

Resolution 2012-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE (MTAS) TO COORDINATE A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT REVIEW (CMR) OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND CITY, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR MAINTAINING THE OBJECTIVITY OF THE STUDY AND REQUIRING ITS PRESENTATION IN A WORK SESSION BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS, the city of Ashland City is interested in identifying ways in which municipal services can be delivered in the most responsive and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, MTAS, an agency of the University of Tennessee's Institute of Public Service provides technical assistance to all cities and towns across the state to municipal governing bodies, mayors, city managers, city recorders and clerks, and city department heads; and

WHEREAS, a formal Comprehensive Management Review is an objective examination designed to determine whether departments are managing or utilizing resources in a responsive, economical and efficient manner and the causes of any inefficiencies or uneconomical practices, including inadequacies related to the types or clarity of the governing body policies and administrative direction which guide the departments, and inadequacies related to administrative procedures or organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, a CMR is also designed to examine whether alternatives have been considered which might yield desired results at a lower cost or with improved responsiveness to the governing body or citizens, and thus a CMR should identify problem areas and provide recommended solutions to problems facing departmental operations. In this regard, the study should motivate action and serve as a catalyst for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the city of Ashland City believes that a CMR will provide an excellent opportunity for staff to learn more about current trends in municipal management and associated training opportunities in local government

That MTAS offers statewide; and

WHEREAS, MTAS will work closely with staff to assist in implementing recommendations stated in said report: and

WHEREAS, the city of Ashland City desires to commence the CMR prior to 2013 fiscal year with a target project completion date of February 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ashland City, Tennessee to recognize the significant investment of time and effort by MTAS and departmental personnel that must be dedicated to this task. Therefore, the Mayor and City Council do resolve the following:

1. To assist with efforts to ensure that the study will be objective and based on factual information or analysis as developed and prepared by consultants from MTAS.

2. That access to information will be made available to MTAS consultants in order that they may fully understand the operations of these departments.
3. That the study will not be an evaluation of whether the departments are achieving desired results, but instead will focus on improving the responsiveness and efficiency of departmental operations.
4. That the CMR will be formally presented by consultants from MTAS to the Mayor and City Council in a work session.
5. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ashland City will make timely and good faith efforts to implement the recommendations of the study after full debate and discussion regarding such.

Passed and adopted by the City of Ashland City, Tennessee on this 13th day of

November, 2012.
Mayor: Richard D. Shuman

Council: Almylda Binkley

Council: Ann D. Allen

Council: [Signature]

Council: Chris LaCrosse

Council: Roger Jack

Council: _____