

eting "for" and Councilman Mar-shall Star passing on the vote. Star is a candidate for mayor and abstained.

Councilwoman Deanna Singh-Patel 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 Rearden High School basketball team for capturing the Class AAA state championship. Coach Jerome Farrott told the meeting his team has many "great accomplishments" including scholarships. He said, "I am honored to be their coach."

Mayor Madeline Rogers's appointment of Jay Price to the Regional Solid Waste Board was approved. The council voted to



Fulton High School Principal Bob Spear thanked the crowd for their goodwill.

Tennova site plans draws crowd at North Knoxville meeting

By Amy Box-Fellhoecker

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 Chief Operating Officer and Deputy to the Mayor David Brannock 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 NBPA President George Bove acknowledging the staff of Helen Ross McNabb Center for hosting and sponsoring this month's breakfast. His thankfulness was followed by a prayer from a local pastor, the pledge of allegiance, and an introduction of more than

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Gateway Park

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Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogers will deliver her annual State-of-the-City address and announce her first budget Friday, April 28. Rogers is finishing her first 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 \$60 million Gateway Park gets underway soon. Parking for the event is very limited but KAT buses will be staged at the Civil Auditorium and Coliseum garages to shuttle people to the event and back.