

RESOLUTION NO. R-202-81

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RESOLUTION

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL
3 OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE
4 EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT OF
5 AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE
6 QUALITY, AVAILABILITY, AND
7 ACCESSIBILITY OF FOOD
8 DELIVERY SYSTEMS FOR ALL
9 CITIZENS, AND DESIGNATING
10 THE COMMUNITY ACTION
11 COMMITTEE'S FOOD SUPPLY
12 PROJECT AS OF THIS EFFORT.

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REQUESTED BY: _____

PREPARED BY: _____

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CORRECTNESS: _____

Director of Law
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: _____

Director of Finance
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12 WHEREAS, the availability of nutritious food for all
13 citizens is essential to the health and well-being of the community,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, local government has a proper role to play in
16 ensuring that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious
17 food supply, and

18 WHEREAS, rapidly increasing demands for emergency food
19 offered through charitable organizations is now exceeding resources,
20 as evidenced by the reports of fifteen (15) sources which distribute
21 over \$144,000.00 worth of emergency food, and

22 WHEREAS, the cost of necessary food items is generally
23 higher in the inner-city than in outlying areas, and

24 WHEREAS, a large number of inner-city residents lack
25 necessary transportation for regular access to a quality food
26 supply.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: That we recognize the availability of food for all citizens as a matter of public concern.

SECTION 2: That the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee's Food Supply Project be directed to prepare a strategy for improving the inner-city food supply.

SECTION 3: That the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Knoxville Transportation Authority, and other appropriate government departments participate in the preparation of this strategy.

SECTION 4: That the private food industry, which constitutes 20% of our local economy and the general public, be encouraged to participate in developing this food supply strategy.


SECTION 5: That this strategy will be directed toward the following goals:

- 1) Ensuring that an adequate and nutritious food supply is equally available to all citizens.
- 2) Strengthening the economic vitality of the private food industry.
- 3) Improving the quality of food available to all citizens.
- 4) Encouraging citizens to accept and consume nutritional food.

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SECTION 6: That we will lend support and encouragement to the formation of a community-wide Food Policy Council, with broad representation from private and public interests, to continually monitor Knoxville's food supply system, recommend appropriate actions to improve the system as needed.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.


Presiding Officer of the Council


Recorder

Food Policy Council Goals

For The Knoxville Food System

- ✓ Ensure that an adequate and nutritious food supply is available to all citizens.
- ✓ Strengthen the economic vitality of the private food industry.
- ✓ Improve the quality of food available to all citizens.
- ✓ Encourage citizens to accept and consume nutritious food.
- ✓ Minimize food-related activities which degrade the natural environment; limit wasteful use of scarce resources needed for future food production and distribution.

FOOD SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The Food Policy Council is interested in the entire network of activities by which food is supplied to the citizens of Knoxville; primary focus is on activities located within the city. Most important, in terms of the quantity of food handled, is the food distribution industry itself—wholesalers and retailers, food brokers, related transportation specialists, manufacturers and producers, etc. At the end of the distribution chain are businesses and non-profit institutions which prepare and serve food to individuals—restaurants, hospital food service facilities, nursing homes, college food service operations, public school lunch and breakfast programs, etc. A number of social service and charitable institutions also serve food to relatively large numbers of citizens in non-commercial settings, aided often by locally administered federal feeding programs.

Associated with that complex are professionals with various interests: dietitians and nutritionists, food technologists, food business executives and other management specialists, nutrition educators, professors, etc. Consumers themselves, sometimes organized into advocacy groups, are of course important.

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Three broad criteria guided the search process for the Food Policy Council: governmental ties, working knowledge of the food industry, and experience in advocating for neighborhood and consumer interests. Presently included: a city councilman; a nutrition professor; an inner-city resident and neighborhood advocate; a planning commissioner interested in agricultural issues; a vice-president of a grocery chain and board member of a state retail grocers' association; a retired personnel manager for a governmental agency; and a former president of a wholesale food company who also has worked in Washington with a national food distribution trade association.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Food Policy Council intends to create several advisory committees to assist in identifying and considering food issues and related policies. A health and nutrition committee was the first to begin functioning. Another, representing the food business, is in formation. Others for social service agencies, agriculture and land resource interests, consumers, and food-related public agencies are anticipated.

STAFF SUPPORT

Staff services are supplied through an interagency task force from the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, Knoxville's Community Development Corporation, and the City's Office of Housing and Urban Affairs. The Community Action Committee is the lead agency. Persons most directly involved are:

- DIXIE LBA PETREY, Director, Food and Nutrition Project, CAC
- ROBERT L. WILSON, Urban Food Planning Services, Consultant to CAC
- EWING M. JOHNSON, Planner, MPC.
- WILLIAM POWELL, Human Resources Director, KODC
- WANDA L. MOODY, Administrative Assistant, Education & Human Services

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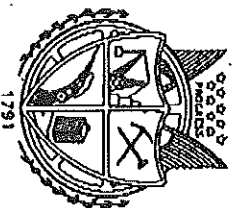
April 1986

FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

of the city of Knoxville

MEMBERS OF THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

- D. Edward McMillan, Chairman
- Mary Nelle Traylor, Vice Chairperson
- Lucius Churchill
- Elizabeth J. Henry
- Ruth E. Staffney
- Thomas Short
- Jean Teague



MAYOR

Kyle C. Testerman

CITY COUNCIL

Hoyle G. McNeil, Vice-Mayor

- Ed Bailey
- Larry Cox
- Charlie Gaur
- Casey C. Jones
- Milton E. Roberts, Sr.
- Jack Sharp
- Ed Shouse
- Jean Teague

WHEREAS, accordingly, on July 1, 1982, Mayor Randy Tyree appointed the Food Policy Council, which continues to serve as an advisory board to the City Council, the Mayor, and the community in general; and

WHEREAS, the seven (7) member Food Policy Council, among other duties, presents the City with an annual report on the status of the area food system with suggestions for strengthening system performance; and

WHEREAS, staff services for the Food Policy Council are currently supplied through an interagency task force from the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City, County, and members of the current Food Policy Council wish to expand the scope of the Council to make it a joint venture between the City and County; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the City and County wish to expand the membership of the Food Policy Council to eleven (11) members, comprised of six (6) members appointed by the County Executive and five (5) members appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the member terms will be three years, and will be staggered; and

WHEREAS, the City and County further desire that the Food Policy Council have "Associate Members," selected by the Food Policy Council, who shall have a special interest in food-related issues and/or professional and organizational connections to food issues, and who shall have the responsibility to participate in all deliberations and meetings of the Council, but who shall not have voting privileges; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission wishes that the Food Policy Council amend its bylaws to reflect these changes and to provide detail concerning specific committee structures and functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

That the Food Policy Council, established pursuant to authorization by City Council Resolution #R-202-81 and by Mayoral appointment in 1982, shall be expanded to become a joint venture of the City of Knoxville and Knox County that shall continue to monitor local food delivery systems to ensure that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious food supply and shall continue to prepare an annual report on the status of the area food system with suggestions for strengthening system performance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to effectuate the expansion of the Food Policy Council, its membership shall be expanded to include eleven (11) members, five (5) of

HISTORY

An October 13, 1981 resolution of the Knoxville City Council recognized food as a matter for governmental concern and encouraged formation of a group to "continually monitor Knoxville's food supply system and to recommend appropriate actions to improve the system as needed." Resolution R-202-81 declared that "local government has a proper role to play in assuring that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious food supply." Supported by this statement, Mayor Tyree on July 1, 1982 appointed the Food Policy Council after a proposal had been prepared by an interagency staff committee from the Community Action Committee, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Much of the initiative for those actions came from food and nutrition programs of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, representing poorer residents who have had problems getting food. The proposal also drew on an earlier study by graduate students under Robert L. Wilson, then Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee, which described Knoxville's food system as a subject for local public policy.

FOOD POLICY COUNCIL'S ROLE

The Food Policy Council is advisory to the City Council, the Mayor, and the community in general. It may prepare reports directed to the Mayor, and/or City Council, prepare publications for general distribution, or communicate through the media. The Food Policy Council is expected to present annually a report on the status of the food system with suggestions for strengthening system performance.

The Food Policy Council has no authority to operate food distribution facilities, to regulate or control any aspect of the food system, or to intervene in the operations of private businesses, non-profit organizations, or others involved in the food system. Implementing the Council's proposals depends on cooperation by other agencies which have formal responsibilities in relevant areas.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TO DATE

- Successfully encouraged expansion of the school breakfast program in Knoxville schools.
- Considered reports from representatives of the Knoxville Community Food Cooperative, the Emergency Food Helper, the Southern Appalachian Food Bank, and the Knoxville City Schools.
- Conducted an informal evaluation of inner-city food stores, including site visits to several facilities.
- Studied locational relationships between bus routes and major food stores. Stimulated Knoxville Transportation Authority bus line extension to serve a cluster of new supermarkets.
- Initiated the development of a Grocery Bus, now available to give inner city residents more food shopping opportunities.
- Helped the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff to begin considering food-related problems in relation to neighborhood and sector planning, and other long-range planning.
- Developed food distribution policies for inclusion in Metropolitan Planning Commission's statement on general development policy.
- Initiated discussion of strategy for improving inner-city food facilities.
- Encouraged retention in agricultural use of nearby land having food production potential.

SOME FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Propose a downtown food market as a community-wide amenity.
- Look for ways to improve wholesale produce facilities in Knoxville.
- Encourage schools, colleges and vocational institutes to expand and strengthen programs to train food industry personnel.
- Help strengthen nutrition education in the schools.

REASONS FOR HAVING THE COUNCIL

The complex system which supplies our food is fragmented. The Food Policy Council provides a forum where people from the food industry, food-oriented public agencies, concerned consumers, food-based professionals and academics can discuss common problems and interests.

Food-related problems are more prevalent under current economic conditions. With a depressed national economy there is increased poverty and a new level of unemployment in Knoxville. Many people without resources for basic needs of life, including food, need help from the community. Problems associated with food needs can be articulated by the Food Policy Council.

National programs to help supply food to economically deprived people have been severely reduced in scope. There has been an expectation that local governments and other local resources will step in to fill the resource gap. A locally oriented agency can help coordinate that response as far as food is concerned.

Citizens, as well as health officials, have become especially concerned recently about the role of nutrition and diet in maintaining health, preventing disease, and achieving a desirable quality of life. There has been increased public interest in issues such as additives in food, toxicity, adequate labeling and freshness of food.

Public costs of medical care, hospitalization, education, and other social services are believed to be adversely affected by poor diet. Poor diet reflects the community's level of nutrition education as well as the quality of its food supply.

About 18% of an average household's income goes for food. Therefore the efficiency and productivity of the food system, which affects food costs, is of general public interest.

The food industry is a major component of the Knoxville economy. About 21% of Knoxville's industrial, wholesale, and retail jobs are food-related. The Council can focus community attention on the potential for economic development within the food industry.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL TO BECOME A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AND KNOX COUNTY BY INCREASING ITS MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE SIX (6) APPOINTMENTS BY THE KNOX COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

RESOLUTION: R-02-6-903

REQUESTED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Michael W. Meyer

DIRECTOR OF LAW

APPROVED: June 24, 2002 DATE

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WHEREAS, Resolution #R-202-81, passed by the Knoxville City Council on October 13, 1981, recognized that "local government" has a proper role to play in ensuring that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious food supply; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #R-202-81 also expressed the City Council's support of the formation of a community-wide Food Policy Council, which would include broad representation from private and public spheres and would monitor Knoxville's food supply system; and

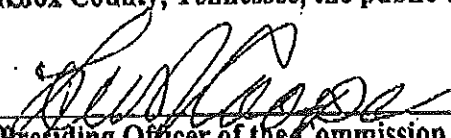
whom shall be appointed by the Mayor and six (6) of whom shall be appointed by the County Executive. These member terms shall be for a period of three (3) years. The initial appointees shall serve for the following terms: (a) one (1) appointee of the Mayor of the City of Knoxville and two (2) appointees of the Knox County Executive shall serve for a period of one (1) year, to be succeeded by appointees serving full three (3) year terms; (b) two (2) of the initial appointees by the Mayor of the City of Knoxville and two (2) of the initial appointees of the Knox County Executive shall serve for a term of (2) years, to be succeeded by appointees serving full three (3) year terms; and (c) two (2) of the initial appointees of the Mayor of the City of Knoxville and two of the initial appointees of the Knox County Executive shall serve for a full term of three (3) years, to be succeeded by appointees serving full three (3) year terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Food Policy Council shall also have "Associate Members," selected by the Food Policy Council, who have a special interest in food-related issues and/or professional and organizational connections to food issues, and who shall have the responsibility to participate in all deliberations and meetings of the Council, but who shall not have voting privileges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to memorialize these changes, the Food Policy Council shall amend its bylaws to reflect these changes and to provide detail concerning specific committee structures and functions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any notifications are to be made to effectuate this Resolution, then the County Clerk is hereby requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the proper authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, as provided by the Charter of Knox County, Tennessee, the public welfare requiring it.



Presiding Officer of the Commission Date



County Clerk Date

Approved: 

County Executive Date

Vetoed: _____
County Executive Date