

board meeting with seven council members agreeing to the idea. Councilman Andrew Roberts voting "no" and Councilman Marshall Shaw passing on the vote. The issue is scheduled for next week and discussed.

Councilwoman Teresa Singh-Parker changed her vote from the first reading and supported the issue. She remarked on social statement noting that the major problem is a full-time job but noted that "some people in Knoxville work hard without her compensation."

The council, on a resolution by Roberts, honored the Sevier High School basketball team for capturing the state title state championship. Coach Jerome Farnold said the meeting has been his many "great accomplishments" including scholarships, travel, T-shirt honoring at their coach.

Mayor Stephanie Ragan's appointment of Jay Price to the Regional School Board was approved. The council voted to support the Chapman Highway Safety Improvement Program a nationally Councilwoman Ragan-



*Polston High School Principal Rob (you) thanked the crowd for their goodwill.*

## Tennova site plans draws crowd at North Knoxville meeting

**By Greg Rose Polston**

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 Modern River Lifeboats Center to capacity. Last Friday, in excess of 70 people gathered to hear City of Knoxville Chief Operating Officer and Deputy to the Mayor David Brans explain the city's current plans for the empty Tennova site formerly known as St. Mary's and

located across Ridge High School.

The meeting, held off of St. Springfield Avenue in North Knoxville, began with KNOXPA President George Rose acknowledging the staff of Modern River Lifeboats Center for hosting and sponsoring the monthly breakfast. His thankfulness was for providing a space for a local public. The change of dialogue, and an introduction of more than

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## School board approves

## Set for Gateway Park

**By Mike Swamy**  
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Knoxville Mayor Robt. H. Ragan will deliver her annual State-of-the-City address and announce her four-point plan, April 28. Ragan is finishing her first year as mayor and will hold the event at the site of the proposed new Wilderness Gateway Park on the east of James White Parkway.

Construction of the \$20 million Gateway Park gets underway soon. Parking for the event is very limited but KNOXnews will be staged at the Cool Auditorium and Commons garage to shuttle people to the event and back.

If you plan to attend, the city is asking you to call 311 or 438-5225-4382.