



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2017
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Moses Freeman called the meeting to order with Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell and Council members Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson and Ken Smith all present. City Attorney Wade Hinton and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Mitchell led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (January 24, 2017) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (None)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (None)

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #28910

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM WITH NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK CONSERVANCY, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE LEASE AND MANAGEMENT OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT GREENWAY FARMS PARK, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 5051 GANN STORE ROAD ON A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBER 110-021.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

RESOLUTION #28911

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM WITH DARDENELLE LONG, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE LEASE OF THE BARN AT BROWN ACRES GOLF COURSE FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS AS CONSISTENT WITH ZONING REQUIREMENTS, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 406 BROWN ROAD ON A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBER 158I-G-001.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #28912

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE WITH EAST LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE OCCUPANCY AND OPERATION OF A CONCESSION STAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 3000 E. 34TH STREET ON A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBER 168B-U-018.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Hakeem and seconded by Vice Chair Mitchell,

RESOLUTION #28913

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ENTERPRISE CENTER, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS, FOR A PORTION OF THE GROUND FLOOR SPACE OF 1001 LINDSAY STREET, FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCEL NUMBER 145D-X-005, FOR THE OPERATION OF AN ACCELERATED LEARNING CODE SCHOOL.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #28914

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER P. KEENE TO THE BEER AND WRECKER BOARD FOR DISTRICT 2, FOR THE TERM ENDING JULY 31, 2018.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Henderson

RESOLUTION #28915

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPLY FOR AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A REIMBURSABLE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION TO OPERATE THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY FOR UP TO \$475,000.00, IN ADDITION TO ACCEPTING A GRANT TO PURCHASE RECOMMENDED UPGRADES UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$675,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #28916

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RIVER CITY SIGN AND NEON % JAMES ALSIP, ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER, KEN DEFOOR, TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT 819 CHESTNUT STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A SIGN, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: (NONE)

Proposed Purchases

Bonnie Woodward, Purchasing Director, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

R147706 – Public Works

\$250,000.00 Estimated Annually

Increase to the Authorized limit for
New Blanket Contract for Bulk Quicklime
Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Unimin Lime LLC dba Southern Lime
258 Elm Street
New Canaan, CT 06840

PO519083 – Public Works

\$29,000.00 Estimated Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Masonry Materials
Lowest/Best Bidder: TT Wilson Company
P.O. Box 967
Chattanooga, TN 37401

PO519844 – Public Works

\$26,000.00 Estimated Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for River Sand
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ramsey Trucking
731 Pineville Road
Chattanooga, TN 37405

R147095 – Youth & Family Development

\$30,000.00 Estimated Annually

Contract for Operation Get Active Program
Lowest/Best Bidder: Chattanooga Football Club Foundation
1271 Market Street Ste. C
Chattanooga, TN 37402

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

ACTION: APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & I.T. Committee

Councilman Grohn
(No report)

- He informed the Council that there were still tickets available for the Jamaica vs. U.S. Soccer Game that would be taking place in Chattanooga.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz

- Council approved today the Plan of Work for the 2017-18 Fiscal year.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Anderson

- The committee will meet February 14th. They are still finalizing the agenda for said date.

HR Committee (Human Resources)

Vice Chair Mitchell
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Hakeem

- The committee will meet next week following the Agenda Session.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Smith

- The committee met today and recognized a few employees that were retiring.

Youth and Family Development Committee
Councilman Gilbert

- He reported that the new CAP Program was well attended. He expressed being very pleased with the training the boys are given. Councilman Grohn echoed the same sentiment.

**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, Chairman Freeman recognized the following persons:

- **Franklin McCallie (Read Avenue)** – On behalf of the public interest advocacy group, Accountability for Taxpayer Money (ATM), he presented the Council with a document regarding ATM's comments on the Tubman sewer relocation project. [*Letter attached.*]
 - Chairman Freeman indicated ATM's concerns echoed the Council's concerns as well.
- **Madeline Dorothy (Talley Road)** – Spoke to how security concerns and/or measures were being taken in light of the ban set by the President of the United States. She stated that tomorrow there would be a vigil in Chattanooga regarding this issue.
 - Councilman Anderson asked when this vigil would be taking place. Based on Ms. Dorothy's response he did state that he felt a little insulted.
 - Councilwoman Berz stated that she was for equity and equal rights for all and thought that maybe the answers Ms. Dorothy was searching for should come from CPD.
 - Councilman Hakeem stated that the history and track record of the Council was safety, but like his fellow Councilmen felt insulted.
- **Monty Bell (Homeless Journalist)** – He spoke to issues regarding his driver's license. He stated that he was pleased with the Vocational School that would be starting soon and spoke to the economic and educational problems that citizens are facing.
 - Chairman Freeman asked Assistant Police Chief Tracy Arnold to meet with Mr. Bell regarding his license concerns.
- **Tommie Harris (Public Works Employee)** – He informed the Council of an altercation between a full-time employee and a temporary employee. He voiced concerns that due process was not properly administered and would like for the matter to be further examined. He asked that disciplinary actions be done fairly across the board.
 - Chairman Freeman asked Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff, to direct Mr. Harris to the right individuals in this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Freeman adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ATTACHMENT:
ATM DOCUMENT (re: Tubman Sewer)

**ATM COMMENTS ON TUBMAN SEWER AT CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
January 31, 2017 - Franklin McCallie**

I am Franklin McCallie, 1615 Read Ave. Tonight I speak for ATM: Accountability for Taxpayer Money.

We have questions about a Resolution on your next week's agenda. We assume that resolution 7(c) relates to the relocation of the sewer line on the former Harriet Tubman site. However, the word "sewer" is not mentioned in the resolution. We assume the grant application relates to the marketability of the site for economic development. However, there are no recitals (that is: "whereases") in the resolution to provide a legislative history.

We have no idea of the funding source if the City pursues the grant application. The request form attached to the resolution indicates that funds were not budgeted. The line is blank where it asks for the "proposed funding source if not budgeted."

We're confused about how much the City is committing to match if you apply and receive a \$500,000 grant from the state. That's the maximum grant amount. The state requires that a city match their grant amount. Your resolution reads that the City will match the state grant with \$500,000, for a total amount of \$1 million. However, at your January 17 ECD meeting, the City Engineer estimated that the project cost would range from \$1.5 million and \$4 million, depending on the route of the sewer.

We have four questions.

- 1. What is the project? Don't you need to know the route of the relocated sewer line before you submit the application?**
- 2. How can the resolution limit the city's match to \$500,000 when you have been told that the project may cost at least \$1.5 million? The state wants assurance you will provide the local match, which must be a minimum of \$500,000 but would need to be more if the project exceeds \$1 million.**
- 3. Where is the local match coming from? General fund or sewer fund?**
- 4. If the sewer relocation project happens, over \$8 million in local funds will have been spent on this site. What is the likelihood that down the road you will also be asked to give the property to a company at no charge and then you will be asked to provide a PILOT?**

We are requesting transparency, please. Thank you.