



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
April 18, 2017  
6:00 PM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

City Attorney Wade Hinton called the meeting to order with all Council members present: Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, Erskine Oglesby and Ken Smith all present. Council Clerk Nicole Gwyn, CMC, was also present.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Smith led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He invited Pastor Ron Phillips, Jr., of Abba's House to give the invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Henderson**, the minutes of the last meeting (April 4, 2017) were approved as published. *[There was no meeting convened on April 11, 2017.]*

## **ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**

Attorney Hinton read portions Section 8 of the City Charter and opened the election for nominations.

### **Election of Chair**

Councilman Smith nominated Jerry Mitchell as Chair, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. Councilman Henderson moved by acclamation Councilman Mitchell as Chair, seconded by Councilwoman Berz. The motion carried. *[Chairman Mitchell assumed the role of Chair over the meeting at this time.]*

### **Election of Vice Chair**

Councilman Henderson nominated Councilman Smith as Vice Chair, seconded by Councilman Ledford. Councilman Henderson moved by acclamation Councilman Smith as Vice Chair, seconded by Councilwoman Berz. The motion carried.

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #13171**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13072, KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE” SO AS TO APPROPRIATE \$161,000.00 FROM CONTINGENCY TO FAMILY PROMISE IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**ORDINANCE #13172**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTIONS 31-16, 31-50, 31-51, 31-52, 31-53, 31-54, 31-57, AND 31-289, RELATIVE TO WASTEWATER AND GARBAGE.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**2017-037**  
**Virginia Terrell**  
**Planning Version**  
**District 3**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**ORDINANCE #13173**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2112 AND 2122 HAMILL ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO O-1 OFFICE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

2016-170  
Flournoy Development Company  
Pinnacle Point Partners, LLC  
District No. 4

This case had been deferred from a previous open meeting. Councilman Ledford called upon Mike Price of MAP Engineers to discuss why this item had been pulled from tonight's agenda. Mr. Price informed the Council that the Applicant had requested to pull the application since they were unable to acquire the necessary approvals relating to the conservation easement. No hearing would be held on this case since the item was not on today's agenda.

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2017-042  
Ant Group  
Planning Version  
District No. 4

Discussion ensued on the following:

**ORDINANCE #13174**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1821 GUNBARREL ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-4 SPECIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

The Applicant was present; however, no Opposition was present in the Assembly. Mr. Bridger gave an overview of this item and informed the Council that there was no Opposition at the Planning Commission. He informed the Council that an agreement had been made with the Applicant to remove the condition regarding the shared dumpster. Upon discussion with Attorney Hinton on the best way to strike the one condition from the ordinance, **Councilman Ledford moved** to approve as written, seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith. The motion carried. **Councilman Ledford moved** to amend by striking out the condition of the shared dumpster, seconded by Councilman Henderson. The motion carried.

**ACTION: AMENDED; PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**2017-039**  
**Bobby Fairbanks**  
**Alternate Version**  
**District No. 4**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #13175**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT AND AMEND CONDITIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 11313 OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 2002-113 ON TEN (10) PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 7300 BLOCK OF APPLGATE LANE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Mr. Bridger confirmed with Councilman Ledford that the Council would be voting on the Alternate Version. The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**2017-041**  
**Matthew G. Lyle**  
**Planning Version**  
**District No. 8**

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #13176**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1001 AND 1005 BEECH STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Mr. Bridger made a full presentation on this item. He noted that there was no Opposition when this case came before the Planning Commission. There were no questions after the presentation. The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

2017-033  
Evan Holladay, LDG Multifamily, LLC  
Planning Version  
District No. 7

**AGENDA ITEM VI(e):**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4821 AND 4905 CENTRAL AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**Councilman Oglesby moved** to defer until May 23, 2017, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. The motion carried.

**ACTION: DEFERRED UNTIL MAY 23, 2017**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #13177**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 38-32, LOT SIZE, LOT FRONTAGE, SETBACK NOT TO BE REDUCED; EXCEPTION.**

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. He indicated that this item went along with the next two agenda items stemming from the 6-month review of Form-Based Code. Councilman Henderson inquired about approving this and the next two agenda items at once. Attorney Hinton advised voting on each item individually. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**ORDINANCE #13178**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 38-568, RELATIVE TO USES IN THE FORM-BASED CODE THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL PERMITS FROM THE BOARD'S POWER.**

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Upon no questions, the motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #13179**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE XVI, DOWNTOWN-BASED CODE, RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON A SIX-MONTH REVIEW.**

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Upon no questions, the motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

Mr. Bridger noted that the three ordinances (13177, 13178 and 13179) had no Opposition at the Planning Commission.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #28990**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE BILL 542 AND HOUSE BILL 527 AS IT RELATES TO STATION STREET.**

At the request of Vice-Chairman Smith, Attorney Hinton explained these bills expanded the definition of “premises” around Station Street and relate to how cities regulate open containers. Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Berz. Upon no questions, **the motion carried, with Councilman Henderson voting “No.”**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #28991**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM, FOR THE OFFICE SPACE AT THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER LOCATED AT 5705 UPTAIN ROAD ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 157M-A-012, FOR AN INITIAL ANNUAL BASE RENT AMOUNT OF \$100,705.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #28992**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO EXTEND AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE ONDEMAND FOR THE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,900.00, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS WITH ANNUAL AMOUNTS OF \$35,900.00 EACH.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**RESOLUTION #28993**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MARATHON HEALTH SERVICES EXTENDING THE SECOND RENEWAL TERM FROM TWENTY-FOUR (24) TO THIRTY (30) MONTHS WITH AN END OF TERM DATE OF NOVEMBER 2, 2017.**

Vice-Chairman Smith noted that Marathon has a 97% approval rating from employees. He explained that this was the third extension and we will know soon about the provider chosen for the contract. Upon no questions, the motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #28994**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES FOR BUILDING AND LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY FOR THE MIRACLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD AT WARNER PARK, FOR TOTAL FEES WAIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,901.63.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**RESOLUTION #28995**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF CHARTER OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND FOR THE JOINT APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY.**

Chief Operating Officer Maura Sullivan requested to introduce the individuals under consideration and to allow them to address the Council about themselves. Chairman Mitchell allowed the

appointees to address the Council and allowed Council members to question each appointee.

- Ron Swafford - Appointment as City Court Clerk
- Justin Holland - Appointment as Public Works Administrator
- James McKissic - Appointment as director of Multicultural Affairs
- Tina Camba - Appointment as Director of Human Resources
- Daisy Madison - Charter position as Chief Finance Officer
- Theresa Lee - Charter position as City Treasurer
- Bonnie Woodward - Appointment as Director of Purchasing
- Blythe Bailey - Appointment as Transportation Administrator
- Lurone Jennings - Appointment as Youth and Family Development Administrator
- Donna Williams - Appointment as Economic and Community Development Administrator
- James Adams - Appointment as Chief of the Fire Department
- Fred Fletcher - Appointment as Chief of Police Department

Ms. Sullivan offered the following joint Mayor-Council appointment:

- Wade Hinton - Appointment as City Attorney

*[The full video of the Council meeting, including this question-answer session with appointees, is available on the Council's webpage at [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov).]*

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

*[Councilman Gilbert stepped away from the meeting temporarily.]*

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #28996**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCI TECHNOLOGIES D/B/A SKYCOPI, INC. FOR BOTH THE TRAILER-MOUNTED SYSTEM AND THE VEHICLE-MOUNTED SYSTEM CAMERAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**



On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #28997**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR HELTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-14-007-201, MBWWTP LAB RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES, A NON-CONSENT DECREE PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$21,343.00, FOR A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,865.00, AND TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY OF \$26,657.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

*[Councilman Gilbert returned to the meeting at this point in time.]*

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**RESOLUTION #28998**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR RAINES BROTHERS, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. P-16-002-201, REAL TIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER (RTIC) RENOVATION PROJECTS, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$22,347.27, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$154,397.27.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**RESOLUTION #28999**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES WITH THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR FIVE (5) CITY PROJECTS FINANCED THROUGH CLEAN WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$35,500.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**RESOLUTION #29000**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT (JFA) WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO OPERATE THREE (3) CONTINUOUS REAL-TIME STREAM GAUGES LOCATED ON NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, AND CHATTANOOGA CREEK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$43,500.00, WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,875.00 FROM THE USGS, AND \$32,625 FROM THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #29001**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND REGARDING THE SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK PROJECT – YOUNGSTOWN CONNECTOR, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONSERVATION SERVICES AGREEMENT APPROVED IN RESOLUTION NO. 28804.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**RESOLUTION #29002**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, PROJECT NO. T-16-007-808, WITH POND HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 941 MCCALLIE AVENUE AND TO ACCEPT A CONTRIBUTION OF \$12,648.65 TOWARDS THE COST OF FIVE (5) PEDESTRIAN LIGHT POLES, CONDUITS, AND INSTALLATION.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

### Emergency Purchase

Bonnie Woodward, Purchasing Director, informed the Council of the following emergency purchase:

**R152636 - Economic and Community Development** \$120,000.00  
Emergency Demolition of Structure at 138 Market Street,  
Chattanooga, TN 37402  
Vendor: Pates Hauling and Demolition, LLP  
1017 East 23rd St  
Chattanooga, TN 37407

Administrator Donna Williams signed the purchasing letter in this open meeting. Ms. Woodward responded to questions about choosing Pates Hauling for this emergency purchase. Ms. Williams addressed why the emergency work did not go through the traditional bid process and why it was considered a matter involving public health safety. Ms. Woodward also responded to questions about the possibility of reimbursement for demolition of this non-city structure.

### Proposed Purchases

Ms. Woodward also briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases (17 total):

**R142638 Police Department** \$99,763.95  
Purchase of Taser Conductive Electronic Weapons -  
Police Department  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Taser International  
17800 North 85th Street  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

**R148783 - General Services** Total Estimated \$125,000 Annually  
Two (2) New Blanket Contracts for Card Access 3000  
Support Services & Hardware - General Services  
Lowest/Best Bidders:  
1. Audio-Visual Communications, Inc, 4124 McKinley Street, Knoxville, TN 37917  
2. Gallaher & Associates, Inc, 155 Hunt Avenue, Rossville, GA 30741

**R149453 - General Services** Estimated \$75,000 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Titleist & FootJoy  
Golf Equipment - City Golf Courses  
Lowest/Best Bidder: The Acushnet Company  
P.O. Box 532402  
Charlotte, NC 28290

**PO538327 - General Services**

Estimated \$50,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Fire Alarm Monitoring  
& Wet Sprinkler System Service - General Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: Simplex Grinnell  
3200 N Hawthorne Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

**R150536 - Public Works**

Estimated \$100,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for Ladder Climbing Safety  
Equipment - Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Airgas LLC  
700 Manufacturers Rd  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

**R150932 - Public Works**

Estimated \$800,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for New & Replacement  
Paving and Concrete - Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: TNT Concrete LLC  
996 County Road 20  
Calhoun, TN 37309

**R152204 - Public Works**

\$409,905.00

Purchase of One (1) Combination Sewer Cleaner  
with Vacuum System Truck - Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Sansom Equipment Company  
2800 Powell Ave  
Birmingham, AL 35233

**R152200 - Public Works**

\$110,959.38

Purchase of One (1) Compact Track Loader  
with Mulching Head - Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Stowers Machinery Corporation  
PO Box 14802  
Knoxville, TN 37914-1802

**R152211 - Public Works**

\$207,474.00

Purchase of One (1) Sewer Inspection CCTV Truck -  
Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Atlantic Machinery Inc  
P.O. Box 1854  
Lexington, SC 29071

**R152370 - Public Works**

\$25,495.00

Purchase of One (1) Utility Compactor Roller -  
Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Stowers Machinery Corporation  
P.O. Box 14802  
Knoxville, TN 37914-1802

**PO527058 - Public Works**

Total Estimated \$530,000 Annually

Increase to Annual Contract Limit for Security  
Guard Services - Public Works

Lowest/Best Bidder: SEI Inc  
5811 Lee Highway, Ste. 403  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

**PO531715 - Public Works**

Estimated \$80,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Overhead Crane  
Maintenance and Repair Services - Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Konecranes, Inc  
3903 Volunteer Dr #5  
Chattanooga, TN 37416

**PO537834 - Public Works**

Estimated \$1,000,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Mechanical Services -  
Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: H&H Brown Inc  
1803 Polk St  
Chattanooga, TN 37408

**PO 537905, 537906, 537914, 537920, 537935 and 538865 - Public Works**

Total Estimated \$350,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewals for Grounds  
Maintenance for Parks - Parks Division

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. AB Property Preservation (37421)
2. Images Landscape Service LLC (37421)
3. Special Touch Lawn Service (37411)
4. US Lawns of East Chattanooga (37312)
5. Lawn Pros of Chattanooga (37424)
6. ERMCO III Property Management Co LLC (37421)

**PO538244 & 538249 - Public Works**

Estimated \$60,000 Annually

Blank Contract Renewals for Waste & Recycling

Receptacles for Parks - Public Works

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Recycle Away LLC, PO Box 1757, Brattleboro, VT 05302
2. Graber Manufacturing Inc, 1080 Uniek Drive, Madison, WI 53718

**PO538811 - Public Works**

Estimated \$60,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Traffic Control Service –

Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: T.R. Moore & Associates, Inc  
830 McCallie Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37403

**PO532852 - Public Works**

Estimated \$150,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Bypass Pumping

Equipment Rental - Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc.  
1320 Lockhart Drive  
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Ms. Woodward follow-up on questions asked in the previous open meeting about PO527058. She informed the Council that about the departments other than Public Works that have traditionally used this contract (human services, human resources, general services). She also informed the Council about the expiration date of the contract. Ms. Woodward also responded on the following:

- T.C.A. Code that allows bypassing the bid process
- How to further opportunities for Chattanooga-based companies

Discussion ensued with Councilman Mr. Holland about city employees cleaning up after contractors, accountability for contractors and reviewing lawn maintenance issues during upcoming budget meetings. **Councilman Henderson moved** to approve, seconded by Councilman Oglesby. *[The motion carried later in the meeting.]*

Discussion continued with Mr. Holland responding to questions about the blanket renewals for Grounds Maintenance (PO 537905, 537906, 537914, 537920, 537935 and 538865).

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Public Work employees in the Assembly to stand. She led a discussion on hiring city employees instead of contracting the lawn maintenance contracts.

Further discussion ensued about the following:

- The nature of seasonal work for lawn maintenance
- Temporary employees augmenting work crews
- Contracting vs. hiring seasonal employees
- End of seasonal work during winter months
- Business-standpoint for contracting seasonal work
- How to reach out to seasonal workers
- Holding contractors accountable for their work
- Inspection of contracted work sites
- Hiring city employees instead of contracting work
- Contractors that help Public Works to create capacity (i.e., people, equipment)

**Councilwoman Coonrod moved** to amend to pull the grounds maintenance renewals for a separate vote. She was seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith. The motion carried. A vote took place on **Councilman Henderson’s main motion**. The motion carried.

**Councilman Henderson moved** to approve the one purchase (lawn maintenance renewal). He was seconded by Councilwoman Berz. Further discussion ensued on the following:

- Cost-benefit analysis for outsourcing through contractors
- Proving the case for contracting lawn maintenance
- Ensuring accountability for lawn maintenance
- Continuing the discussion during budget hearings
- Postponing talk about the cost-benefit in

Councilman Henderson called the *question*, seconded by Councilwoman Berz. Vice-Chairman Smith objected to the *question* due to the fact that his notification light to speak had been activated. Councilman Henderson withdrew the question, with his seconder in agreement. Further discussion ensued on the following:

- Short window in which grass may be cut during the year
- Lack of equipment and resources during that short window
- Benefit of buying equipment to give work to employees
- Options for affording equipment to keep work in-house

**The motion carried with Councilwoman Coonrod voting “No,”** on the one lawn maintenance purchase.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Appointment of Council Committee Chairs**

Chairman Mitchell made the following committee chair appointments:

- *Budget and Finance Committee* - Councilman Henderson
- *Economic and Community Development Committee* - Councilman Oglesby
- *HR Committee (Human Resources)* - Councilman Gilbert
- *Planning & Zoning* - Councilman Ledford
- *Public Safety Committee* - Councilman Byrd
- *Public Works and Transportation Committee* - Councilwoman Berz
- *Youth and Family Development Committee* - Councilwoman Coonrod
- *Innovations Technology (I.T.) Committee* - Chairman Mitchell & Vice-Chairman Smith

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Budget and Finance Committee*  
Councilman Henderson  
(No report)

*Economic and Community Development Committee*  
Councilman Oglesby  
(No report)

*HR Committee (Human Resources)*  
Councilman Gilbert reported:

- The committee met in open meeting today.

*Planning & Zoning*  
Councilman Ledford  
(No report)

*Public Safety Committee*  
Councilman Byrd  
(No report)

*Public Works and Transportation Committee*  
Councilwoman Berz reported:

- A meeting of the committee was coming soon (April 25).

*Youth and Family Development Committee*  
Councilwoman Coonrod  
(No report)

*Innovations Technology (I.T.) Committee*



Chairman Mitchell & Vice-Chairman Smith  
(No report)

## **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 Mitchell recognized the following persons:

- **Joanne Holiday-Johnson (District 7)** - She lives in Wheeler Homes and spoke on the following topics:
  - She asked the Council for help with the children playing in the street at 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chandler.
  - She asked the Council to deal with two judges that are presiding over a kidnap case.
  - She asked the Council for more training for the police.
  - She informed the Council that buses are need improvements.
- **Jared Story (District 7)** – He commended the Council for the number of questions asked of administrators today and spoke on the following:
  - He asked the Council for adequate public notice and public input in the upcoming budget hearings.
  - He informed the Council of a meeting of numerous community groups where some progressive demands and solutions were developed.
  - He asked that the Council address the police department budget, which he felts is disproportionate.
  - He asked the Council to consider that the recent election and that people are ready for progressive and transformative change.
- **Gary Ball (Chattanooga)** - He spoke on behalf of the Ridgedale Community and Oak Grove Neighborhood Association of several topics:
  - He requested that Mr. Bailey, Transportation Administrator, talk with Councilwoman Coonrod about the Bailey Avenue project.
  - He informed the Council of a situation in Oak Grove involving the Police Department and asks that the police to differentiate between a right-of-way and an easement.
  - He asked the Council to consider Assistant Chief Tucker for Police Chief.
  - He asked the City to look into the debris and prostitution on Hope Street in his district.
  - He informed the Council of issues with the Form-Based Code R-T/Z and had questions about the 5' setback against lots of record.
- **David E. Rumsey (Chamberlain Avenue)** - He congratulated the new Council and wished them luck. He pledged to pray for them and encouraged them to go about their endeavors. He congratulated Councilwoman Coonrod, who represents his district.
- **Camron Williams (East Chattanooga)** - He asked the Council to ensure that youth centers worked with the community. He asked that there be diversity training between citizens and police.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilman Henderson,** Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**