

Learning to Grind

“YES” for CoreFire

“Y” Youth inspire Youth

“E” Entertainment

“S” Self-Sustaining

Chapter One
(2-minute read)

Locations

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Competitions Create Excitement

Chapter One: Locations

CoreFire was founded by Ty C. Cobb (Coach Ty) in 1995, in Memphis, TN.

**The next generation of CoreFire facilities.
CoreFire Advisory Teams are forming in the following cities,
with the goal to build a CoreFire facility in their city:**

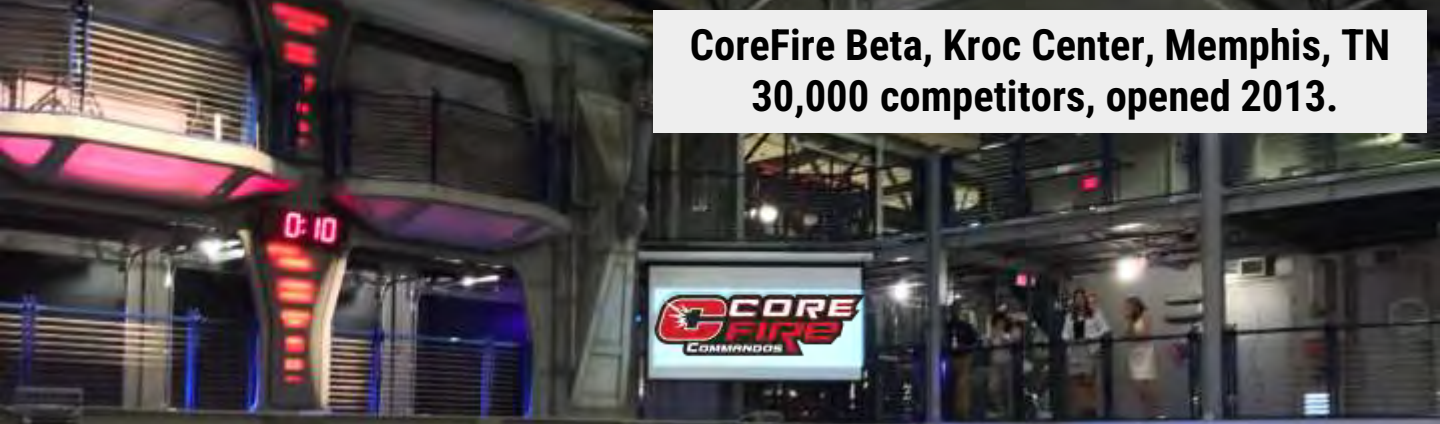
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**For information text or call | 901-461-4041
tcobb@haveastandard.com | www.Vo-Zone.org**

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With your permission, your name will appear in the next facility, book, & video.**

<https://vo-zone.org/donations/donation-form/>

Coach Ty, "How the floor space is used in youth training centers is the first step in creating self-sustaining programs. All CoreFire locations have had a unique strategy with the floor space. Certain times of the day, the facility is scheduled to host immersive competitions for students from low performing schools, for no charge. Other times in the day, the same themed floor space and equipment, is used to sell tickets to produce income from tourist & community members."



**CoreFire Beta, Kroc Center, Memphis, TN
30,000 competitors, opened 2013.**



**CoreFire Delta, Eads, TN
1,000 competitors, opened 2019.**



CoreFire Alpha, Cordova, TN. 50,000 competitors, opened 1999; building sold in 2016.

Commercial Appeal Building

**A potential future CoreFire facility, Memphis, TN.
Up of Auction 1/27/25.**



Coach Ty: “I was discussing CoreFire’s newest Vocational Competitions with Dr. Tracy D. Hall, President, of Southwest Tennessee Community College (SWTCC). She suggested we look for space near her Union Avenue Campus. Looking into this, we learned the Historical Commercial Appeal Building is for sale through an auction, January 27, 2025. Opening bid is \$1.1 million dollars.”

**Mark Lovell has committed \$250,000, toward the opening bid.
Donations are tax deductible.**

Coach Ty will be making a presentation to the Memphis City Council on January 7, 2025, discussing the Commercial Appeal Building opportunity.

With CoreFire’s unique strategy of selling tickets to tourist, to become self-sustaining, this downtown location is beneficial because it is convenient for guests visiting Memphis.

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Comments from youth participants using the CoreFire Training system:



South Park Elementary, **"It was the funnest day of my life."**

Sherwood Middle School, **"I have never had so much fun in my life!** This place is awesome! I will love to come back."

Douglass High School, **"I have never had this much fun."**

Maddux Elem., **"I wish we could come here every day!"**

Dogwood Elem. **"They taught you stuff in a fun way!"**

American Way Mid. **"I wish I could come here every week."**

Craigmont Middle, "I loved the activities but **most of all I loved how dedicated our coach was** and he was very fun."

Comments for CoreFire Competitions from professionals:

All the corporate competitions are led by CoreFire Interns using the CoreFire training system and supporting CoreFire App.



FedEx, **“Best teambuilding I’ve been on.”**

United Way, **“Best team building EVER!!!”**

Chick-fil-A, **“Literally the coolest experience ever.”**

Hospital Wing, **“Funniest thing I’ve done in a long time.”**

Nike-Finance Dept., **“Best team building event ever.”**

Teach for America, **“This was wickedly awesome!”**

International Paper, **“I’ve never experienced a team building event as unique as this one.”**

Chapter Two: Peers Create Passion

**Written by:
CoreFire Interns**

Interns, Alannah Collier & Laylah Dest, “Coach Ty went to a classroom in Memphis City Schools (middle school class) with students. It’s a normal, average class. The students in the front were engaged with the teacher's lesson but in the back of the class, about 12 students sat with their backs facing the teacher because they didn’t want to listen to the teacher. Coach Ty thought “wow I didn’t know you could do that” and asked the principal was that normal because when he was in school, he would’ve been one the kids in the back if he could do that. Not doing anything, just chilling because he was not the most motivated student in high school. The principal said there was nothing he could do about the student’s not wanting to be part of the class.”



CoreFire Interns working on strategies to inspire peer youth.

“We are going to make the students in the back of the class want to participate because...

...most of these students in the back feel as if they are not heard. Through introducing vocations, we can connect to those kids and get them excited about their future!” CoreFire Intern, Myla Thompson

**...we are going to give excitement to make them wanna learn.”
CoreFire Interns, Riyan Porter**

...we will be relatable, understanding, empathetic, and honest with one another.” CoreFire Intern, Madalynn Campbell

CoreFire Intern, Myla Thompson, “We engage with disengaged youth and connect with their hearts. How do we do this? It starts with making CoreFire facilities really ‘cool.’ We replace street drugs with a better drug: Adrenaline. At our next location, we will have live performances and exciting competitions every single day of the year!”

CoreFire Intern, Madalynn Campbell, “Who is responsible for reducing poverty? We are! The CoreFire Interns. Raising taxes won’t reduce poverty. The first step in reducing poverty is creating a culture where we can inspire many youth that have dropped out of school. We can relate to the times and issues our peers face. We are able to connect and evaluate the reasons for them dropping out because we have the same background and knowledge of current situations.”



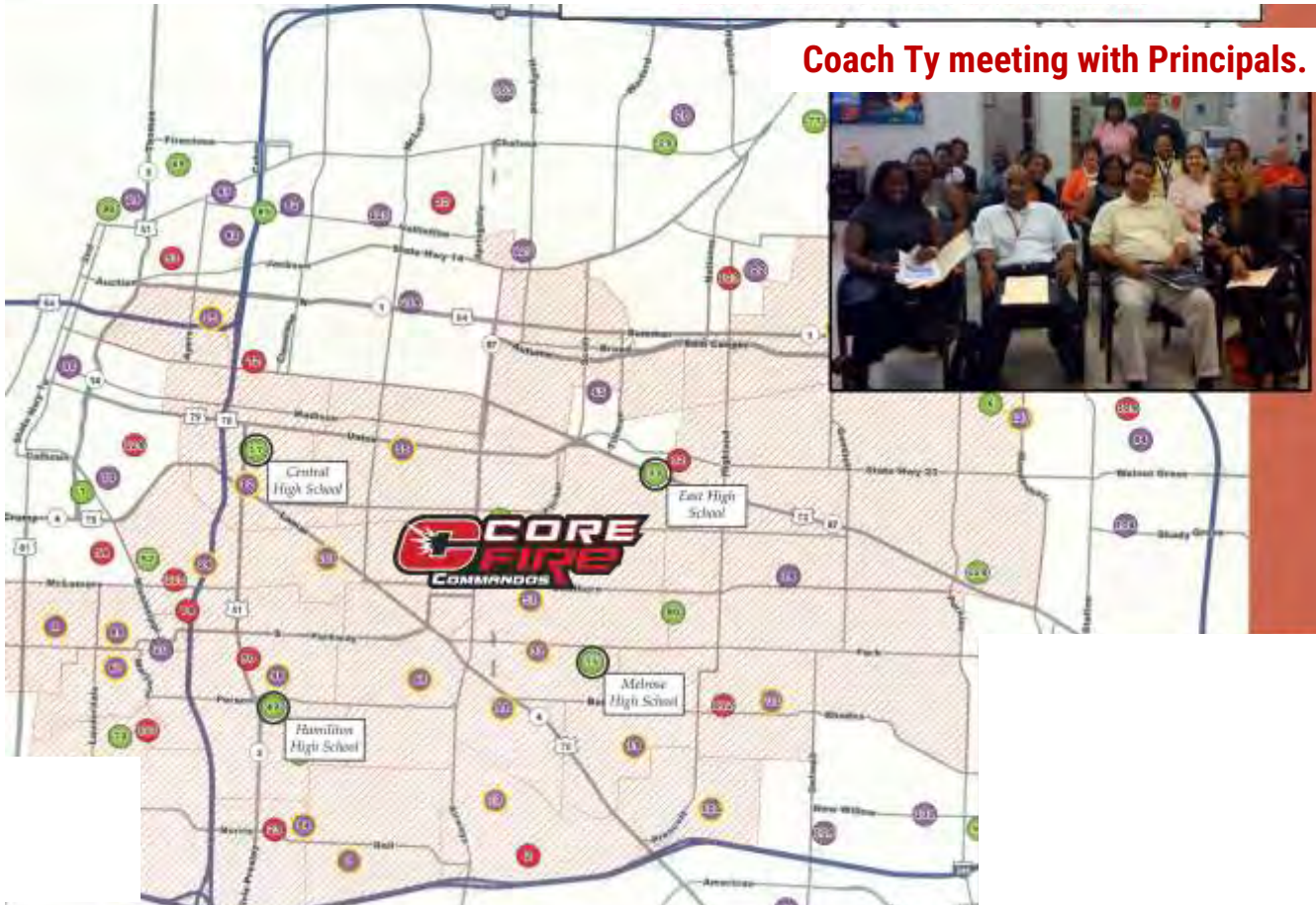
**CoreFire
Interns**

CoreFire Intern, Amber Anderson, “CoreFire is a program long overdue. CoreFire has a very high chance of becoming a revolutionary staple in the Memphis community, surrounding areas, our country, and maybe even the world. CoreFire is a way out. A solution to the common problems we see in our communities because it changes the perception of life and success.”

CoreFire Collaborative: Satellite locations throughout each CoreFire City

Providing low performing schools with paid High School Interns.

Coach Ty meeting with Principals.



CoreFire Intern, Lelan Odom, "We will sell tickets at our next facility to tourist and community members for live shows, escape rooms, and competitions. Experiences we produce. We will use the income from ticket sales to pay CoreFire Interns to train youth in weekly after-school programs at the lowest performing schools. This will make the CoreFire Collaborative a self-sustaining youth program! Probably, the first in the country. At the Satellite locations, we are paid to prepare a team of 8 youth for monthly competitions at the themed CoreFire facility. We build their confidence to begin a lifetime of learning."

CoreFire Collaborative: Satellite locations throughout each CoreFire City

In the CoreFire System, each student is placed on a team with 8 peer students. Each team is led by their assigned, paid, CoreFire Intern.

48

Total a yr.

Forty-Eight Training Sessions Per School Year

30

**At Satellite
Locations**

Thirty After-School Training Sessions

Training at a satellite location (School, Community Center, etc.) High School Interns train their team of 8 students, at their designated satellite location, every week, preparing them for the next competition at the CoreFire facility.

9

**Competitions
at CoreFire**

Nine Exciting Competitions at a CoreFire Facility

Each team of 8 students, led by their assigned Intern, participate in exciting competitions at the CoreFire Facility, once a month, for the school year.

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**Escape Rm
Experiences
at CoreFire**

Nine Immersive Missions at a CoreFire Facility

Students brought to a CoreFire facility at least once a month, to participate in a different escape room mission that teaches work ethic, attitude, vision, etc.

Intern Darrius Johnson, “Using the money from selling tickets, our goal is to pay 1,250 CoreFire High School Interns to train 10,000 youth every week. How many youth will be trained? That depends on how many tickets we sell. More tickets sold means more youth trained. We own the success. We own the lack of success. It is up to us.”

Chapter Three: Competitions Create Excitement

CoreFire is always looking for performers, artists, funders, and Advisory Team members who have an uncommon gene. You believe that the impossible is a simple order of the day, so instilled in your spirit, that you never stop to think it cannot be done. You just do it, with amazing speed!*

**Written by:
CoreFire Interns, CoreFire Advisory Team members, and Coach Ty.**

***Quote adapted from the Disney Archives.**

Growing “Passion” through Exciting Experiences & Immersive Competitions.

**“I want to do something, but I don’t know what.
I don’t have a passion for anything. And I don’t know what passion feels like.”
Statement from a youth living in poverty.**

CoreFire Intro Video (3 minutes) Link to view:

<https://youtu.be/RUS5vWy1ixk>

18 VOCATIONS

**CONSTRUCTION COMPETITIONS
ROBOTIC COMPETITIONS
LIVE PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS
LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN ESCAPE ROOMS
CULINARY COMPETITIONS
DRONE CAGE
ARTISTIC CREATION
BROADCASTING
ECONOMICS
EVENT AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
FACILITY ENGINEERING & MAINTENANCE
FASHION DESIGN
HUMAN RESOURCES & CATASTROPHE CERTIFICATION
INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY & POLITICAL SCIENCE
NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
PUBLIC RELATIONS
CONFLICT RESOLUTION & COUNSELING
SECURITY & SERVICE**

For information about joining an Advisory Team for any of these vocations, text or call 901-461-4041. Email: tcobb@haveastandard.com

Coach Ty: “My daughter earned a certificate for advanced welding at Southwest Tennessee Community College (SWTCC) in Memphis, TN. I took a welding class at SWTCC. Have you ever seen anything resembling a college football tailgating experience at a community college? CoreFire is doing this!

We create a new “college experience” for community colleges. Instead of building excitement around a football game, our Advisory Teams create high-energy, adrenaline pumping, competitions that promote learning trade skills. Join an Advisory Team and bring your life experiences and talents to the never-ending process of making these unique competitions even better.”



Empowering for Solutions

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**Photo in STCC
magazine of Mason Cobb.
(Coach Ty’s daughter)**

Student Mason Cobb practices stick welding to build structural reinforcement skills that can be used in manufacturing and at construction sites.

Construction Competitions



The first step in increasing the number of youth choosing to be certified in trade skills is making an introduction through exciting experiences. CoreFire Construction Competitions include HVAC, plumbing, electricity, fabrication, and other trade skills that lead to a well-paid career.



Coach Ty, "Entertaining Construction Competitions inspire youth to begin their certification journey at STCC and other trade schools. The immersive competitions will continue through their time in trade school and afterward during Alumni Competitions where they can win prizes provided by sponsors. CoreFire Advisory Teams are building a new way to promote a life long 'College Experience' for trade schools."

Robotics Competitions

Robotic areas in CoreFire facilities are themed to look like a high-tech movie set.




Photo of CoreFire area designed by Brandon Allen, Renaissance Group, Inc.



Coach Ty, "CoreFire High School Interns, supervised by students from STCC and other trade schools, will be paid to start and facilitate Robotic Teams at low performing schools that want to join in. Inspiring 1,000s of youth to be on robotics teams that previously did not exist."

Live Performance Competitions



Stage and audience seating area will have cutting-edge audio, video, and show lighting.

Coach Ty, "I have produced live shows at theme parks around the world where we performed everyday.* In this facility, we will have live shows 365 days a year. Tourist that come to Memphis from around the world will learn they can witness the amazing talent that comes from neighborhoods all around Memphis."



Stages at CoreFire Eads, TN, built by Coach Ty. Grid structure by Keeler Iron Works.

Live Performance Advisory Team member, Jerry L. Burrell, "The CoreFire system is designed to enhance performance talent and teach important life skills: teamwork, initiative, goal setting, communication, confidence, overcoming challenges, problem solving, etc. Skills that will make great employees in whatever career path they choose."

***Theme parks where Coach Ty produced shows: SEA WORLD Florida, Texas, Ohio; PHANTASIALAND, Germany; GARDALAND, Italy; YONG-IN FARMLAND, Korea**

Leadership Training - Escape Rms



Teaching through immersive experiences can create more participation than a lecture.



Photos of CoreFire Escape Rooms designed by Coach Ty & Brandon Allen, Renaissance Group, Inc. Coach Ty & Brandon have designed over 30 Escape Rooms.

Escape Room Advisory Team members, David & Lisa Spira, “There are many reasons to build escape rooms, but Coach Ty is the only person we’ve met building them specifically to empower our youth by teaching through immersive, theatrical experiences. We were instantly drawn in by his passion, energy, and intensity. He believes in the power of play so much that he is channeling it toward societal change.”

Read article about Coach Ty on Spira’s Room Escape Artist website:

<https://roomscapeartist.com/2023/08/09/escape-rooms-force-good/>

Culinary Competitions

CoreFire Intern London Harris, “Culinary competitions are intense showdowns where Intern Chefs battle it out, showcasing their creativity and skill in the kitchen. They’re like the Olympics for foodies, with every dish aiming for a gold medal in taste and presentation!”



Coach Ty, “A key ingredient missing from traditional culinary training areas is, they are built without considering the importance of an audience. An audience, along with an intern announcer and broadcasting Interns, creates an exciting experience that can be streamed online throughout the world.”

Drone Cage & Portable Cages

An Industrial themed Drone Cage built outside of the facility that hosts “Drone Soccer” and “Drone Basketball” competitions.



Coach Ty, “Drone teams from all over will come to Memphis to compete against our students in a first-of-its-kind Drone Cage, designed by the cutting-edge team at Keeler Iron Works. Memphis teams will win frequently because CoreFire Interns teach Memphis youth how to ‘Grind’ and be prepared.”



Portable “Drone Net Cages” will be used at CoreFire Collaboration Satellite Locations. Set-up and breakdown in a gym or cafeteria takes about 10 minutes. Paid CoreFire Interns train their team of 8 students every week, at their CoreFire Collaboration location, so they will be prepared for monthly competitions in the high-tech Drone Cage at the main location.

Artistic Creations & Therapy



Photo of CoreFire area designed by Brandon Allen, Renaissance Group, Inc.



Coach Ty, "Interns will be following their generation's trend of producing art beyond what goes into a square frame hung on a wall, but rather turning their art into a walk-through immersive experience that includes lights, sound, and video."



Richard Graham, Formerly the Executive Director, JIFF, "Youth who typically are not encouraged or appreciated, found that art [therapy] gave them a form of expressing their feelings and gave them a greater sense of self-worth."

Neighborhood Preservation



In this zone, large video monitors and tabletop video screens demonstrate neighborhood projects uploaded by paid Neighborhood Preservation Interns.



Coach Ty, "Every Saturday, (all year long) individuals and organizations can come to the facility and join teams made up of students, volunteer groups from outside of Memphis, corporations, small businesses, worship centers, etc. They are led by paid Preservation Interns who have created an organized and structured system designed to change blighted areas in their neighborhoods. The exciting progress is displayed on the monitors to continually reinforce the never-ending successes."

Economics

Coach Ty, "The CoreFire Interns that will be working in this facility are trained to produce a great product. (Their shows, culinary meals, escape room experiences, etc.) They know the more tickets sold, then more funds are available to pay Interns to teach at another new CoreFire Collaborative satellite location. This lifts-up their neighborhoods. These Interns truly care about their neighbors."

Economics' video monitors at the entrance of the facility display live "Real-Time" updates every time a new ticket is sold. With each ticket sold, the budget updates on a monitor, to show how close we are to funding and opening the next Satellite Location – bringing enthusiastic Interns to lift-up another neighborhood.



Economics Advisory Team member, Daniel D'Alto, "At CoreFire, youth will get to walk through various business scenarios and observe how their control of the financial variables changes the scenario's outcome. This hands-on approach to economics is unique, innovative, and inspiring."

Fashion Design

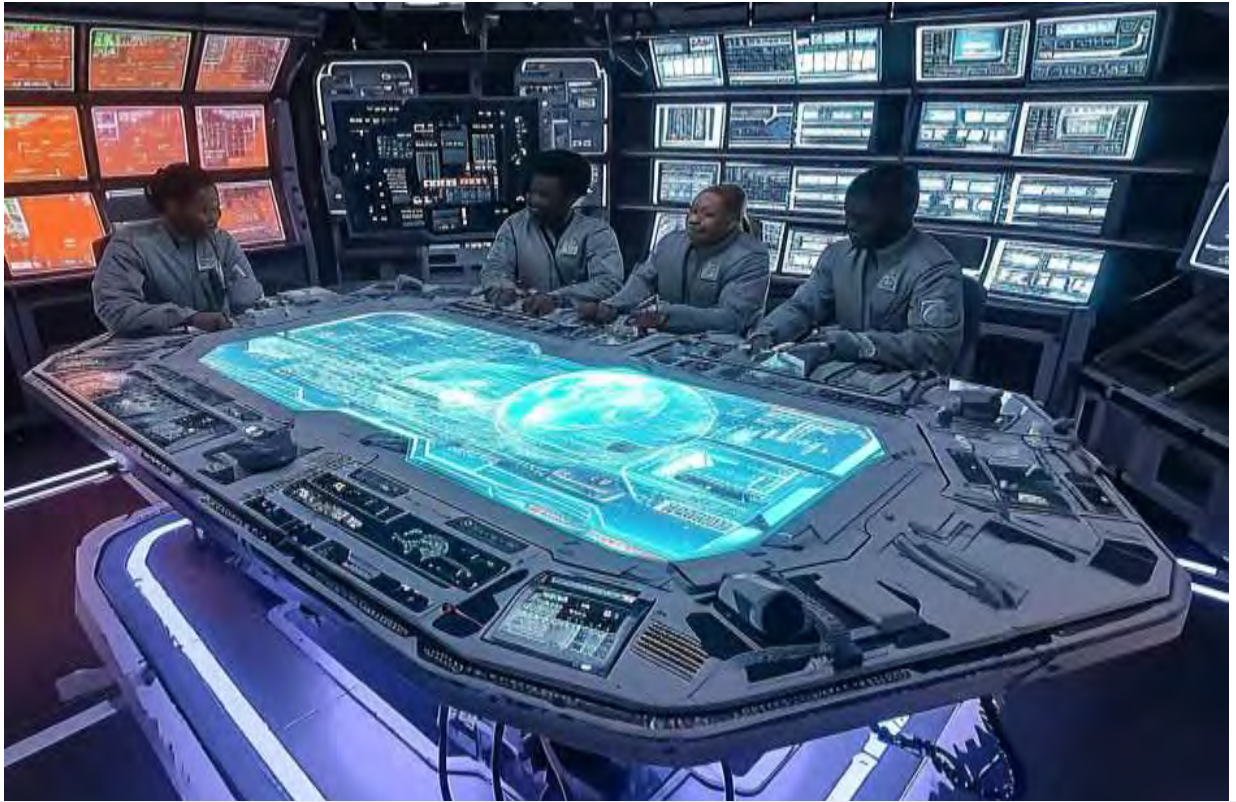


Fashion Design Interns will produce uniforms for the hundreds of Interns working at the facility.



Coach Ty, "In this facility, it might be the first time this many different types of vocational competitions will take place in one facility. Interns from each vocation zone will provide information to the Fashion Design Interns so they can create a different style of uniform for each vocation area. A uniform they will take pride in wearing because it communicates their uniqueness and professionalism."

International Diplomacy



Youth from many countries will be participating in live-virtual discussions, with youth in Memphis.



Coach Ty, "When you place diverse individuals on the same team where they need to work together in a fun, gamified experience, the typical negative peer pressure and communication barriers are replaced with a desire to work-together and win! CoreFire has tested the strategy with 1,000s of youth who come from very different cultures." (Participant comments supporting this unique system available.)

Broadcasting & Video Production

Teams of youth creating daily broadcasts that are streamed online.



Coach Ty, "Because we can use income from ticket sales to pay high school Interns in other countries to join the CoreFire Broadcasting Team, we could potentially have more trained international news correspondents than many traditional news outlets.

Broadcast Interns are responsible to produce daily broadcasts that peer youth can be passionate about."

Security & Service

CoreFire Intern, Amber Henderson, “Too often people try to put us into a box and limit our minds to thinking that we are bound for misery without college, when trade school or enlisting in the military, local fire or police, are honorable choices. CoreFire gives you a glimpse at real life. Real vocations. And the hope/motivation that you are so much more than where you come from.”



Coach Ty, “Youth training programs for Memphis Police, Shelby County Sheriff, and Memphis Fire Department, already exist. What is missing is a “Command Post” with an “Avengers” looking video wall, placed in a themed entertainment center.

Add in exciting competitions through Forensic Problem-solving Missions in the Escape Rooms, and we now have a powerful way to recruit more youth into these important community service fields.”

Catastrophe Training & Certifications



Fire Fighter Competition Tower built outside of the facility.



**Hope Lloyd,
Deputy Director,
Memphis Fire Department**

Hope Lloyd, Deputy Director, Memphis Fire Department, “In the event of a major catastrophe, there will be a need to coordinate a large number of civilians to assist in emergency care. We can coordinate the civilians, both adult and youth, that we have previously trained in the CoreFire Catastrophe Certification Zone in the facility and recorded their specific certification approvals into Coach Ty’s CoreFire App. While at first glance, the CoreFire Comic and Card game looks like an enjoyable form of entertainment, the reality is, CoreFire is a game changer in the event of a being prepared for a real emergency.”

Coach Ty, “Goal is to greatly increase the community members, students, corporate professionals and tourists, participating in the ‘City Wide Catastrophe Training.’ It is an annual event that we will gamify, and our Broadcast Interns will stream online, bringing additional excitement and participation.”

**Blue Suede
Presentation was
not provided at
the time of
Document
Publication.**

Environmental Court

**Presentation was
not provided at
the time of
Document
Publication.**



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

1. Description of the Item (Resolution, Ordinance, etc.)

Ordinance

2. Initiating Party (e.g. Public Works, at request of City Council, etc.)

Administration

3. State whether this is a change to an existing ordinance or resolution, if applicable.

This is an Amendment to Chapter 6, Article 46, Section 3
Ordinance No. 5415

4. State whether this will impact specific council districts or super districts.

None

5. State whether this requires a new contract, or amends an existing contract, if applicable.

No

6. State whether this requires an expenditure of funds/requires a budget amendment

No

7. If applicable, please list the MWBE goal and any additional information needed

N/A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 46, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS TO THE TERM OF SERVICE ON THE MEMPHIS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, ORDINANCE NO.5415

WHEREAS, Ordinance No 5415 established the Memphis Transportation Commission (the "Commission");

WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Article 46, sets forth the purpose and authority of the Commission;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Article 46, captioned "Membership" requires clarification as to the term of service provided for the members of the Memphis Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Transportation Commission values members who are committed to their service on the Commission and understands the need to provide continuity to achieve the purposes of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Memphis intends to exercise its authority to enact appropriate and necessary amendments to ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that Chapter 6, Article 46, Section 3 is amended as follows:

1. 6-46-3 B. is amended deleting the sentence "No member shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms."
2. The following language is added in said section: "The terms of office of said Commissioners shall be for a period of two (2) years from date of approval. If no successor has been appointed, then said Commissioner shall hold office until a successor is appointed."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of the Mayor in writing by the Comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

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December 20, 2024

The Honorable Michalyn Easter-Thomas, Chairman
Personnel, Government Affairs, and Annexation Committee
City Hall - Room 514
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Chairman Easter-Thomas:

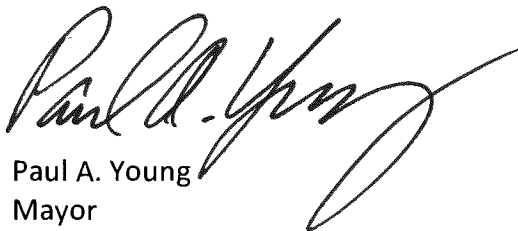
Subject to Council approval, I hereby recommend that:

Michael Fulton

be appointed to the Memphis & Shelby Sports Authority Board with a term expiration date of January 21, 2029.

I have attached biographical information.

Sincerely,


Paul A. Young
Mayor

PAY/sss

Enclosure

cc: Council Members

MEMPHIS & SHELBY COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY BOARD
11 Member Board
(5) City & (5) County & (1) Joint
6 Year Term

Purpose:

Develop a master plan for sports for Memphis and Shelby County and to serve as the vehicle to accept the state sales tax rebate for professional sports.

Members (City):

		Term ends:
Charles Ewing	M/B	09-30-25
Rodney Douglas	M/B	01-21-27
Chris Hearn	M/B	01-21-27
Ken Moody	M/B	09-30-28
Vacancy	M/W	01-21-23

Joint Appointment--

Alan Crone	M/W	12-04-26
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Updated 01/25/24

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME THE ED RICE COMMUNITY CENTER POOL FOR OSIE LEWIS, JR.

WHEREAS, on occasion, the Memphis City Council sees fit to recognize members of the Memphis community who have had a lasting impact, and Mr. Osie Lewis, Jr. is certainly worthy of recognition for his contributions, service, and dedication to improving the lives of individuals in the community of Memphis, Tennessee, throughout his illustrious career with the Memphis Parks division and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Osie Lewis, Jr. served the Memphis Parks division for over 35 years, having served as Director of the Ed Rice Community Center, Director of the North Frayser Community Center, and Director of the Raymond Skinner Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Osie Lewis, Jr. was more than a Community Center Director during his tenure; he was a visionary community leader who brought opportunities and amenities to the residents of the Frayser community and offered mentorship and encouragement to the youth who visited Ed Rice Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-84-22 of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances states that when the city acquires any public parks or recreational areas, the Memphis City Council is responsible for naming them; the Council also has the authority to change the official names of existing parks and recreational areas through an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council now seeks to exercise its naming authority under Section 12-84-22 of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances to name the pool at the Ed Rice Community Center for Mr. Osie Lewis, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Memphis that:

Section 1. The pool at the Ed Rice Community Center at 2935 N. Watkins in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, and any replacement or successor facility, shall be renamed the “Osie Lewis, Jr. Aquatic Center.”

Section 2. Upon passage of this ordinance, the newly named “Osie Lewis, Jr. Aquatic Center” shall be memorialized with a new facility sign and a suitable plaque near the pool, acknowledging the honor. Any costs associated with the construction or installation of the sign shall be incurred by the City of Memphis Parks Division, and if necessary, the Memphis Parks Division shall bring a funding resolution before the City Council for consideration.

Section 3. The City of Memphis Parks Division shall make the appropriate arrangements to alter any media collateral and associated documentation to denote the name change to “Osie Lewis, Jr. Aquatic Center.”

Section 4. Severability. All provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable and if any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts are held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of Mayor in writing by the comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

Sponsor

JB Smiley, Jr.

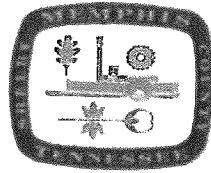
Dr. Michalyn Easter-Thomas

Jerri Green

Jana Swearengen-Washington

CHAIRMAN

J. Ford Canale



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

1. Description of the Item (Resolution, Ordinance, etc.)

Allocation and Appropriation of \$250,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2025, CIP Project Number GA07009 Riverfront Park Improvements and Maintenance, Contract Construction.

2. Initiating Party (e.g. Public Works, at request of City Council, etc.)

Memphis Parks

3. State whether this is a change to an existing ordinance or resolution, if applicable.

No it is not.

4. State whether this will impact specific council districts or super districts.

Super District 8 and Council District 7

5. State whether this requires a new contract, or amends an existing contract, if applicable.

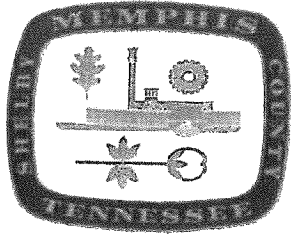
This will require a construction or purchase contract.

6. State whether this requires an expenditure of funds/requires a budget amendment

No it does not.

7. If applicable, please list the MWBE goal and any additional information needed

This Resolution only appropriates and transfers funding to make available for use. MWBE goals would be set for individual expenses in a later step.



P074

***Resolution to Allocate and Appropriate funds
For GA07009 Riverfront Park Improvement and Maintenance***

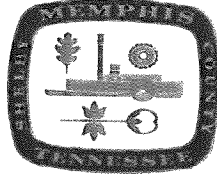
WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Memphis did include the MRPP Coverline, CIP Project Number GA07002, as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Council did provide an Allocation of \$250,000.00 in the Fiscal Year 2025, CIP Project Number GA07002, MRPP Coverline, Contract Construction, as part of the FY25 Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Administration desires to allocate, appropriate and transfer \$250,000.00 from Fiscal Year 2025, CIP Project Number GA07002, MRPP Coverline, Contract Construction; to Fiscal Year 2025, CIP Project Number GA07009, Riverfront Park Improvement and Maintenance, Contract Construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Memphis that there be and is hereby allocated, appropriated and transferred, the sum of \$250,000.00 from Fiscal Year 2025 CIP Project Number GA07002, MRPP Coverline, Contract Construction; to Fiscal Year 2025 CIP Project Number GA07009, Riverfront Park Improvement and Maintenance, Contract Construction, funded by G. O. Bonds General, chargeable to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Budget; with said appropriations being credited as follows:

Project Title:	Riverfront Park Improvement and Maintenance
Project Number:	GA07009
Amount:	\$250,000.00



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

1. Description of the Item (Resolution, Ordinance, etc.)

Resolution to accept grant funding in the amount of \$9,121.00 from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency's Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) to be used for travel for training .

2. Initiating Party (e.g. Public Works, at request of City Council, etc.)

Memphis Fire Services is the initiating party.

3. State whether this is a change to an existing ordinance or resolution, if applicable.

There is no change to an existing ordinance or resolution.

4. State whether this will impact specific council districts or super districts.

All council districts and super district.

5. State whether this requires a new contract, or amends an existing contract, if applicable.

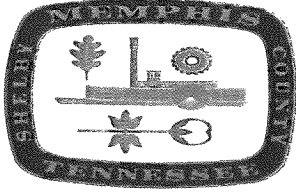
This request will not require a new contract.

6. State whether this requires an expenditure of funds/requires a budget amendment

This project requires an expenditure of funds and a budget adjustment.

7. If applicable, please list the MWBE goal and any additional information needed

There is no MWBE goal.



G060

A resolution to accept grant funding in the amount of Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,121.00) from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency's Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) to be used for travel for training .

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis Division of Fire Services has been awarded grant funds in the amount of Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,121.00) from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency's Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness for travel for training with a City match in the amount of Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$2,280.28); and

WHEREAS, These funds will be used for travel to training and planning to strengthen the Special Operations Divisions ability to provide training to sort personnel in West Tennessee on behalf of TEMA of responding to hazardous incident types and:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to accept the grant funding and amend the FY25 Misc. Grant Budget for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,121.00) for Fire Services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Memphis that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) funds in the amount of Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,121.00) be accepted by the City of Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FY25 Misc. Grant Budget be and is hereby amended by allocation and appropriating the additional Expenditures and Revenues for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HEMP) Grant Program as follows:

Revenue	
Federal Grants	\$9,121.00
Expense	
Travel	\$9,121.00



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

1. Description of the Item (Resolution, Ordinance, etc.)

This is a resolution to accept grant funds in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred (\$248,500.00) from Federal FY2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for special operations equipment.

2. Initiating Party (e.g. Public Works, at request of City Council, etc.)

The City of Memphis Division of Police Services is awarded this grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

3. State whether this is a change to an existing ordinance or resolution, if applicable.

This item does not change an existing ordinance or resolution.

4. State whether this will impact specific council districts or super districts.

All Districts

5. State whether this requires a new contract, or amends an existing contract, if applicable.

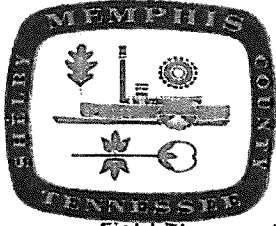
This is a new grant award pending Council approval.

6. State whether this requires an expenditure of funds/requires a budget amendment

Acceptance will require an amendment to the FY 2025 Operating Budget to appropriate the funds. The City of Memphis is required to provide matching funds in the amount of \$82,833.

7. If applicable, please list the MWBE goal and any additional information needed

Not Applicable.



G054

A Resolution to accept grant funds in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$248,500.00) from Federal FY2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

WHEREAS, The City of Memphis, Division of Police Services has been awarded grant funds in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Eight ^{Thousand} Five Hundred Dollars (\$248,500.00) from the U. S.Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for equipment purchases: video surveillance equipment, frontline operations watercraft, and tactical robotic equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis is required to provide matching funds in the amount of Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three dollars (\$82,833); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept the grant funding and amend the FY25 Operating Budget to establish funds for the Federal FY 2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to allocate and Two Hundred Forty -Eight ^{Thousand} Five Hundred Dollars (\$248,500.00) for the U. S. Department of Homeland Security grant project –Federal FY2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Memphis that the Federal U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Program –Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) grant funds in the amount of Two Hundred Forty -Eight ^{Thousand} Five Hundred Dollars (\$248,500.00) be accepted by the City of Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget be and is hereby amended by appropriating the Expenditures and Revenues for the Federal FY2024 U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant project –FY24 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) in the amount of Two Hundred Forty ^{Thousand} Eight Five Hundred Dollars (\$248,500.00)as follows:

REVENUE

U.S. Department of Homeland Security	\$248,500.00
Total	\$248,500.00

EXPENDITURES

Equipment	\$248,500.00
Total	\$248,500.00

MPD

**Presentation was
not provided at
the time of
Document
Publication.**

MLGW Consent Agenda Committee Discussion



MLGW Committee
January 7th, 2025

Items for January 7th Agenda

Items approved by BOC on December 18th

1. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12490, Landfill Services for MLGW to Memphis Wrecking Company Inc. in the funded amount of \$777,600.00.
2. Resolution approving the ratification of Purchase Order Number 7060792 to National Water Services for Davis Pumping Station high service pump #6 and motor in the amount of \$224,317.00.
3. Resolution approving Change No. 3 to Contract No. 12286, MLGW Utility Payment Centers with Firstech, Incorporated to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$239,172.00.
4. Resolution approving Change No. 1 to Contract No. 12563, MLGW Flower Planting, Mulch Maintenance, & Turf Area Management (formerly Contract No. C2649) with APS Facility Maintenance to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$92,735.16.
5. Resolution approving Change No. 3 to Contract No. 12460, Bridgewater Consulting with Bridgewater Consulting Group, Inc. to ratify, extend, and change the project scope in the funded amount of \$84,694.28.
6. Resolution approving Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12291 (Formerly Purchase Requisition #5062182), MLGW Customer Utility Bill Folder/Insertter (Beale Street Landing) with Bell and Howell, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$36,640.00.
7. Resolution approving Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12261 (Formerly Purchase Requisition #5059363), Utility Bill Folder/Insertter Equipment and Software Maintenance with Bell and Howell, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$138,490.00.

Landfill Services

- Funded amount: \$777,600.00
- Award Duration: 3 Years
- Type of Bid: Sealed Bid
- Awarded to: Memphis Wrecking Company, Inc.
- LSB/MWBE Goal Assigned/Committed: No supplier diversity goal assigned or committed.
- Plain Language Description: MLGW needs landfill services to support MLGW underground Electric, Gas and Water crews.
- Impact: MLGW needs to be able to dispose of truckloads of removed concrete and other excess waste after working jobs across the service territory.

Purchase of Davis High Service Pump and Motor Purchase (Emergency)

- Funded amount: \$224,317.00
- Award Duration: N/A
- Type of Bid: Sealed Bid
- Awarded to: National Water Service
- LSB/MWBE Goal Assigned/Committed: No supplier diversity goal assigned or committed.
- Plain Language Description: This purchase is for new motor and pump for Davis High Service Pump malfunctioned and was deemed non-repairable. MLGW Water Operations start to re-install equipment when it arrives.
- Impact: Redundancy at Davis Pumping Station. High Service Pump #5 and #6 are the largest reservoir pumps that provide the most flow out of the station. It's priority to have Davis Pumping Station at full operation due to the industrial and residential customers it serves.



MLGW Utility Payment Centers

- Funded amount: \$239,172.00
- Award Duration: Renewal through May 14, 2026
- Type of Bid: RFP
- Awarded to: Firstech, Inc.
- LSB/MWBE Goal Assigned/Committed: No supplier diversity goal assigned or committed.
- Plain Language Description: This contract allows MLGW customers the ability to pay their utility bills at over 200 authorized pay agent locations in Memphis and surrounding areas of Shelby County.
- Impact: MLGW customers will not have the ability to make their utility payments in person at these authorized pay agent locations without this service.

MLGW Flower Planting, Mulch Maintenance, & Turf Area Management

- Funded amount: \$92,735.16
- Award Duration: Renewal through February 28, 2026
- Type of Bid: Sealed Bid
- Awarded to: APS Facility Maintenance
- LSB/MWBE Goal Assigned/Committed: Yes, a 30% goal was assigned. The actual participation is 100% MBE- APS Facility Maintenance.
- Plain Language Description: This contract is for grounds maintenance for MLGW's community offices. These services include spraying, trimming, limb removal, weed eating, fence clearing, mowing, flower planting, etc. improving the overall aesthetics of the MLGW Community Office grounds areas.
- Impact: MLGW needs to be able to upkeep and improve the community office grounds areas' overall aesthetics.

Review of MLGW's Meter to Cash Billing Operations

- Funded amount: \$84,694.28
- Award Duration: September 28, 2024 through October 31, 2024
- Type of Bid: Sole Source
- Awarded to: Bridgewater Consulting Group, Inc.
- LSB/MWBE Goal Assigned/Committed: No Supplier Diversity goal was assigned to this contract, Vendor is 100%MBE.
- Plain Language Description: – To ratify invoice payment and extend the contract.
- Impact: Vendor is doing independent assessment of the factors that contributed to the metering and billing issues so that internal processes are improved.

Utility Bill Folder/Inserter Equipment Maintenance and Software Support – Beale Street Landing location

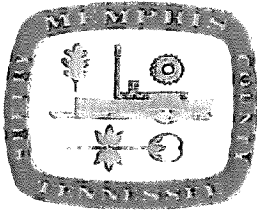
- Funded amount: \$36,640
- Award Duration: Renewal through August 13, 2027
- Type of Bid: Sole Source
- Awarded to: Bell and Howell, LLC
- LSB/MWBE Goal Assigned/Committed: No supplier diversity goal assigned or committed.
- Plain Language Description: This contract is for Utility Bill Folder/Inserter Equipment Maintenance and Software Support for the Beale Street Landing Building.
- Impact: This equipment is used to process MLGW customer utility bills and statements. The Vendor is the only authorized party to provide maintenance and software support on this equipment.

Utility Bill Folder/Inserter Equipment Maintenance and Software Support –Administration Building location

- **Funded amount:** \$138,490.00
- **Award Duration:** Renewal through April 8, 2027
- **Type of Bid:** Sole Source
- **Awarded to:** Bell and Howell, LLC
- **LSB/MWBE Goal Assigned/Committed:** No supplier diversity goal assigned or committed.
- **Plain Language Description:** This contract is for Utility Bill Folder/Inserter Equipment Maintenance and Software Support for the Administration Building.
- **Impact:** This equipment is used to process MLGW customer utility bills and statements. The Vendor is the only authorized party to provide maintenance and software support on this equipment.

Questions





T-177

A Resolution approving the sale of a city owned property known as 920 Rutgers Road, Memphis, TN 38106, Parcel ID# 060022 00009

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis owns the property located at 920 Rutgers Road, Memphis, TN 38106 ("The Property") and is further identified by Shelby County Tax Assessor as Parcel ID# 060022 00009 containing 0.47 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject Property will increase the City's General Fund, generate tax revenue, and eliminate blight and maintenance costs for the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Travis Hyman, a citizen, submitted an offer of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) along with a Five Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$550.00) Earnest Money deposit to the City of Memphis Real Estate Office; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Memphis and County of Shelby that this request be considered subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase and in City Ordinance 5637 section 2-16-1(F).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Memphis that the offer made by Travis Hyman for the above-described property is hereby accepted subject to the City Ordinance 5637, section 2-16-1(E) which states in part, "The city real estate manager shall be authorized to convey property without necessity of competitive bidding, for approval by the city council with one reading, which reading shall be final."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the Ordinance, the City of Memphis Real Estate Department shall prepare and arrange for the execution of the quit claim deed, and any other documents incidental to the completion of the transfer, and the Mayor of the City of Memphis is hereby authorized to execute said deeds or any other documents necessary to complete the sale and conveyance.



T-177

Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

1. Description of the Item (Resolution, Ordinance, etc.)

Resolution approving the sale of a city owned property known as 920 Rutgers Road, Memphis, TN 38106, Parcel ID # 060022 00009.

2. Initiating Party (e.g. Public Works, at request of City Council, etc.)

General Services / Real Estate

3. State whether this is a change to an existing ordinance or resolution, if applicable.

This is not a change to an existing ordinance or resolution.

4. State whether this will impact specific council districts or super districts.

Council District 6 and Super district 8

5. State whether this requires a new contract, or amends an existing contract, if applicable.

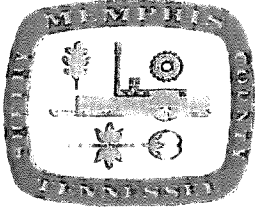
N/A

6. State whether this requires an expenditure of funds/requires a budget amendment

This does not require expenditure of funds nor a budget amendment.

7. If applicable, please list the MWBE goal and any additional information needed

N/A



T-178

A Resolution approving the sale of a city owned property known as 982 Rutgers Road, Memphis, TN 38106, Parcel ID# 060021 00011

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis owns the property located at 982 Rutgers Road, Memphis, TN 38106 ("The Property") and is further identified by Shelby County Tax Assessor as Parcel ID# 060021 00011 containing 0.518 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject Property will increase the City's General Fund, generate tax revenue, and eliminate blight and maintenance costs for the City of Memphis; and

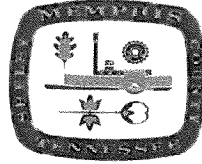
WHEREAS, Travis Hyman, a citizen, submitted an offer of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) along with a Six Hundred Dollar (\$600.00) Earnest Money deposit to the City of Memphis Real Estate Office; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Memphis and County of Shelby that this request be considered subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase and in City Ordinance 5637 section 2-16-1(F).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Memphis that the offer made by Travis Hyman for the above-described property is hereby accepted subject to the City Ordinance 5637, section 2-16-1(E) which states in part, "The city real estate manager shall be authorized to convey property without necessity of competitive bidding, for approval by the city council with one reading, which reading shall be final."

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T-178



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

1. Description of the Item (Resolution, Ordinance, etc.)

Resolution approving the sale of a city owned property known as 982 Rutgers Road, Memphis, TN 38106, Parcel ID # 060021 00011.

2. Initiating Party (e.g. Public Works, at request of City Council, etc.)

General Services / Real Estate

3. State whether this is a change to an existing ordinance or resolution, if applicable.

This is not a change to an existing ordinance or resolution.

4. State whether this will impact specific council districts or super districts.

Council District 6 and Super district 8

5. State whether this requires a new contract, or amends an existing contract, if applicable.

N/A

6. State whether this requires an expenditure of funds/requires a budget amendment

This does not require expenditure of funds nor a budget amendment.

7. If applicable, please list the MWBE goal and any additional information needed

N/A

January 7, 2025

FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS

DIVISIONS/DEPARTMENTS:
Police Services

FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA

- RESOLUTION to accept new forensic software valued at \$2,800.00 on behalf of Memphis Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit donated from Operation Underground Railroad. All Districts and All Super Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Memphis Police Services. **(Request for Same Night Minutes)**
- RESOLUTION to accept new grant funds in the amount of \$963,000.00 from the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. All Districts and All Super Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Memphis Police Services. **(Request for Same Night Minutes)**
- RESOLUTION to accept new grant funds in the amount of \$963,000.00 from the Department of Justice Office of Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant. All Districts and All Super Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Memphis Police Services. **(Request for Same Night Minutes)**

- **RESOLUTION to accept new forensic software valued at \$2,800.00 on behalf of Memphis Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit donated from Operation Underground Railroad. All Districts and All Super Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Memphis Police Services. (Request for Same Night Minutes)**

- Division/Department: Police Services
- Division/Department Contact: Janille Townsel
- Name of Grantor: Operation Underground
- Funding Amount: \$2,800 value
- Award Duration: 1 year
- Awarded Type: In-Kind Gift/Equipment
- Plain Language Description: MPD has been gifted free access to Cyacomb Examiner Plus software for 1 year (\$2,800.00) from Operation Underground Railroad (OUR) on behalf for MPD's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit for criminal investigations.
- Impact: Using cutting-edge technology, it replaces slow scans, detecting indecent images of children to further Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigations.

- **RESOLUTION to accept new grant funds in the amount of \$963,000.00 from the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. All Districts and All Super Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Memphis Police Services. (Request for Same Night Minutes)**

- Division/Department: Police Services
- Division/Department Contact: Janille Townsel
- Name of Grantor: US Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Funding Amount: \$963,000.00
- Award Duration: 2 years, 3/9/2024 to 3/31/2026
- Awarded Type: Federal Funds
- Plain Language Description: Federal funding for license plate readers to support public safety efforts.
- Impact: Building on the success of previously funded LPRs, the Memphis Police Department seeks to enhance the camera network with additional LPRs through collaboration with the federal government. This strategic move will significantly aid in providing relief to victims of auto theft and other vehicle-based violent crimes. Using LPRs, the Sentinel Program will provide additional video evidence and situational awareness in Memphis.

- **RESOLUTION to accept new grant funds in the amount of \$963,000.00 from the Department of Justice Office of Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant. All Districts and All Super Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Memphis Police Services. (Request for Same Night Minutes)**
 - Division/Department: Police Services
 - Division/Department Contact: Janille Townsel
 - Name of Grantor: US Office of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
 - Funding Amount: \$963,000.00
 - Award Duration: 12 months, 6/1/2024 to 5/31/2025
 - Awarded Type: Federal Funds
 - Plain Language Description: Federal funding for equipment to support public safety efforts
 - Impact: The proposed protective gear, such as the ballistic shield and rifle plates, allows officers to respond to gun crime while safely completing the apprehension of persons who commit violent crimes. Obtaining this equipment supports work to study and improve officer performance and safety on several fronts. Visibility and forensic equipment for officers, such as thermal imaging devices and tint meters for optical safety, will aid in criminal investigations and preventative analytics.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 20 – MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AND PROVISIONS – OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, TO ADD PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF DEADLY WEAPONS AND EXTREME PROTECTION ORDERS

WHEREAS, Referendum Ordinance No. 5877 was approved by the Memphis City Council on July 11, 2023, to be published and submitted by the City of Memphis to its qualified voters during the general election on August 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Referendum ordinance was subsequently amended and restated in Ordinance No. 5908 to submit the questions to the qualified voters of the City of Memphis during the general election on November 4, 2024.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters approved the amendments to the Charter of the City of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Council to implement the demonstrated will of the people of Memphis and adopt the proposed amendments.

WHEREAS, the City's Charter vests the City Council with the authority, in its legislative discretion, by ordinance to declare which state misdemeanor offenses committed within the City shall be enforced as misdemeanors within the City. *See* Memphis Charter §§ 360 and 370.

WHEREAS, the provisions of Ordinance No. 5908 are not automatically enforceable or self-executing because they lack the specific details needed for their enforcement and implementation but rather establish the maximum authority of the City Council to adopt ordinances and policies to implement such Charter provisions.

WHEREAS, the Council has no present intention to authorize enforcement and implementation of any provisions of Ordinance No. 5908 that are inconsistent with state law but intends to create legislation that authorizes and supports vigorous enforcement of gun laws adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance to adopt the following provisions, which were approved by the qualified voters of the City of Memphis during the state general election on November 4, 2024, in order to declare which state misdemeanor offenses committed within the City, as so approved by Memphis voters, shall be enforced as misdemeanors within the City to be effective upon approval by the Tennessee General Assembly of such laws as may necessary to allow for police and judicial enforcement of violations of such provisions in the City.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Ordinance to request the City Administration and the Memphis Police Department to provide advice on policies, procedures and directives that the Council can adopt in order to abate violation of existing provisions of state gun laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS that

Section 1. Article 10, Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances of Memphis, Tennessee, is hereby amended to add the following provisions

Section 10-20-30. Weapons – Carrying

- A. No person shall be allowed to carry a handgun in the City of Memphis without possessing a valid handgun carry permit.
- B. No person shall be allowed to carry, store, or travel with a handgun in a vehicle in the City of Memphis without possessing a valid handgun permit.
- C. It shall be unlawful for a person to store a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or firearm ammunition, in a motor vehicle or boat while the person is not in the motor vehicle or boat unless the firearm or firearm ammunition is kept from ordinary observation and locked within the trunk, utility or glove box, or a locked container securely affixed to the motor vehicle or boat.
- D. The proliferation and use of assault weapons pose a threat to the health, safety, and security of all citizens of Memphis.
- E. It shall be unlawful and prohibited for a person to possess or carry, openly or concealed, any assault rifles in the City of Memphis. Persons with valid handgun permits are exempt from this restriction when possessing or carrying an assault rifle on their privately owned property or at a shooting range.
- F. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to punishment as provided in Section 1-1-8.

Section 10-20-31. Commercial Sale of Assault Rifles

A. The commercial sale of assault rifles within the City of Memphis shall be deemed unlawful and is prohibited.

B. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to the commercial sale of assault rifles to:

- 1. Any federal, state, local law enforcement agency;
- 2. The United States Armed Forces or department or agency of the United States;
- 3. Tennessee National Guard, or a department, agency, or political subdivision of a state; or
- 4. A Law Enforcement Officer.

C. This prohibition shall not apply to those pre-existing owners who can demonstrate that the commercial sale of an assault rifle was completed prior to January 1, 2025.

- 1. A pre-existing owner is one who, in the purchase of an assault rifle in a commercial

sale prior to January 1, 2025, completed an application, passed a background check, and has a receipt or purchase order for said purchase, without regard to whether the purchaser has actual physical possession of the Assault Rifle and complied with any other requirements regarding the purchase and sale of weapons, codified in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 39-17-1316 and 39-17-1351.

Section 10-20-32. Extreme Risk Protection Orders

A. Definitions

1. "Petitioner" means:

- a. A law enforcement officer or agency, including an attorney for the state;
- b. A member of the family of the respondent, which shall be understood to mean a parent, spouse, child, or sibling of the respondent;
- c. A member of the household of the respondent;
- d. A dating or intimate partner of the respondent;
- e. A health care provider who has provided health services to the respondent;
- f. An official of a school or school system in which the respondent is enrolled or has been enrolled within the preceding month;

2. "Respondent" means the person against whom an order under Section 20-35 or 20-36 has been sought or granted.

B. Types of Orders

1. The petitioner may apply for an emergency ex parte order as provided in Section 20-35 or an order following a hearing as provided in Section 20-36.

Section 10-20-33. Emergency Ex Parte Order

(a) Basis for Order. The court shall issue an emergency ex parte extreme risk protection order upon submission of an application by a petitioner, supported by an affidavit or sworn oral statement of the petitioner or other witness, that provides specific facts establishing probable cause that the respondent's possession or receipt of a firearm will pose a significant danger or extreme risk of personal injury or death to the respondent or another person. The court shall take up and decide such an application on the day it is submitted, or if review and decision of the application on the same day is not feasible, then as quickly as possible but in no case later than forty-eight hours.

(b) Content of Order. An order issued under this section shall,

1. prohibit the respondent from possessing, using, purchasing, manufacturing, or otherwise receiving a firearm;

2. order the respondent to provisionally surrender any firearms in his or her possession or control, and any license or permit allowing the respondent to possess or acquire a firearm, to any law enforcement officer presenting the order or to a law enforcement agency as directed by the officer or the order; and

3. inform the respondent of the time and place of the hearing under Section 3 to determine whether he or she will be subject to a continuing prohibition on possessing and acquiring firearms.

(c) Search and Seizure.

1. If the application and its supporting affidavit or statement establish probable cause that the respondent has access to a firearm, on his or her person or in an identified place, the court shall concurrently issue a warrant authorizing a law enforcement agency to search the person of the respondent and any such place for firearms and to seize any firearm therein to which the respondent would have access.

2. The court may subsequently issue additional search warrants of this nature based on probable cause that the respondent has retained, acquired, or gained access to firearm while an order under this section remains in effect.

3. If the owner of a firearm seized pursuant to this subsection is a person other than the respondent, the owner may secure the return of the firearm as provided in Section 20-36 (c)(3).

(d) Time for Service and Searches. The responsible law enforcement agency shall serve the order on the respondent and carry out any search authorized under subsection (c)(1), promptly following issuance of the order. If a search is authorized under subsection (c)(1), the agency may serve the order on the respondent concurrently with or after the execution of the search.

Section 20-36. Order After Hearing

(a) Order After Hearing. Upon application for an extreme risk protection order, supported by an affidavit or sworn oral statement of the petitioner or other witness that provides specific facts giving rise to the concern about the significant danger or extreme risk described in Section 20-35, the court may issue an order under this section, which shall be effective for a period of one (1) year after a hearing. An order issued under this section shall,

(1) prohibit the respondent from possessing, using, purchasing, or otherwise receiving a firearm; and

(2) order the respondent to surrender any firearm in his or her possession or control, and any license or permit allowing the respondent to possess or acquire a firearm, to any law enforcement officer presenting the order or to a law enforcement agency as directed by the officer or the order.

(b) Basis for order. The court shall issue such an order based on a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent's possession or receipt of a firearm will pose a significant danger or extreme risk of personal injury or death to the respondent or another person. In determining the satisfaction of this requirement, the court shall consider all relevant facts and circumstances after reviewing the petitioner's application and conducting the hearing described in Section 20-35(d). The court may order a psychological evaluation of the respondent, including voluntary or involuntary commitment of the respondent for purposes of such an evaluation, to the extent authorized by other law.

(c) Search and Seizure.

(1) If the evidence presented at the hearing establishes probable cause that the respondent has access to a firearm, on his or her person or in an identified place, the court shall concurrently issue a warrant authorizing a law enforcement agency to search the person of the respondent and any such place for firearms and to seize any firearm therein to which the respondent would have access.

(2) The court may subsequently issue additional search warrants of this nature based on probable cause that the respondent has retained, acquired, or gained access to a firearm while an order under this section remains in effect.

(3) If the owner of a firearm seized pursuant to this subsection is a person other than the respondent, the owner may secure the prompt return of the firearm by providing an affidavit to the law enforcement agency affirming his or her ownership of the firearm and providing assurance that he or she will safeguard the firearm against access by the respondent. The law enforcement agency shall return the firearm to the owner upon its confirmation, including by a check of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and the applicable state firearm background check system, that the owner is not legally disqualified from possessing or receiving the firearm.

(d) Time for Hearings and Service.

(1) A hearing under this section shall be held within three (3) days of the filing of the application, or within one (1) day of the issuance of an emergency ex parte order under Section 20-35, if such an order is issued. The responsible law enforcement agency shall serve notice of the hearing on the respondent promptly after the filing of the application or issuance of an emergency ex parte order, but notice may be provided by publication or mailing if the respondent cannot be personally served within the specified period. The respondent shall be entitled to one continuance of up to two (2) days on request, and the court may thereafter grant

an additional continuance or continuances for good cause. Any emergency ex parte order under Section 20-35 shall remain in effect until the hearing is held. The court may temporarily extend the emergency order at the hearing, pending a decision on a final order.

(2) The responsible law enforcement agency shall serve an order issued under this section on the respondent and carry out any search authorized under subsection (c)(1), promptly following issuance of the order. If a search is authorized under subsection (c)(1), the agency may serve the order on the respondent concurrently with or after the execution of the search.

(e) Termination and Renewal of Orders.

(1) A respondent may file a motion to terminate an order under this Section one time during the effective period of that order. The respondent shall have the burden of proving, by the same standard of proof required for issuance of such an order, that he or she does not pose a significant danger or extreme risk of personal injury or death to himself or herself or another.

(2) The petitioner may seek renewals of an order under this section for an additional six (6) months at any time preceding its expiration. Renewals after the initial order shall be granted subject to the same standards and requirements as an initial order. The preceding order shall remain in effect until the renewal hearing is held and the court grants or denies a renewed order.

(3) If the respondent fails to appear at, or cannot be personally served in relation to, any hearing or renewal hearing under this section, the default does not affect the court's authority to issue an order or entitle the respondent to challenge the order prior to its expiration. The order will lapse after one (1) year if no eligible petitioner seeks its renewal.

Section 20-37. Entry Into Background Check Systems

The court shall forward any order issued under Section 20-35 or 20-36 to an appropriate law enforcement agency on the day it is issued. Upon receipt of an order under Section 20-36, the law enforcement agency shall make the order available to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and any state system used to identify persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms.

Section 20-38. Violations

A. The following persons shall be in violation of the City Code of Ordinances:

1. **FILER OF FALSE OR HARASSING APPLICATION.** – Any person filing an application under Section 20-35 or 20-36 containing information that he or she knows to be materially false, or for the purpose of harassing the respondent.

2. **RESPONDENT NOT COMPLYING WITH ORDER.** – Any person who knowingly violates an order under Section 20-35 or 20-36 , including by possessing or acquiring a firearm in violation of the order or failing to surrender a firearm as required by the order.

3. **PROVIDER OF PROHIBITED ACCESS TO RESPONDENT.** – Any person who knowingly provides the subject of an order under Section 20-35 or 20-36 access to a firearm, in violation of an assurance the person has provided in an affidavit under Section 20-35(c)(3) or 20-36(c)(3) that he or she will safeguard the firearm against access by the respondent.

SECTION 2. Severability Clause.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts is held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Codification Clause.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance amends Title 10, Chapter 20 of the Official 2021 City Code. The City has authorized the Municipal Code Corporation to provide a republication of the City’s Ordinances in the Official City Code, as amended from time to time, for the convenience of the public. The Official 2021 City Code and the official version of all new, amending, repealing and clarifying ordinances adopted by the City Council are maintained by the City’s Comptroller in the Office of Council Records.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. Ordinance Section 10-20-21-Weapons-Carrying that was adopted to mirror the misdemeanor provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 39-6-1701, -1702 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, this Ordinance shall take effect, and to the extent permitted, on the thirtieth 30th day following the occurrence of either of the following circumstances in the interests of the public welfare, namely:

1. The passage of any enabling legislation adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly or the United States Congress that authorizes municipalities and/or the City of Memphis to enforce ordinances that regulate the use, purchase, transfer, manufacture, ownership, possession, carrying, sale, acquisition, gift, devise, licensing, registration, storage, and transportation firearms within the City; or
2. The passage of any enabling legislation adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly or the United States Congress that authorizes municipalities and/or the City of Memphis to enforce ordinances that provide for obtaining and prosecuting violations of Emergency Ex Parte Orders;

3. The entry of a final decree or judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction declaring or deciding that Tennessee municipalities and/or the City of Memphis are authorized under Tennessee or federal law (i) to enforce ordinances that regulate the use, purchase, transfer, manufacture, ownership, possession, carrying, sale, acquisition, gift, devise, licensing, registration, storage, and transportation firearms within the City or (ii) to enforce ordinances that provide for obtaining and prosecuting violations of Emergency Ex Parte Orders;

SECTION 6. Adoption. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be and become a finally adopted ordinance after having been passed by City Council, signed by the Chair of Council, certified and delivered to the office of the Mayor in writing by the Comptroller, and become operative in accordance with its terms as otherwise provided by law and shall remain operative unless and until the City Council alters, amends clarifies or repeals it by a superseding, amending, clarifying or codifying ordinance.

Sponsor(s):
Dr. Jeff Warren

JB SMILEY, JR.
CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council has adopted Rules of Procedure by which it maintains its operation, pursuant to Referendum Ordinance 1852, Section 1, Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it becomes necessary to amend said rules to ensure that Council Members are able to conduct the business of the City of Memphis efficiently and effectively, and it is proper that such amendments be officially approved by the legislative body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Memphis that the Council Rules of Procedure, as presently adopted, be and the same are hereby amended as follows:

A. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

RULE 5

The Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the duly sworn Council Members by the second meeting of November preceding the year he/she shall serve.

The Vice Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the Council Members by the second meeting of the November preceding the year he/she shall serve. In the event the Chairperson of the Council becomes incapacitated, the Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson of the Council and a new member shall be voted in as Vice Chairperson for the remainder of the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Memphis that the Council Rules of Procedure be republished with the passage of this resolution.

Sponsor(s):

J. Ford Canale