CITY COUNCILMAN MYRON LOWERY'S REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR 2006

JANUARY

Received YO! Memphis internal audit report from the City; report stated that actions of YO! Memphis falls within federal guidelines.

Adopted a resolution encouraging the Tennessee General Assembly to support the anti-predatory lending bill.

Accepted \$200,000 in grant funds for WIA Title One Katrina Reintegration Counselor Initiative Fund.

Adopted a resolution supporting the removal of the Land Bridge component from the Memphis Riverfront Master Plan of the Riverfront Development Corporation.

Received updates from Administration on the University of Memphis Revenue Forecast for FY06 and 07.

Received Peer City Comparison Report conducted by administration.

Discussed the City's pension system and collection of fines and fees.

Authorized the issuance and sale of new G.O. Bonds and refunded G.O. Bonds.

Adopted a resolution declaring there will be no property tax increase for FY2007.

Updated on CIP Budget projects and the administration's plans to severely curtail CIP projects.

Discussed a living wage ordinance; focused on City of Memphis employees' who do not receive a living wage.

Proclaimed the week of February 7 -14, 2007 "Memphis Marriage Week."

Accepted the transfer of Countrywood Park from Shelby County Government and the Shelby County Conservation Board.

Accepted \$1.4 million from the Department of Justice to purchase radio equipment for police vehicles.

Participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for Global Village Child Development Center in College Park.

Received an analysis by our council attorney Allan Wade on the PILOT study.

FEBRUARY

Updated by the Administration on the Salvation Army's proposal to build a Kroc Center on Fairgrounds property. Updated by the Administration on Bass Pro Shop's plans for The Pyramid.

Honored the University of Memphis Tigers Football Team on their win at the Motor City Bowl.

Gave \$2500 to WTN-COPS for the benefit of survivors of Memphis Police Officers killed in the line-of-duty.

Accepted \$460,000 from Dept of Homeland Security for a driver training simulator for the Memphis Fire Dept.

Accepted \$603,606 from Shelby County Government to provide law enforcement equipment, overtime and youth and crime prevention programs and appropriated matching funds from City's operating budget.

Received presentation of the Fairgrounds Master Plan.

Received City of Memphis Budget Quarterly Report.

Appropriated \$375,000 for computer network and telephone connections at the Hickory Hill Police Precinct.

Appropriated \$5.5 million to the Convention Center.

Submitted a grant application to the State of Tennessee for costs related to the realignment of Rivergate Road in preparation for the expansion of the Canadian National Railway.

Adopted a resolution supporting the Living Wage for all city employees and asked the administration to come back to Council with Living Wage proposal in July.

MARCH

Administration presented Capital spending overview.

Extended the \$2 emergency gas surcharge for taxi industry until September 5, 2006.

Appropriated \$350,000 for Treasury Systems Replacement.

Appropriated \$441,920 for renovation of Bellevue and Wolbrecht Tennis Centers.

Appropriated \$413,000 for Cancer Survivors Park.

Appropriated \$345,000 for renovation of Whitehaven Tennis Center.

Approved changes to regulations for Wreckers and Towing Operators.

Adopted a resolution encouraging the appointment of a West Tennessean to the TVA Board.

Approved a resolution congratulating Gideon McKinney on his participation in American Idol.

APRIL

Accepted \$500,000 from Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation to assist in the development of the University Place Redevelopment Project.

Adopted a resolution requesting written quarterly financial reports from the Administration on the City's Pension Fund.

Adopted a resolution supporting state legislation to make Tennessee competitive in attracting film and video industries.

Approved an honorary street name change of Judge James Swearengen Boulevard on Chelsea.

Discussed trains obstructing city streets.

Received an update on the Fairgrounds Master Plan.

Appropriated \$865,000 for standardization of the City's computer systems.

Appropriated \$500,000 for infrastructure construction of Aprilwoods East and West projects.

Appropriated \$500,000 for infrastructure construction of Bell Estates.

Appropriated \$500,000 for infrastructure construction of Genesis Estates.

Received Mayor Herenton's proposed Operating and CIP Budgets for Fiscal Year 2007.

MAY

Approved changes to the ordinance regulating off-premise billboards.

Presentation by Save Libertyland.

Amended ordinances pertaining to the City's Pensions Board and Pension Investment Committee.

Discussed the FY2005 financial audit of the City.

Authorized the issuance of G.O. Bonds for the purpose of financing Public Works Projects in the City.

Authorized the issuance and sale of Commercial Paper of the City of Memphis.

Adopted the FY2007 Annual Action Plan/Consolidated Plan of Housing and Community Development.

Accepted \$450,000 from the State of Tennessee to provide enhanced security around selected public buildings.

Began Impasse Hearings between City Unions and the Administration.

Authorized HCD to award \$280,000 to designated nonprofit organizations for the purpose of supporting the City's businesses/economic development programs.

Approved \$194,000 for a new cooling tower at the Cook Convention Center.

Extended a moratorium on the issuance of permits for adult-oriented businesses and compensated dance permits.

Held O&M and CIP Budget Hearings.

JUNE

Received update on new facility for Memphis and Shelby County 911

Received update on Jackson Avenue Corridor project

Approved the City's Operating Budget for FY 2007; approved a budget of \$497,074,446.

Approved the City's Capital Improvement Budget for FY2007 at amount of \$163,406,000.

Approved the Memphis City Schools Budget for 2006-2007 of \$821,067,776, with the City funding \$92,865,000 of this total.

Appropriated \$479,420 for MHA-Uptown Hurt Village Project.

Appropriated \$431,679 for the installation of wheelchair ramps at various intersections across the city.

Councilmembers Lowery, Jones, and Taylor called for a federal investigation of the construction of the FedEx Forum parking garage.

Extended the MWBE Program until June 30, 2008.

Approved an agreement to develop Army and Navy Parks into memorials for African-American Civil War heroes.

Appropriated \$3.7 million for Police Vice Narcotics Unit.

Appropriated \$1.5 million to Memphis Bioworks Foundation.

Requested Park Services reinstate van transportation for senior citizens at Lewis and Orange Mound Senior Centers.

Hosted a meeting with the community to discuss crime and how to fight it.

JULY

Approved an agreement with Levitt Pavilion Memphis to renovate and manage the Overton Park Shell, and provided \$500,000 for renovation.

Approved \$217,000 in funding for an emergency youth summer jobs program.

Appropriated \$3.8 million for Oracle Phase III, to update the City's business processes.

Accepted \$628,000 from Homeland Security for the Urban Search and Rescue Program.

Accepted \$50,000 from the State of Tennessee to install bicycle racks in the downtown area.

Approved the sale of ½ acre City property at Central and Goodlett to Second Presbyterian Church.

Appropriated \$500,000 for James Road Development project.

Appropriated \$975,000 for Lamar Terrace/University Place Project.

Accepted \$547,000 from the State of Tennessee for the Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center.

Approved a lease agreement with WesPac Pipelines for land on Presidents Island.

Councilman Sammons' referendum proposal for term limits was defeated.

Councilman Lowery's referendum proposal for staggered elections for council members was defeated.

AUGUST

Extended the \$2.00 Taxi Fuel Surcharge for six months.

Appropriated \$6.5 million for MATA preventive maintenance costs.

Reaffirmed the City's certified tax rate of \$3.4332 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Authorized the issuance, sale and delivery of Sanitary Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds.

Approved the sale of the old Whitehaven Library on Barton for \$200,000.

Appropriated \$2 million for Uptown Hurt Village Project.

Appropriated \$2 million for Lamar Terrace/University Place Project.

Appropriated \$205,000 for construction of a new restroom facility at M.L. King Park.

Appropriated \$1 million for construction of the Northwest Passage Exhibit at the Memphis Zoo.

Appropriated \$2 million for paving of city streets.

Presentation by consultants and administration officials on the City of Memphis Efficiency Study and appropriated \$739,342 for the development and completion of said study.

Discussed MATA's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SEPTEMBER

Presentation of Affordable Housing designs.

Discussed enacting a living wage for temporary/part-time city employees.

Discussed enacting a procedure for settlement of City lawsuits.

Accepted \$3 million from the State of Tennessee for labor and workforce development adult education.

Appropriated \$2.7 million for the Search/Rescue Warehouse.

Approved an agreement with the Friends of the Levitt Pavilion Memphis to operate the Overton Park Shell.

Updated on environmental concerns resulting from Pro-Serve fires.

Updated on plans to build a Salvation Army Kroc Center at the Fairgrounds.

Accepted \$4 million in grant funds from TDOT for improvements to our traffic signal system.

Appropriated \$125,000 to continue the Urban Art Project.

Appropriated \$1.2 million to update City's communications system.

Accepted over \$1.1 million from the State for Workforce Development.

Appropriated \$3 million for Uptown Hurt Village.

Appropriated \$200,000 to Girls, Inc.

Appropriated \$1 million for North Parkway realignment project.

Appropriated \$3 million for paying of city streets.

OCTOBER

Mayor Herenton proposes a 50 cent property tax increase to fund the hiring of 650 new police officers to fight crime.

Received an update on the Court Square project.

Updated on MLGW's plans to move to automatic meter reading.

Updated by Mayor Herenton on FY2006 General Fund operating results; \$31 million surplus with \$28.6 million now in reserves.

Adopted a resolution requesting the Riverfront Development Corporation present a detailed proposal for the relocation of the Grand Carousel to Mud Island River Park.

Adopted a resolution requesting the Crime Commission analyze the Mayor's crime fighting plan and make recommendations to the Council.

Appropriated \$2.7 million for Dixie Homes project.

Approved changes to the policies and procedures of the Industrial Development Board's PILOT program.

Amended the City Council Rules of Procedure to add the Audit Committee as a standing committee.

Approved the operation of Davy Crockett Golf Course until June 30, 2006.

Deleted the sunset clause of the benefits package of the prevailing wage ordinance.

Requested OPD conduct a comprehensive rezoning study for the Richland neighborhood.

Appropriated \$2.9 million for improvements to the restrooms at Liberty Bowl Stadium.

Elected Tom Marshall to serve as 2007 Council Chairman.

Accepted \$989,000 from the State for training of 1,908 police officers.

Approved the location of the KROC center; property on the Fairgrounds immediately adjacent to Fairview Middle School on East Parkway.

NOVEMBER

Appropriated \$500,000 for HCD James Road Project.

Approved the sale of Fairgrounds property on East Parkway to the Salvation Army for the construction of the Kroc Center.

Approved the \$1.7 billion budget of Memphis Light Gas and Water.

Appropriated \$725,000 for improvements at various community centers.

Accepted \$215,991 in grant funds from the Department of Justice for gang resistance education in Memphis City Schools.

Appropriated \$415,000 for furniture, equipment and materials at the new Whitehaven Community Library.

Appropriated \$539,223 for the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks at various locations.

Appropriated \$392,202 for the installation of sidewalks in the vicinity of schools.

Appropriated \$425,156 for the installation of ADA ramps at various locations.

Received the first quarter update of the 2007 operating budget.

Discussed housing designs for affordable housing projects.

Approved a living wage requirement for contractors performing work with the city.

Participated in a Crime Summit with Mayors Herenton and Wharton, Police Director Godwin, Sheriff Luttrell, other law enforcement officials, community leaders and activists to discuss crime fighting solutions.

DECEMBER

Discussed the public corruption and bribery charges against Councilmembers Ed Ford and Rickey Peete.

Received an update on the status of the City's pension fund.

Discussed whether or not to require MLGW contractors to pay a living wage.

Discussed residency exemptions for four job classifications: police officers, Emergency Management personnel, employees at the Bartlett Library and Office of Planning and Development personnel.

Defeated the proposed annexations of Bridgewater and Southeast Extended areas.

Created the Grays Creek Sewer Service District 2.

Approved a rate of pay of \$10.00 an hour minimum for city part-time and temporary employees aged 18 and up. Approved a six month moratorium on the issuance of permits for billboards.

Received a report from OPD on adult entertainment businesses and proposed legislative changes to laws governing these businesses.

Accepted \$4 million from the State of Tennessee for workforce training.

Appropriated \$1 million for construction of the new Manassas High School.

Discussed closing the Mid-South Coliseum effective 12/31/06 and to only open it for high school graduations.

Approved a resolution supporting a letter of intent with Joyland Amusement Park for operation of a theme park and water park on the former Libertyland property (a final vote will occur on January 2, 2007).

Presented the 2006 Humanitarian Award to Bishops J.O. Patterson and G.E. Patterson.

2007 Council Meeting Dates

2007 Standing Committees

Jan	2 & 16	AUDIT Chair – Brittenum, Vice Chair – Chumney,
Feb	6 & 20	committee of the whole
Mar	6 & 20	BUDGET CIP Chair – Jones, Vice Chair – Brown, Chumney,
Apr	10 & 24	Ford, McCormick, District 3
May	1 & 15	BUDGET O & M Chair – Chumney, Vice Chair - Brittenum,
June	5 & 19	Holt, Jones, Peete, Sammons
July	10 & 24	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & TECHNOLOGY
Aug	7 & 21	Chair – Brittenum, Vice Chair – Sammons,
Sept	4 & 18	Brown, Lowery, McCormick, Peete
Oct	2 & 16	EDUCATION Chair – Lowery, Vice Chair -
Nov	6 & 20	McCormick, Brown, Holt, Jones, Taylor
Dec	4 & 18	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Chair – Holt,
		Vice Chair – Jones, Ford, Chumney, Peete, Taylor

PMENT Chair – Holt,

LANDMARKS Chair – Marshall, Brittenum, Lowery

MLG&W Chair – Chumney, Vice Chair – District 3

Brittenum, Ford, McCormick, Sammons

PARKS Chair – McCormick, Vice Chair – Brown

Ford, Jones, Taylor, District 3

PERSONNEL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL & ANNEXATION

Chair - Taylor, Vice Chair - Lowery, Brittenum, McCormick, Sammons, District 3

PLANNING & ZONING Chair – Lowery, Vice Chair – McCormick, Brittenum, Chumney, Holt, Taylor, District 3

PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY Chair-Sammons,

Vice Chair – Taylor, Brittenum, Brown, Jones, Peete

PUBLIC SERVICES & NEIGHBORHOODS Chair – Brown,

Vice Chair - Chumney, Holt, Lowery, McCormick, Peete

PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTAION & GENERAL SERVICES

Chair – Sammons, Vice Chair – Holt, Brown, Chumney, Ford, District 3

<u>CHARTER COMMISSION AD HOC</u> Chair – Lowery, Vice Chair -

Sammons