



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2017
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith called the meeting to order. A quorum was present with Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby all present. Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present. Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Vice-Chairman Smith led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked Fire Chief James (Chris) Adams to give the invocation. After which, Vice-Chairman Smith took the opportunity to honor Chief Adams by expressing his thanks to Chief for all he has done for the City and the Chattanooga Fire Department. He also thanked Chief's family. The Assembly responded with a standing ovation for Chief Adams.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (August 22, 2017) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29157

**A RESOLUTION STAGGERING THE TERMS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF HARRY KNOX TO THE SPORTS
AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA.**

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29158

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO APPLY FOR THE 2017 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CPD'S PORTION FOR TWO (2) BOAT MOTORS AND ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT, THROWN PHONE, CHAIRS FOR TRAINING, K-9 BITE SUIT, AND COMMAND BOARDS, FOR THE GRANT PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020, FOR THE CPD'S PORTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,976.00, ALONG WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S PORTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,813.00, FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$133,789.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #29159

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA (EPB) RELATIVE TO THE POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR MBWWTP, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00, FOR A REVISED AGREEMENT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$590,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PURCHASES:

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

PO535008 - Public Works Estimated \$150,000 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal for Machining, Fabrication
and Related Equipment Repair Services –
Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Valley Mechanical Inc
608 Salem Rd
Rossville, GA 30741

PO538198 - Public Works Estimated \$250,000 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal for Haworth Open Office
Landscape Furniture
Lowest/Best Bidder: NOI Chattanooga
4167 South Creek Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

PO540618 - Public Works

Estimated \$250,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Liquid Sodium Bisulfite –
Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Southern Ionics Inc
PO Drawer 1217
West Point, MS 39773

PO540619 - Public Works

Estimated \$60,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Moscad Services –
Waste Resources Division

Lowest/Best Bidder: Diversified Integration Inc
2113 Fries Rd
Galax, VA 24333

R157567 - Public Works

Estimated \$46,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for Household Hazardous –
Waste Disposal Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc
2815 Old Greenbrier Pike
Greenbrier, TN 37073

R153588 - Transportation

Total Estimated \$144,000 Annually

Two (2) New Blanket Contracts for Traffic Sign Sheeting

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Orafol Americas Inc 120 Darling Dr Avon, CT 06001
2. Osburn Associates Inc PO Box 912 Logan, OH 43138

Councilman Ledford asked for more background information on **PO538198 (Public Works)** regarding the furniture request. Ms. Woodward informed the Council about this being a more consolidated blanket contract for furniture purchases projected within the upcoming fiscal year by the Facilities Management Division of Public Works. After which, **Councilman Oglesby moved** to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Berz. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Community Resource & Job Fair

Councilman Oglesby asked for a *point of privilege* to discuss the upcoming Community Resource & Job Fair on Thursday, August 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., taking place at Olivet Baptist's Kingdom Center. He informed the Council that four individuals participating in the job fair were present to give information about the fair and asked to hear from them.

Jacqueline Griffith of the State of Tennessee's Child Support division informed the Council that there would be over 30 entities providing job opportunities and other services at the fair. Councilman Oglesby inquired about some of those services, such as driver's license reinstatement. Ms. Griffith informed the Council that two attorneys would be available to help individuals get their driver's licenses reinstated and also help get criminal histories expunged.

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the attorneys helping people with citizen restoration. One of the participating attorneys was present and informed the Council that citizenship restoration would not be addressed at the job fair.

District 7 Event Reminder

Councilman Oglesby reminded everyone about the South Chattanooga BBQ Cookoff on this coming Saturday, September 2, at the new Southside Community Park (former site of Charles A. Bell School). It will take place from Noon – 7:00 p.m. He noted that there will be barbecue and fish at the event, but only the barbecue would be judged.

District 8 Event Reminder

Councilman Byrd reminded everyone about the Lincoln Park (Outdoor) Reunion, taking place at the historic park on Saturday, September 9, from Noon until 6:00 p.m.

District 9 Event Reminder

Councilwoman Coonrod reminded everyone of the “District 9 Mailbox Gathering” on Saturday, September 9, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Orange Grove Center in the historical Glenwood community. She noted that parking would be available on the Citico side of Orange Grove Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The committee had its fourth budget work session today.
- The next budget work session would take place next week (September 5) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Council’s conference room. This will be a time of debate among the Council regarding the budget. The public is welcome to attend.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Oglesby

- The committee met today to hear a presentation from the Public Art Committee on some interactive art pieces planned for Districts 5 and 9.

HR Committee (Human Resources)

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

- The Hamilton County School superintendent came to Brainerd High School yesterday to present a clear plan that would better all schools and bring opportunity for all students. He indicated that it was a good meeting because it detailed what the superintendent hopes to accomplish.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will next week (September 5) after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today to discuss the one item on this week's agenda.

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

Innovation Technology Committee

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, Vice-Chairman Smith recognized the following persons:

- **Franklin McCallie (Reed Avenue/District 7)** – He felt it was appropriate to express his sadness over the displacement of so many residents in Texas due to Hurricane Harvey. He suggested a discussion on what we have learned from the national disaster. In 2016, he informed the Council that the water regulations were decreased from 2" to ½" to be contained on individual property. He noted an [article](#) by Dave Flessner in the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* that discussed a proposal "to ease the requirements for new developers and builders to retain so much rainwater runoff in the South Chickamauga Creek and to mandate so much remediation and controls on properties dug up for new projects across the rest of the city." Mr. McCallie also read an excerpt from an [article](#) by Pam Sohn in the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* that argues against easing stormwater regulations for the sake of economics. Mr. McCallie asked the Council not to rush into lessening a necessary regulation. He noted that no homeowner or business owner would want raw sewage on their property.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Vice-Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL