



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
January 5-6, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER: January 5, 2021**

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by electronic means. A quorum was present on January 5, 2021, via electronic means that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman Berz led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilwoman Berz** and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (December 15, 2020) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Chairman Henderson recognized Cub Scouts Pack #3030 from Red Bank, which was in attendance at this electronic meeting. He also recognized their leader, April Hash.

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**ORDINANCE #13639**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 21, DIVISION 4, SECTIONS 21-136 AND 21-137 RELATED TO OVERGROWTH AND ABATEMENT.**

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**Agenda Item VI(c):**

An Ordinance To Amend The Operations Budget Ordinance No. 13558, Known As "The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operations Budget Ordinance", So As To Appropriate Certain Additional Funding In The Amount Of \$800,000.00 For The Forgotten Child Fund, The Tivoli & Memorial Auditorium Foundation, Bessie Smith Cultural Center, United Way Of Greater Chattanooga, And The Southeast Tennessee Development District (SETDD).

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote. *[Editor's Note: This ordinance was revised prior to second reading on January 6, 2021. See page 7 of this document for the final caption.]*

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

2020-0127  
Craig Design Group  
Alternate Version  
District No. 1

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**ORDINANCE #13640**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE TWO (2) PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 100 BLOCK OF BUSH STREET, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO E-RA-2 URBAN EDGE RESIDENTIAL ATTACHED 2 STORIES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Chairman Henderson had no objection to the Councilman Ledford's motion in this District 1 matter. Councilman Ledford asked Attorney Noblett to read the three conditions of the Alternate Version.

- 1) *Subject to the maximum of six (6) detached single-family units;*
- 2) *No more than two (2) curb cuts and the parking to be located at the rear of the single family units; and*
- 3) *Protection of an existing tree as shown on the attached site plan. Prior to the issuance of a land disturbing permit or any land clearing activities, the tree drip line will be staked and marked clearly as a no land disturbance area.*

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

**RESOLUTION #30591**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS, P.A., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO LEASE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (173) SQUARE FEET FOR AN X-RAY EXAMINATION AREA AT THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA WELL ADVANTAGE CENTER, WITH RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 PER MONTH, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.**

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**RESOLUTION #30592**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HENDERSON, HUTCHERSON & MCCULLOUGH, PLLC RELATING TO EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; FOR YEAR ONE (1) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,500.00; YEAR TWO (2) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,070.00; YEAR THREE (3) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,690.00; AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RENEWALS IN YEAR FOUR (4) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,360.00; AND AN ANNUAL RENEWAL IN YEAR FIVE (5) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,720.00.**

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #30593**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS, P.A. TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, RETIREES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AT THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA WELLADVANTAGE CENTER, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM.**

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the next three resolutions for one Council vote.

**RESOLUTION #30594**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1. (FINAL) FOR HAREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-16-021-201, MBWWTP RECYCLE PUMP STATIONS AND DRAIN SYSTEM UPGRADE, A NON-CONSENT DECREE PROJECT, FOR A DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$142,772.93, TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$148,000.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,339,227.07.**

**RESOLUTION #30595**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (FINAL), FOR HAREN CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., OF ETOWAH, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-15-009-201, MBWWTP CONTROL ROOM UPGRADES, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$97,437.31, TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$2,562.69, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,877,683.06.**

**RESOLUTION #30596**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S SHARE OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ALFRED BENESCH & COMPANY RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-19-005-001 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAKE RESORT DRIVE PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290,158.90, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$29,015.89, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$319,174.79.**

Councilman Ledford made comments about Vice-Chairman Smith's work on the Lake Resort Drive project. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30594 - 30596 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Proposed Purchases**

Anthony Sammons, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

**PO547132 - Waste Resources Division, Public Works**  
CCTV Parts and Repair Service  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Cues, Inc.  
3600 Rio Vista Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32805

Increase of \$10,000 for a total amount of \$50,000 annually

**R205745 - Waste Resources Division, Public Works** \$216,000

Two (2) Remote Supervisory Vista Underground  
Distribution Switchgear, 15.5kV, Model 422  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Inline Electric Supply  
1080 A Duncan Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

**R204216 - City Wide Services Division, Public Works** \$35,000

Uniform Pants, Shorts & Caps for Public Works  
Lowest/Best Bidders:  
1. Cintas Corporation - 2131 Polymer Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421  
2. CMS Uniforms & Equipment, Inc, - 1031 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

**R206588 - City Wide Service Division, Public Works** \$30,024.62

Grinding of Wood, Brush, Leaf Materials & Removal Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ooltewah Clearing & Grinding  
5200 Bell Ridge Drive  
Apison, TN 37302

**Fleet Division, Public Works** \$11,717.95

Tire Purchases of Various Sizes  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Best One Tire of Chattanooga  
2348 Rossville Blvd  
Chattanooga, TN 37408

**Fleet Division, Public Works** \$11,712.72

Repairs for Various City Vehicles  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee Smith  
2600 8th Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37407

**Fleet Division, Public Works** \$10,692.93

Body Work for Various City Vehicles  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Maaco Auto Painting & Collision Center  
4005 Dodds Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37407

**Fleet Division, Public Works** \$48,950.00

Decals for Police Vehicles  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Volunteer Service Company  
6409 Bonny Oaks Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37416

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve, seconded by Councilman Oglesby. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Department Donation**

Attorney Noblett announced the donation of a \$1,000 check to the Chattanooga Police Department from BASF. The company experienced the CRASE training by Sgt. O'Brien and wanted to express their appreciation for that training.

### **Special Session of Council**

Attorney Noblett announced that the Council will recess their meeting tonight and hold a special session at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow for the second reading of the budget amendment ordinance #13638. He explained that since the ordinance just passed first reading tonight, by law, it cannot be read twice within the same day. Therefore, the second reading will take place tomorrow.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today to cover all budget items. The Council also sent its Plan of Work for 2020-21 to Administration.

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session to hear about the Vecino project in District 8.

### *Human Resources Committee*

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee met today to review all planning and zoning agenda items. They also had a discussion on steep slopes.

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

### *Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

### *Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- YFD is still helping residents with rent and mortgage assistance. Contact YFD at (423) 643-6434 or email [liheap@chattanooga.gov](mailto:liheap@chattanooga.gov) or [csbg@chattanooga.gov](mailto:csbg@chattanooga.gov) for assistance.

*Legislative Committee*

Vice-Chairman Smith reported:

- The Council voted to cancel all of its meetings on March 2, 2021, due to the city election scheduled on that day.

Chairman Henderson asked Vice-Chairman Smith to schedule a Legislative Committee meeting in two weeks (January 19) to discuss the city's panhandling ordinance. Vice-Chairman Smith agreed.

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Chairman Henderson confirmed with Vice-Chairman Smith that there were no registrants to speak at tonight's Council meeting.

**MEETING RECESSED**

Chairman Henderson recessed the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and will reconvene a special session of the Council on tomorrow, January 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The second reading of the budget amendment ordinance--Alternate Version 2C--will take place at that meeting.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

**CALL TO ORDER: January 6, 2021**

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the special session to order at 5:00 p.m. by electronic means. A quorum was present that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Councilpersons Jerry Mitchell and Demetrus Coonrod were not present at this meeting. Video of the reconvened meeting is available for viewing [here](#).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Oglesby led the Assembly in the pledge of allegiance and gave an invocation.

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

**ORDINANCE #13638**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13558, KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE \$800,000.00 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE CONTINGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION, FORGOTTEN CHILD FUND, THE TIVOLI & MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM FOUNDATION, BESSIE SMITH CULTURAL CENTER, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA AND SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SETDD).**

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chairman Henderson announced a Budget and Finance Committee meeting (electronic) next Tuesday, January 12, to hear the results of the FY22 Budget Public Input sessions.

## **RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Chairman Henderson confirmed with Vice-Chairman Smith that there were no registrants to speak at this session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilman Oglesby**, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

[Editor's Note: Any person may join the electronic-conducted meetings of the Chattanooga City Council at the scheduled time by visiting online at [council.chattanooga.gov](http://council.chattanooga.gov).]

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**