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*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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arrived at county commission during a time of controversy and turmoil," he said.

Eighth District like churches, civic groups and regular old groups of people like the

The City of Knoxville is finalizing steps to create 53 affordable housing units for low-income senior citizens. Tuesday's council meeting saw 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 Lonsdale, the project is "a no brain