RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO: \[R\-202-81\]
REQUESTED BY: 
PREPARED BY: 
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: 
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: 
APPROVED ON 1ST READING: 
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WHEREAS, the availability of nutritious food for all citizens is essential to the health and well-being of the community, and

WHEREAS, local government has a proper role to play in ensuring that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious food supply, and

WHEREAS, rapidly increasing demands for emergency food offered through charitable organizations is now exceeding resources, as evidenced by the reports of fifteen (15) sources which distribute over $144,000.00 worth of emergency food, and

WHEREAS, the cost of necessary food items is generally higher in the inner-city than in outlying areas, and

WHEREAS, a large number of inner-city residents lack necessary transportation for regular access to a quality food supply.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: That we recognize the availability of food
for all citizens as a matter of public concern.

SECTION 2: That the Knoxville-Knox County Community
Action Committee's Food Supply Project be directed to prepare a
strategy for improving the inner-city food supply.

SECTION 3: That the Metropolitan Planning Commission,
the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Knoxville
Transportation Authority, and other appropriate government depart-
ments participate in the preparation of this strategy.

SECTION 4: That the private food industry, which con-
stitutes 20% of our local economy and the general public, be
encouraged to participate in developing this food supply strategy.

SECTION 5: That this strategy will be directed toward
the following goals:

1) Ensuring that an adequate and nutritious food
   supply is equally available to all citizens.

2) Strengthening the economic vitality of the
   private food industry.

3) Improving the quality of food available to all
   citizens.

4) Encouraging citizens to accept and consume
   nutritional food.
SECTION 6: That we will lend support and encouragement to the formation of a community-wide Food Policy Council, with broad representation from private and public interests, to continually monitor Knoxville's food supply system, recommend appropriate actions to improve the system as needed.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Signatures]

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder
FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

The Food Policy Council is an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council. It is comprised of representatives from various community groups who are interested in promoting healthy eating habits and reducing food insecurity. The council meets on a regular basis to discuss issues related to food access, nutrition, and sustainability.

STAFF SUPPORT

The Food Policy Council has a staff member who provides administrative support and assists with meeting preparation and follow-up.

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

The Food Policy Council is comprised of representatives from a variety of organizations and individuals who are passionate about food justice and equity. Members include local farmers, chefs, community leaders, and advocates. The council works to ensure that everyone has access to healthy and affordable food, regardless of their background or income level.

FOOD SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The Food Policy Council focuses on five main components:

1. Access to healthy food
2. Nutrition education
3. Economic stability and housing
4. Food education
5. Food policy and regulations

These components are interrelated and work together to create a sustainable and equitable food system.

The Food Policy Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the City Hall Conference Room.
WHEREAS, accordingly, on July 1, 1982, Mayor Randy Tyree appointed the Food Policy Council, which continues to serve as an advisory board to the City Council, the Mayor, and the community in general; and

WHEREAS, the seven (7) member Food Policy Council, among other duties, presents the City with an annual report on the status of the area food system with suggestions for strengthening system performance; and

WHEREAS, staff services for the Food Policy Council are currently supplied through an interagency task force from the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City, County, and members of the current Food Policy Council wish to expand the scope of the Council to make it a joint venture between the City and County; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the City and County wish to expand the membership of the Food Policy Council to eleven (11) members, comprised of six (6) members appointed by the County Executive and five (5) members appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the member terms will be three years, and will be staggered; and

WHEREAS, the City and County further desire that the Food Policy Council have “Associate Members,” selected by the Food Policy Council, who shall have a special interest in food-related issues and/or professional and organizational connections to food issues, and who shall have the responsibility to participate in all deliberations and meetings of the Council, but who shall not have voting privileges; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission wishes that the Food Policy Council amend its bylaws to reflect these changes and to provide detail concerning specific committee structures and functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

That the Food Policy Council, established pursuant to authorization by City Council Resolution #R-202-81 and by Mayoral appointment in 1982, shall be expanded to become a joint venture of the City of Knoxville and Knox County that shall continue to monitor local food delivery systems to ensure that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious food supply and shall continue to prepare an annual report on the status of the area food system with suggestions for strengthening system performance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to effectuate the expansion of the Food Policy Council, its membership shall be expanded to include eleven (11) members, five (5) of
Food Policy Council

Food Indicators:
- Food insecurity
- Food access
- Food affordability
- Food availability

SOME FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Encouraging farmers and retailers to participate in programs that promote local food
- Food education programs
- Food policy initiatives
- Food security campaigns

FOOD POLICY COUNCIL'S ROLE

The Food Policy Council serves as a platform for stakeholders to discuss and address food policy issues at the local level. It promotes the development of policies and programs that ensure food security and sustainability. The council works in collaboration with other organizations to advocate for and implement food policy changes that benefit the community. Through its activities, the council aims to improve access to healthy food, increase local food production, and support the growth of the local food economy.
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION
OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE FOOD
POLICY COUNCIL TO BECOME A JOINT
VENTURE BETWEEN THE CITY OF
KNOXVILLE AND KNOX COUNTY BY
INCREASING ITS MEMBERSHIP TO
INCLUDE SIX (6) APPOINTMENTS BY
THE KNOX COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

RESOLUTION: R-02-6-903
REQUESTED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE
PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW
DIRECTOR
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:
DIRECTOR OF LAW
APPROVED: JUNE 24, 2002
DATE

WHEREAS, Resolution #R-202-81, passed by the Knoxville City Council on
October 13, 1981, recognized that "local government" has a proper role to play in ensuring
that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious food supply; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #R-202-81 also expressed the City Council's support of the
formation of a community-wide Food Policy Council, which would include broad
representation from private and public spheres and would monitor Knoxville's food supply
system; and

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whom shall be appointed by the Mayor and six (6) of whom shall be appointed by the
County Executive. These member terms shall be for a period of three (3) years. The initial
appointees shall serve for the following terms: (a) one (1) appointee of the Mayor of the
City of Knoxville and two (2) appointees of the Knox County Executive shall serve for a
period of one (1) year, to be succeeded by appointees serving full three (3) year terms; (b)
two (2) of the initial appointees by the Mayor of the City of Knoxville and two (2) of the
initial appointees of the Knox County Executive shall serve for a term of (2) years, to be
succeeded by appointees serving full three (3) year terms; and (c) two (2) of the initial
appointees of the Mayor of the City of Knoxville and two of the initial appointees of the
Knox County Executive shall serve for a full term of three (3) years, to be succeeded by
appointees serving full three (3) year terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Food Policy Council shall also have “Associate
Members,” selected by the Food Policy Council, who have a special interest in food-related
issues and/or professional and organizational connections to food issues, and who shall
have the responsibility to participate in all deliberations and meetings of the Council, but
who shall not have voting privileges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to memorialize these changes, the Food Policy
Council shall amend its bylaws to reflect these changes and to provide detail concerning
specific committee structures and functions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any notifications are to be made to effectuate
this Resolution, then the County Clerk is hereby requested to forward a copy of this
Resolution to the proper authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after
its passage, as provided by the Charter of Knox County, Tennessee, the public welfare
requiring it.

[Signature]
Presiding Officer of the Commission Date

[Signature]
County Clerk Date

Approved: [Signature] County Executive Date

Vetoed: [Signature] County Executive Date