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Joel Piper and Mike Frasier cut the ribbon at Knox Rail Salvage's second location at 4214 Greenway Drive. The opening event Thursday drew about 100 customers and well-wishers. Also pictured are Nancy David, John Harbison and Michael Harbison and family, Beth Piper and Michael Piper.

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Joel Piper, vice president of marketing and operations of Knox Rail Salvage welcomed several hundred people to the opening ceremonies of Knox Rail Salvage's 4214 Greenway Drive location. Located near Fountain City and the Washington Pike exit off I-640 the large facility offers cabinets, floors, doors and other products at the lowest prices possible.

In addressing those who attended, Piper recognized owner Mike Frasier and credited him with the success of the company. Piper seemed

customer and we want to thank God's glory for all of our success," Piper told the crowd, adding, "You all being there is a great encouragement to us."

Piper told a story of the old Southern Railroad Salvage, the forerunner of Knox Rail Salvage. He said the store had a \$36 fishing reel that he wanted as a child and his father told him to go buy it.

"Dad said I still have that reel. At the time I was so intrigued by the business. It was the first time I had saved money and bought something. Now I've worked there twenty years, it's amazing how God kind of works

continues to operate its store on Magnolia Avenue.

"We're not going anywhere," he said of that location.

Several officials spoke including Commissioner Justin Biggs, Councilman Gwen McFadden and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. McFadden applauded Piper, Frasier and the employees for their support of the community.

"For those of us who like to fix up houses this is like Disney World," Mayor Jacobs told the event.

"Every time my wife and I have done business with Knoxville Salvage they've been wonderful and know-

Sidewalks, traffic signals and board appointments on City Council Agenda

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Tuesday evening will see a Knoxville City Council meeting devoted to sidewalks and traffic signal updates, appointments to city boards, and a proposal for a scenic highway study.

The council is being asked to adopt the John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study and amend the Knoxville-Knox County General Sector Plan for the south and east sectors. The planning commission is asking for the action, which passed the planners 15-0.

Sidewalk funding may get a \$43,650 boost for a new contract total of \$119,375, which will

\$495,772 which would bring that contract total to \$1,605,458 for Cumberland Avenue Intersection Improvements.

The Sheffield Drive sidewalk project may be contracted with Design and Construction Services for \$437,703.

An agreement with Progression Electric LLC may be approved for \$100,000 for the Citywide Traffic Signal Infrastructure Program.

Stansell Electric Company Inc. may also get a like amount for the traffic signal program.

The council may also approve a \$29,690 donation from the Knoxville Firefighters Association for use in buying equipment.