

...in governor, is pictured with county Knox County Republican Party Chairman Tim Burchett and Burchett's wife Kelly.

Gov. Bill Lee speaks at GOP dinner

By Ken Lay

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee was the keynote speaker at the Knox County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner in West Knoxville Saturday night.

Lee, Tennessee's 50th governor, spoke briefly at the annual fundraiser at the Rothchild Catering and Conference Center. This was his second speech in

Knoxville and he continued to vow to make good on his campaign promises to provide the Volunteer State with great jobs, schools and neighborhoods.

Lee, who gave the State of East Tennessee Address at the University of Tennessee's Clarence Brown Theatre in March, again remarked that he

is honored to be Tennessee's governor and how he considers himself blessed to work with the state's legislature.

"I had a perspective about how it was going to be to work with the legislators in Tennessee and now that I've gotten to work with them, I am extremely honored," Lee said to his many

supporters who attended Saturday night's dinner. "They are truly citizen legislators who love Tennessee."

The governor promoted his Educational Savings Accounts, which strive to give students in failing schools the opportunity to transfer within the state's

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regulations may not be decided in a final meeting May 14.

But several city council members, including Marshall Stair, Lauren Rider, Andrew Roberto and Mark Campen favor making that date another work session and voting on the controversial revamping of city zoning 30 days later. The council met in work session Thursday evening in what had been announced as the final Recode discussion. Council members Gwen McKenzie and

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WANDERING NO MORE

Theater Knoxville Downtown Finds Long-Term Location

By Bill Howard

After a long and wandering journey, one of Knoxville's most iconic theaters has a new home. And this time, it should be permanent.

upgrade from our previous place; this is exactly what we've needed for quite some time."

TKD's first iteration - Knoxville Community Theater - formed in 1976 by interested volunteers, but didn't initially have a home.

Knoxville, was again looking for a home.

"It was essentially homeless again," said Wilson.

Performances again took place in various venues, mostly in downtown. But in 2005, a fortuitous event led to what would become

Final vote on next mayor's salary on council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening and the main topic will probably be the proposed pay raise for whoever