

***KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met in session for Public Budget Hearings on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Avenue. Those members present were Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright, Brown, Hammond and Shouse. Also present were Mr. Joe Jarret, Knox County Law Director, Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, Mr. Dean Rice, Chief of Staff for the Knox County Mayor, Mr. John Troyer, Senior Director for Knox County Finance, and members of the news media.

Commissioner Hammond, Chairman, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:

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***IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE FY2011-2012 PROPOSED KNOX COUNTY BUDGET:***

1. Mr. Mark Henry, employee for the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department, spoke concerning his position being terminated.

Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, and Mr. Doug Bataille, Director for Knox County Parks and Recreation, were present and spoke on the matter.

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2. Ms. Sharon Ann Murphree, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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3. Ms. Bridgette Turner, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.; and the Kuumba Festival.

Ms. Hemal Taylor, Director for Knox County Senior Citizen Volunteer Services, Mr. Dean Rice, Chief of Staff for the Knox County Mayor, and Mr. John Troyer, Senior Director for Knox County Finance, were present and spoke on the matter.

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4. Mr. Bob Thomas, Assistant Superintendent for Knox County Schools, was present and spoke concerning the Knox County Schools Budget.

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5. Mr. John Stewart, representing the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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6. Ms. Nkechi Ajanaku, African American Appalachian Arts, Inc., spoke concerning the Kuumba Festival.

Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, was present and spoke on the matter.

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***IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business to come before the Knox County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Hammond declared the meeting adjourned.

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***MIKE HAMMOND, CHAIRMAN***