



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2017
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order with Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Byrd led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Vince Dean, Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk, to give the invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (November 28, 2017) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

ORDINANCE #13252
2017-138 ASA Engineering c/o Allen Jones
Alternate Version #2
District No. 1

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #13252

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 5564 DAYTON BOULEVARD, IN THE 400 BLOCK OF GADD ROAD, AND IN THE 300 BLOCK OF ALLEN ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-5 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, AND C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

2017-087
Zachery Darnell, Attorney at Cavett,
Abbott & Weiss
Planning Version #4
District No. 4

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

ORDINANCE #13253

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 7600, 7604, 7606, 7608, 7610 DAVIDSON ROAD AND THE 1000 BLOCK OF NORTH SANCTUARY ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO A-1 URBAN AGRICULTURAL ZONE, PENDING AMENDMENTS TO REFERENCED LOTS.

ACTION: APPROVED

2017-129
Northshore Development, LLC
Planning Version
District No. 1

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

ORDINANCE #13254

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 423 WEST BELL AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO E-RD-2 URBAN EDGE RESIDENTIAL DETACHED ZONE 2 STORIES MAXIMUM HEIGHT.

Councilman Henderson confirmed with John Bridger of Regional Planning that E-RD-2 signifies 2-stories maximum height. Therefore, he asked that the record show that the ordinance should read "2-stories maximum height" instead of 3-stories maximum height, which was incorrectly listed on the current agenda. The motion carried, with E-RD-2 Urban Edge Residential Detached Zone 2 Stories Maximum Height.

ACTION: APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE #13255

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DOWNTOWN CONTEXT MAP WITHIN THE CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE XVI, DOWNTOWN FORM BASED CODE, SECTION 38-693(2), TO ADD 423 WEST BELL AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BELOW, INTO THE URBAN EDGE CONTEXT AREA.

ACTION: APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE #13256

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 13071 TO INCORPORATE 423 WEST BELL AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BELOW, INTO THE DOWNTOWN FORM BASED CODE AREA BOUNDARY.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VI(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 22, LIBRARIES.

Vice-Chairman Smith confirmed with Attorney Hinton that this matter was still being revised. Therefore, **Vice-Chairman Smith moved** to defer one (1) week to December 12, 2017, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED ONE (1) WEEK TO DECEMBER 12, 2017

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #29196

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, ON BEHALF OF 311, TO RENEW LICENSING FOR PUBLIC STUFF (CITIZEN REQUEST MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE) WITH PROVIDER OF SOFTWARE ACCELA, INC. FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM DECEMBER 9, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2018, TO INCLUDE TECHNICAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,197.50.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Oglesby and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #29197

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. R-14-012-202 TO ROSS GLASS & ALUMINUM, LLC OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, HOLMBERG BRIDGE PANEL REPLACEMENT - PHASE 2, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$519,000.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY OF \$20,957.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$540,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Oglesby and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #29198

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.1 FOR CDM SMITH, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-12-024-101, FOCUSED SANITARY SEWER EVALUATION STUDY (SSES) AND REHABILITATION - CHATTANOOGA CREEK 4 SUB-BASIN, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$43,241.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$691,241.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #29199

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. Y-15-008-201 TO J&J CONTRACTORS, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, NEW AVONDALE YFD CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,786,000.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,936,000.00.

Councilman Byrd informed the Council that several constituents from the Avondale community were present in the Assembly today. Therefore, he wanted to ask Justin Holland, Public Works Administrator, about the contract amount being voted on today and why that amount differed from the \$6,000,000 previously budgeted. Mr. Holland discussed the \$6,000,000 budgeted for capitol and consulting fees, and the actual construction part voted on today: \$4,936,000. He also informed the Council that the groundbreaking would take place mid- to late-January.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PURCHASES:

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

PO536799 - Public Works Estimated \$40,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Overhead Door Maintenance and Repair Services-Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: King Door Co.
1802 Abutment Road
Dalton, GA 30721

R161367 - Public Works Estimated \$350,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for the Supply and Delivery of MSA Parts-Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Gexpro
2800 Amnicola Hwy
Chattanooga, TN 37406

PO541759 - Public Works

Estimated \$900,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Sewer Line
Cleaning Services-Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Sani-Tech JetVac Services, LLC
PO Box 40348
Nashville, TN 37204

PO538249 - Public Works

New Total Estimated \$190,000 Annually

Increase of Authorized Expenditure on Blanket
Contract for Waste Receptacles for Parks-
Public Works City Wide Services
Lowest/Best Bidder: Graber Manufacturing, Inc.
1080 Uniek Drive
Madison, WI 53718

R159980 - Public Works

Estimated \$360,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for Grinding of Wood/Brush/Leaf
Material Services-City Wide Services
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ooltewah Clearing & Grinding
5200 Bell Ridge Drive
Apison, TN 37302

R162595 - Pubic Works

\$95,086

Purchase of One (1) International Truck-City Wide Services
Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee Smith, Inc.
2600 8th Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37407

PO536196 - Public Works

Estimated \$80,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for U-Bolts &
Springs for Big Trucks-Fleet Management Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: McGlohon Springs, Inc.
905 East 16th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408

PO541575 - Public Works

Estimated \$64,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Hurst Jaws of Life
OEM Parts & Maintenance-Fleet Management Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Municipal Emergency Services
6701C Northpark Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28216

PO538199 - Public Works

Estimated \$250,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Knoll Open Office
Landscape Furniture-City Wide
Public Works Facilities Management Division.
Lowest/Best Bidder: CBI
701 Cherry Street Suite 100, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Discussed ensued with Ms. Woodward on PO53819. Councilman Ledford sent an email about PO53819, but had not received the response. Ms. Woodward was asked to clarify the term "landscape furniture." She also clarified whether this contract had come before the Council previously and whether it was tied to a particular project. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve all purchases, seconded by Councilman Oglesby. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

District 9 Grocery Store Update

Councilwoman Coonrod asked for an update on the Save-A-Lot grocery store that was planned for the East Chattanooga community. Donna Williams, Administrator for the Department of Economic and Community Development, indicated that some details could not be disclosed due to HIPPA law. She gave background information on efforts by community members to bring a store to the area, the 10-year economic study for District 9 and efforts to lure a grocer to the district. A grocer has purchased the building with the intent of building a Save-A-Lot. The city has offered some incentives. The grocer is still planning to move forward, but due to health issues, it is on hold.

Regarding Councilwoman Coonrod's question on East Chattanooga as a "food desert," Ms. Williams did not wish to speculate on the definition of a "food desert," but did discuss nearby grocery stores that are accessible to residents in the East Chattanooga.

Silver Slippers Dance Academy

Councilman Gilbert informed the Council that he attended the Silver Slippers Dance Academy in a performance of "The Lion King." He thanked the Mayor for attending the event.

Annual Tree Lighting

Councilman Ledford thanked everyone for attending the Annual Tree Lighting at Jack Benson Heritage Park on Friday. There were over 2,000 attendees.

New Avondale Center

Councilman Byrd stated that the community looks forward to working with J&J Construction on the new Avondale Center project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilman Henderson
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Oglesby

- The committee met today for a discussion on the annexation petition for the Lookout Mountain Conservancy.
- The committee meeting previously scheduled for December 12 has been postponed to another date.

Human Resources Committee (HR)
Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee met today to discuss planning and zoning items on this and next week's agenda.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee
Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today to review items on this week's and next week's agenda.

Youth and Family Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod
(No report)

Innovation Technology Committee
Vice-Chairman Smith reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the Agenda Session for a discussion regarding Chapter 32 - Small Cell.

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:

- **Vince Dean (Chattanooga)** – He informed the Council that he is a retired police officer. He came today representing City retirees on the change to United Health Care and asked other retirees to stand for recognition. He discussed the three things that had been promised to retirees: (1) a monthly pension check, (2) annual cost of living wages (which, he stated, had been taken away), and (3) the same insurance coverage as all other city employees. He asked the Council to consider three questions: (1) What change in deductible and premium; (2) What changes in the provider list; and (3) What effect on the access to the Wellness Center and On-Site Rx Pharmacy. He discussed adverse effects of changing the provider. He asked the Council to reconsider Resolution 29242, approving the change in provider to UHC, until answers are consistent for these questions.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Hinton, Ms. Woodward, Tina Camba (HR Director) and Stacy Richardson (Chief of Staff), all contributing information on the following topics:

- Where the City stands legally with the contract being negotiated
- Consistency regarding provider list
- Notice served to end current current contract
- Consideration for the annual enrollment deadline
- Impact on retirees who have already enrolled with UHC
- Council consensus asking Admin. not to sign with UHC yet

- Better communication with retirees
- RFQ terms vs. Continuing Coverage
- Coverage provided by both contract bidders
- Committee members determining best bidder

Ms. Richardson agreed that Administration would hold off signing the contract with United Health Care until questions could be addressed at next week's 1:30 p.m. Strategic Planning meeting.

- **Randy Parker (Chattanooga)** – He is the retired Fire Chief. He wanted to remind the Council that the current insurance provider was under a multi-year contract that may possibly be extended beyond December 31, 2017.
- **Mahmood Abdullah (Chattanooga)** – He has much to say about District 7, and hopes the community will get involved. He is coming back to discuss District 7. He also has concerns about the East Chattanooga grocery store.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL