

Project gets city funding

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The City of Knoxville is finalizing plans to create 50 affordable housing units for low-income senior citizens. Tuesday's council meeting took a series of actions toward that project beginning with the closure of a series of alleys.

Those authorizations to close the alleys led to the transfer of the property located at Clifton Road, Sanderson Road and Chillicothe to Knoxville's Housing Development Corporation at no charge.

The three steps ended with the city council authorizing the award of \$1.2 million in Affordable Rental Development Funds to the Housing Development Corporation at the request of the Development Corporation.

The senior dwelling project will cost almost \$6 million with additional funding coming from state and federal sources. Senior residents who qualify as low-income recipients would pay 30% of their gross income and some would qualify for rent vouchers.

Planned for the area south of Western Avenue and east of I-640 in West Knoxville, the project is "a no-brainer" according to Knoxville's Community Development Corporation Director Ben Bentley. He added that thou-



The gavel Commissioner Wright used while chairman of the Knox County Commission was presented to him by the commission members. Wright was appointed to the commission in 2008 and served ten years representing the 8th District.

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Dave Wright, elected as state House District 18's representative, resigned from the Knox County Commission after

arrived at county commission during a time of controversy and turmoil," he said, adding, "and I am leaving Knox County Commission in a time of turmoil."

"But in the middle of all this in the

Eighth District like churches, civic groups and regular old groups of people like the Republican Clubs that allowed the representation to come out of the Eighth District."