



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2015
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairwoman Carol Berz called the meeting to order with Vice Chair Moses Freeman and Council members Chris Anderson, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Chip Henderson, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith all present. City Attorney Wade Hinton and Council Clerk Nicole Gwyn, CMC, were also present. Councilman Yusuf Hakeem was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Grohn led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Charles Wysong to lead the invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Vice Chair Freeman, the minutes of the last meeting (June 30, 2015) were approved as published.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

CHA'S Y.O.U. Summer Leadership Program
Presented by Kate Morgan, Chattanooga Housing Authority

Ms. Morgan introduced students participating in the Chattanooga Housing Authority's "You're Onward and Upward" (Y.O.U.)Program. She stated that the students were touring City Hall and the City Council today to learn about local government. The following students participated in the program:

Derick Bell	Ophelia Hilt
Quay'Shawn Bell	Rachel Jones
DeUnonta Birt	Samuel Jones
Christopher Brundidge	Brittany Momford
Ahnah Cooper	DeShawn Ridley
Anna Cooper	Paris Ridley
Tatyana Evans	Spencer Smith

A few of the students told the Council what they liked most about the program. Chairwoman Berz thanked them for participating in today's presentation and expressed words of encouragement to them.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Vice Chair Freeman,

RESOLUTION #28316

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PILOT AGREEMENT WITH GESTAMP CHATTANOOGA, LLC.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Grohn,

RESOLUTION #28317

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CAPTAIN BRIAN COTTER FOR A HOUSE LOCATED AT 324 BASS ROAD, KNOWN AS THE BROWN ACRES RENTAL HOUSE, IN CONSIDERATION OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) PER MONTH IN RENT AND CAPTAIN COTTER'S SECURITY SERVICES AT BROWN ACRES GOLF COURSE AND BRAINERD GOLF COURSE SHALL BE VALUED AT AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$700.00) PER MONTH IN CONSIDERATION OF THE TOTAL MONTHLY RENT OF EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$800.00) PER MONTH.

Mr. Goldberg responded to a question that Councilman Henderson had asked in open meeting earlier today. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Mitchell,

RESOLUTION #28318

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR WILDER CONTRACTING, LLC RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. R-14-006-201, RENAISSANCE PARK BRIDGE AND PIERS DECK REPLACEMENT, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$267,852.00, AND TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$6,999.80.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #28319

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR STEPHENS CONSTRUCTION AND CONCRETE, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-12-002-201, RIVERBANK STABILIZATION SLOPE FAILURE REPAIR, RIVER MILE 466, FOR A DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$172,578.23, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$392,910.85, AND TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY OF \$28,274.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Grohn and seconded by Vice Chair Freeman,

RESOLUTION #28320

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. C-13-001-201 TO STEARNS, CONRAD AND SCHMIDT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. D/B/A SCS FIELD SERVICES, SUMMIT LANDFILL DEFICIENCY RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPAIRS WELLHEAD CHANGE OUT AND PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,240.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$179,240.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #28321

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR CIVIC ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. S-09-008-201, NORTH ST. ELMO DRAINAGE STUDY UPGRADE, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$124,132.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$439,632.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Freeman,

RESOLUTION #28322

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 4 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY (HCWWTA) AND THE CITY OF ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA, RELATIVE TO THE UTILITY PLANNING NETWORK FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR BILLING AND COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S SHARE OF THIS COST EQUAL TO 70.92% OR \$36,712.78, FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$329,948.23.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Grohn and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #28297

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR THE USE OF THE HERITAGE PARK FACILITY FOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2016.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Freeman and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

RESOLUTION #28323

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO RENEW LIABILITY AND AUTO INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,213.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Purchases

David Carmody, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following purchases:

R95187 - Public Works Estimated \$120,000 Annually
Blanket Contract Extension for Lumber Products
Lowest/Best Bidder: Evans Lumber Company

R94159 - Public Works Estimated \$150,000 Annually
Blanket Contract Extension for Security Guard Services
Lowest/Best Bidder: SEI, Inc.

Councilman Anderson moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Community Meeting

Councilman Grohn announced a quarterly community meeting that he and Hamilton County Commissioner Sabrina Smedley are sponsoring on July 13 at 6:30 p.m. It will take place at Christ United Methodist Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & I.T. Committee

Councilman Grohn
(No report)

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilman Mitchell
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Anderson

- The committee will meet next Tuesday (July 14) for a potential PILOT discussion.
- The committee will meet on July 21 following the Agenda Session for an educational session on affordable housing.

HR Committee (Human Resources)

Vice Chair Freeman

- The committee will have a Work Session to review the Employee Information Guide next Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- There is a second HR Work Session tentatively set for July 21 to continuing the process of reviewing the Employee Information Guide.

Planning & Zoning Committee

(Councilman Hakeem not present)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Smith

- The committee will meet next Tuesday to discuss items on the July 14 and July 21 agendas.

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilman Gilbert

- The committee met today for a department update and presentation by YFD Administrator Lurone Jennings.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Non-Agenda Items)

Attorney Hinton read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items. After which, Chairwoman Berz recognized the following persons:

- **Bruce Stewart (Walnut Street)** – He wanted to confirm that the Council had received a letter from the Accountability for Taxpayer Money (ATM). He said that his organization values the responses from the Council.

- **Helen Burns Sharp (Walnut Street)** – She discussed the policies and procedures for Tax Increment Financing. She represents the group ATM and read recommendations (modifications) for the Tax Increment Financing.
- **Monty Bell (Chattanooga)** – He stated that he is concerned about economic development in the black community. He wanted to address Councilman Hakeem on this matter.
- **Laura Hessler (Hixson Pike)** – She informed the Council of a well-qualified medical professional who did not accept a job in Chattanooga because the city did not appear to welcome towards same sex marriages. She asked the Council to consider how the non-discrimination ordinance will affect attracting qualified talent to this city.
- **Arthur Sands (Chattanooga)** – He was a former Public Works employee, inquiring about the request to have his job reinstated.
 - Chairwoman Berz referred Mr. Sands to Councilman Smith, Chair of the Public Works and Transportation Committee.
- **Carole Roletto (Bending Oak Dr.)** – She stated that she opposes the non-discrimination ordinance and considers it “reverse discrimination.”
- **Vivian Carr (White Oak Rd.)** – She is a city employee who urges the Council to vote “Yes” on the non-discrimination ordinance in order to keep the city progressive.
- **Rev. Ken Carole (Parkview Dr.)** – He and his church support the city’s non-discrimination ordinance. He asked the Council to also support it.
- **Johnny McCullum (Vance Road)** – He is concerned about the language (“gender expression and identity”) in the non-discrimination ordinance.
- **Gary Ball (Tower Construction - E. 14th St.)** – He distributed a letter to the Council regarding words by Assistant City Attorney Valerie Malueg spoke at the two (2) Stormwater Regulation Board hearings.
- **Marcus Ellsworth (Fort Farrow Place)** – He supports the non-discrimination ordinance and wants the gender expression and identify of everyone to be accepted.
- **Mark West (Heavenly View Dr.)** – He read a CNN report on the Planet Fitness gender identity complaint. He asked the Council to remove the words “gender expression and identity” from its non-discrimination ordinance.
- **Megan Turner (Hamilton Dr.)** – She read statistics on states with anti-harassment policies already in place and stated that there had been no allegations according to her statistics.
- **Shannon Edmundson (Republic Ln.)** – She stated that she takes her 2-year-old son into women’s restrooms and there is nothing uncomfortable about it. She is more concerned with affirming the worth and dignity of those whose legal marriages aren’t recognized everywhere.
- **Chris Dooley (Shearer Cove Road)** – He is concerned with the language of the non-discrimination ordinance and asked the Council to consider the “law of unintended consequences.”
- **Kevin Starr (Donaldson St.)** – She identifies as an open transgendered male-to-female individual who discussed her employer’s non-discrimination policy. She asked the Council to consider how their decision on non-discrimination will affect transgendered individuals.
- **Kat Cooper (Jarnigan Avenue)** – She is a senior police detective and LBGTQ employee who has now received equal protection and benefits in her workplace. She stated that she can testify on how it feels to be treated equally.

- **Bonnie Stoloff (Tally Road)** – She is a school teacher and supports the non-discrimination ordinance. She asked the Council to support the non-discrimination policy for the sake of her students.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Berz adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRWOMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL