

...than the approved rate.

The increase passed on second reading with seven council members agreeing to the rise, Councilman Andrew Roberts voting "no" and Councilman Marshall Star passing on the vote. Star is a candidate for mayor and declined.

Councilwoman Seema Singh-Pareek changed her vote from the first reading and supported the raise. She clarified her initial statement noting that the mayor position is a full-time job but noted that "some people in Knoxville work hard without fair compensation."

The council, on a resolution by Roberts, honored the Bearden High School basketball team for capturing the Class AAA state championship. Coach Jerome Parrott told the meeting his team has many "great accomplishments" including scholarships. He said, "I am honored to be their coach."

Mayor Madeline Rogers' appointment of Jay Price to the Regional Solid Waste Board was approved. The council voted to support the Chairman Highway Safety Improvement Project on a motion by Councilman Stephanie Wilson.

A property at 542 Fulton



Fulton High School Principal Rob Spoor thanked the crowd for their goodwill.

Tennova site plans draws crowd at North Knoxville meeting

By Amy Box Feltzhoelter

Standing room only may be the best way to describe April's North Knoxville Business & Professional Association meeting where attendees filled a lower room of the Helen Ross McNabb Center to capacity. Last Friday, in excess of 70 people gathered to hear City of Knoxville's Chief Operating Officer and Deputy to the Mayor David Brace explain the city's current plans for the empty Tennova site formerly known as St. Mary's and

located behind Fulton High School.

The meeting, held off of W. Springdale Avenue in North Knoxville, began with NKBPA President George Bone acknowledging the staff of Helen Ross McNabb Center for hosting and sponsoring this month's breakfast. He thanked those who followed by a prayer from a local pastor, the pledge of allegiance, and an introduction of more than

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School board approves Five Year Strategic Plan

set for Gateway Park

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Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogers will deliver her annual State of the City address and announce her final budget Friday, April 28. Rogers is finishing her final year as mayor and will hold the event at the site of the proposed Urban Wilderness Gateway Park at the end of James White Parkway.

Construction of the \$10 million Gateway Park gets underway soon. Parking for the event is very limited but KAT buses will be staged at the Civil Auditorium and Concession garages to shuttle people to the event and back.

If you plan to attend, the city is asking you to call 361 or (865) 293-5400 and confirm. A brown bag lunch will be provided and