greene advised that is correct. Council Member Greene called for the question. Council Member Stephenson said there is flexibility, they are not locked into specifics right now. City Attorney Tisher advised they are not designating usage of space at this point.

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Council preceded to vote on Council Member Greene's amendment. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Council Member Stephenson who voted no. The amendment passed. Mayor Dickey advised his amendment is recommending spending up to \$1.65 million, which would include the new elevator and drive-through on the base plan and that they bid the process and give the local folks an opportunity to bid. Council Member Stephenson asked to amend the Mayor's amendment to include updating and repairing the restrooms. Mayor Dickey said he would hope that would be included in the \$1.65 million figure. Council Member Stephenson said she is talking about the restrooms on all three floors. Mr. Hereford said they estimated about \$10,000 per bathroom in option 2, so they are looking probably at a cost that would be twice that amount. Mr. Hereford said it appears Council wants to go with the base option for the first floor, which already includes the renovations to the bathrooms so they are talking about just the bathrooms for the second and third floor. Council Member Stephenson asked if she can amend the Mayor's amendment to include restoration of restrooms on the second and third floors. Council Member Stephenson reminded Council that there is \$275,000 leftover from the River Walk and she was proposing using \$160,000 of that and that there may be \$140,000 leftover from the contingency figure. Council Member Stephenson asked to amend the Mayor's amendment to include complete restoration of the restrooms on the second and third floors as well. Mr. Hereford said it would be an additional \$10,000 difference per floor in regards to the bathrooms. Council Member Stephenson asked if the Mayor would agree to using an additional \$20,000 to renovate the bathrooms on the second and third floors. Mayor Dickey advised he will not agree to that; he thinks the architect should go back and give them a plan that will fit the \$1.65 million figure, not piecemeal the two options. Mayor Dickey said it all needs to be redesigned. Council Member Martin said a few minutes ago when they were on Mr. Greene's amendment Council Member Matthews asked about where the other \$150,000 is coming from. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer said with the \$1.5 million option there would be a \$700,000 fund balance left and she is not comfortable doing anything more than that; in the new fiscal year they will have money from the River Walk that they will not be matching, so at that point it can be allocated. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer said she does not know how long this process of redesigning the plans and bidding the project will take, but she would be comfortable saying they

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could incorporate it into the next year's budget; and she would not be comfortable bringing the fund balance down anymore than what they recommended in the \$1.5 million. Council Member Martin said in the staff report, which is very good, there is a section that mentions the 10% contingency but she keeps hearing other numbers, what are those numbers. Mr. Hereford advised there is a second 10% contingency, which is called design contingency; since they are early in the process they did not know if there are design items that they may want to add later. Council Member Stephenson said they are not going to add the \$20,000 for the second and third floor bathrooms. Mayor Dickey advised he did not say that, what he said is when the architect draws new plans it would hopefully include that. Council Member Stephenson said the amendment does have the base design for the first floor. Council proceeded to vote on the Mayor's amendment. All Council Members present voted aye on the Mayor's amendment. Council then voted on the item as amended. All Council Members present voted aye on the motion as amended.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-58 - TAX CORRECTIONS – CITY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 10-58. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3864 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF BAILEY STREET FOR 125 FEET NORTH OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET – WARD 3 – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3864 on third consideration. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Eric Cox, said he is present tonight to talk about flooding in Ward 3. Mr. Cox said in May of this year they had an extreme flooding problem in the City, particularly in the Mooresville Pike area. Mr. Cox spoke about property on the corner of Mooresville and Morgan Springs Road, the property is 3.9 acres. Mr. Cox advised during the storm the property was completely covered with water. Mr. Cox said he has been in conversations with City Engineer Glenn Harper and with a Tennessee Southern Railroad Representative. Mr. Cox said there is an area that goes under the railroad that is 3 feet by 6 feet. Mr. Cox said the water starts at Shoney's, passes other businesses and comes off of Carmack Blvd., and goes behind the Carmack Blvd. Church of Christ and then proceeds between Beech and Sycamore Street, and goes through the Columbia Housing Authority area, and then goes through the park area, another area and crosses under Polk Street onto the Mooresville Pike area. Mr. Cox advised there is a modular home at 461 Mooresville Pike that has been flooded over the years. Mr. Cox said he knows there are other areas in the City that flood, but his Church owns property there. Mr. Cox said there are other churches in the area also and every time it rains, those properties are flooded. Mr. Cox asked that Council look into the issue of the water coming from Carmack Blvd. that ends right there at Morgan Springs and Mooresville Pike. Mr. Cox said they would like to sell the property, but they cannot develop it and the tax records shows it is not in the flood zone. Mr. Cox said he feels like his church has been given the run around or at least put on the back burner. Mr. Cox said Tennessee Southern Railroad has said they have other projects and they will get to them or when he calls, they say they will call back or they are gone that day. Mr. Cox said Mr. Glenn Harper did come out to the property. Mayor Dickey said Public Works has started a door-to-door campaign on properties that have had flooding problems. Mayor Dickey asked if Mooresville Pike properties are on the list. Acting City Manager/Finance Director Baltzer said she is not sure if they are on the list but there are some properties on Mooresville Pike on the list for the potential Hazard Mitigation Program. Acting City Manager/Finance Director asked Mr. Cox for his contact information. Mr. Cox thanked his

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Council representative for their conversation, Council Member Martin. Council Member Martin said when Mr. Cox contacted her she asked him to come to City Hall and speak about this issue. Council Member Martin said when the flooding occurred in May here in Maury County it was devastating to a lot of people. Council Member Martin said Assistant City Manager Moody came before Council a couple weeks ago and brought information on the new initiative; they did speak about other addresses and other concerns. Council Member Martin said there has been a problem on Beech and Sycamore Street ever since she has been on City Council and recently Public Works has put something in to take care of the deterioration of the run off stream that comes from the Friendship Baptist Church and swings around where Beech Street is. Council Member Martin said on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May she and her husband rode around and took several pictures of flooding that were then sent to the City Manager. Council Member Martin advised recently Public Works has cleaned out what the City maintains on Mooresville Pike. Council Member Martin said they are reminded about blue streams and other technical terms when flooding is mentioned, but when you talk to someone whose house has water in it, the terms do not make a difference. Council Member Martin advised the City is aware of the actual pieces of properties. Council Member Martin said there are some very concerning areas and they did take pictures when it was raining. Council Member Martin said there is a lot more that needs to be done and the house that was mentioned earlier is almost full of water every time. Council Member Matthews thanked Mr. Cox for coming out and advised that the City just got the James Campbell Blvd grant, and the water that comes from Shoney's diverts down James Campbell Blvd.; and every neighborhood on the north side of James Campbell Blvd floods. Council Member Matthews said she spoke about run-off issues. Council Member Matthews said there are ducts that are blocked with debris because they are not being cleaned out. Council Member Matthews said she deals with the railroad all the time and you cannot deal with the railroad; they won't clean all the railroad tracks and the City will not touch it. Council Member Matthews spoke of the debris in the ducts that the City does have control of. Council Member Matthews asked Acting City Manager/Finance Director that this issue be passed on. Mr. Cox said there are other churches in that area and it is a sad situation when it rains. Mr. Cox thanked Council for their time. Council Member Stephenson said the railroad was difficult when she had to deal with them and she was wondering if he got a response from

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the railroad. Mr. Cox advised Mr. Harper and a representative from the railroad went to the site and saw where water was. Mr. Cox said the railroad said they had several projects. Council Member Stephenson asked if they followed up with a letter. Mr. Cox advised they did not.

Council Member Stephenson thanked Mr. Hereford for all his hard work.

There being no further business Council Member Matthews moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

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DEAN DICKEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER