

RESOLUTION 2010-01

A resolution of the City Council of Ashland City, Tennessee to enter into a joint economic recovery package to assist A.O. Smith, Inc. that would serve and benefit the citizens of the County and the Town of Ashland City.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town of Ashland City, City Council meeting in a special called session this the 30th day of June, 2010, in Ashland City, Tennessee, does hereby decree and be it therefore resolved as follows:

WHEREAS, A.O. Smith, Inc. is the largest private employer in the County and has played a vital role in the economy of the City for almost five decades; and

WHEREAS, the May, 2010 flood event caused catastrophic damage to the A.O. Smith, Inc. facility and the continued presence and economic participation of A.O. Smith, Inc. in the community is now severely at risk; and

WHEREAS, for the benefit of the public and citizens of Ashland City, the City desires to ensure the continued economic participation by A.O. Smith, Inc. for many years to come and does desire to encourage the recovery and growth by A.O. Smith, Inc. for future, sustainable products and production lines at the A.O. Smith facility in the Town of Ashland City; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and Cheatham County have both also indicated a commitment to assisting with the economic recovery and growth of A.O. Smith, Inc. through an economic recovery package to include grant funding, funding for training, and the purchase of unused real property owned by A.O. Smith, Inc. that would serve and benefit the citizens of the County and the Town of Ashland City. The County desires to participate with these entities and other entities also committed to the same end.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, the public welfare demanding it, the City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into negotiations for participation by the City in a joint state and local economic recovery funding package, the total cost of which package shall not exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), and, within said negotiations, to negotiate for the purchase by the City of part or all of the approximately two hundred (200) acres owned by A.O. Smith lying south of the Tennessee Waltz Parkway. The Town of Ashland City will do its due diligence to provide funding. The City Council does further commit to authorizing the funding for such participation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 if funding is available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Motion By: Johnson

Seconded By: Allen

Record: 7 Yes — No — Abstain — Absent
Adopted this 30th day of June, 2010.



Gary Norwood, Mayor



Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder