



*Knoxville Songwriters Association performers at last year's Fountain City Music Festival ranged in age from high school students to retirees.*

## Songwriters Perform Free Concert September 24 at Fountain City Library

## at Chilhowee Park?

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Seven Knoxville City Council members are sponsoring a resolution expressing concern about permitting city-owned property to be used for gun shows. Two such shows are scheduled at Chilhowee Park November 30th and December 28th.

The draft resolution requests that gun shows no longer be conducted at facilities owned and operated by the City of Knoxville. Sponsors of the resolution include Gwen McKenzie, Stephanie Welch, Seema Singh, Marshall Stair, Andrew Roberto, Lauren Rider and Finbarr Saunders.

"Owned and operated by the city" may be the problem with the resolution. The Knoxville Focus asked the mayor's office

mayor's communication director, responded in kind. "My understanding is that the resolution supports banning gun shows at all City-owned properties and facilities."

The resolution "expresses concern about the policy of allowing gun shows" and is not, at this point, a prohibition until further action is taken. With seven of the nine council members sponsoring the idea only Mark Campen and George Wallace are not included as supporters yet.

The city council will also vote on a purchase and sale agreement for the future site of the Public Safety Complex at the former St. Mary's Hospital at 900 East Oak Hill Avenue, just off North Broadway.

Also on the agenda is a preliminary engineering