



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes
Chattanooga, Tennessee

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2021
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order by electronic means. A quorum was present 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

Councilman Mitchell led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Black History Month Proclamation By Councilman Russell Gilbert

Councilman Gilbert proclaimed the following:

Whereas, this Black History Month February 2021, I, Councilman Russell Gilbert, along with my colleagues, give honor to these heroic and selfless individuals in our communities for doing their part to excel our city forward. They come from many areas of our community and have made many contributions to our city of Chattanooga; and

Whereas, Black History Month seeks to emphasize Black history and its cultural contributions to American life, and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of African Americans to the history, society and culture of the United States of America; and

Whereas, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans in the Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, Government, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Military, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and other endeavors; and

Whereas, Black History Month allows us an opportunity to recognize the heroes of African American history including our dedicated community service leaders, Mrs. Greather Tinker, Ezra Harris, Dennis Leftwich, Edward Freeman, Gregory Martin, Yolanda Finney, Stephen West, Cedric Dozier, Sharron Pryor, Leroy Smart, Logan King Taylor, and Albert Woodard and family; our community safety and outreach leader, Captain Jerri Sutton; our media and entertainment legends Magic Crutcher, Greg Funderburg, Greg Toney, Keith Landecker, Chee Chee Lazenby Brown, John L. Edwards, Eric Foster Williams, Terran "T-RAN" Gilbert, Willie McClendon, Samuel Patton, and Darryl Wheeler, Sr; our heroic educators, Marcia Smith, and Principal Gary

James; our new era athletic trailblazer, Madison Hayes; and our honorable contractors and community builders Wiley Simmons, Jerry Hanner, and Bobby Adamson; and

Whereas, I am immensely proud of that history and our diversity as well as thankful for the countless contributions of African-Americans in Chattanooga and throughout this nation; this month, and throughout the year, I urge our residents to celebrate that heritage and continue to fight for equality and opportunity for all.

Now, Therefore, I, Russell Gilbert, Councilman of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee and on behalf of the Chattanooga City Council, hereby acknowledge and celebrate your contributions to the City of Chattanooga, Commonwealth of Tennessee and United States of America. I commend you for your many accomplishments and extend my best wishes for continued success in the future.

ATTEST:

**Russell Gilbert, Sr.
Councilman, District 5**

After the reading of the proclamation, Chairman Henderson opened the floor to some of the individuals who had been honored by this proclamation. The following honored guests expressed their thanks to the Council: Ezra Harris, Terran "T-Ran" Gilbert, and Steven West.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last meeting (January 26, 2021) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2020-0179
B & H Estate Holdings, LLC
Planning Version
District No. 6

Agenda Item VI(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6626 SHALLOWFORD ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO O-1 OFFICE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Berz moved to defer to February 9, 2021. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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

MR-2020-0023
Thomas Coutu and Laura Knight
District No. 2

ORDINANCE #13647

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE 300 BLOCK OF TUCKER STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MR-2020-0175
Dane Bradshaw/Riverton, LLC
District No. 2

ORDINANCE #13648

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1210 MERCER STREET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE EASEMENT.

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

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 13647 & 13648
PASSED ON FIRST READING**

RESOLUTIONS:

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 #30628

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH THE FORGOTTEN CHILD FUND, INC., TO LEASE APPROXIMATELY 1,142 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 1715 E. MAIN STREET, IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCEL NO. 156B-D-011, FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH, FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00 PER YEAR.

RESOLUTION #30629

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AMEND THE GUIDELINES FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND TO ALLOW UP TO \$500,000.00 TO BE UTILIZED FOR RENT, MORTGAGE, AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY COVID-19.

RESOLUTION #30630

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CIO) TO RENEW BLANKET AGREEMENT WITH IT PIPES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEWER ASSET INSPECTION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR FIRST OPTIONAL ONE YEAR RENEWAL TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, WITH ONE OPTIONAL ANNUAL RENEWAL REMAINING, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 FOR CONTRACT YEAR.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30628 - 30630 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #30631

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (FINAL), FOR CTI ENGINEERS, INC., RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-16-021-101, MBWWTP RECYCLE PUMP STATIONS AND DRAIN SYSTEM UPGRADE, A NON-CONSENT DECREE PROJECT, FOR A DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$335.45, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$542,943.24.

RESOLUTION #30632

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, WITH REEVES YOUNG LLC, OF SUGAR HILL, GA, FOR CONTRACT NO. W-17-004-201, CHATTANOOGA WET WEATHER COMBINED SEWER STORAGE - PHASE 1, A CONSENT DECREE PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$6,477,193.99, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$53,046,293.99, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$2 MILLION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,046,293.99.

RESOLUTION #30633

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. R-17-004-201, GREENWAY FARMS NEW CONFERENCE FACILITY, TO J&J CONTRACTORS, INC., OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,577,600.00, PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,727,600.00.

RESOLUTION #30634

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. R-20-017-204, SUMMIT OF SOFTBALL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE EASTER TORNADO 2020 - BACKSTOP AREA AND OUTFIELD NETTING REPLACEMENT, TO PREMIER FENCE, LLC, OF MURFREESBORO, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,472.62, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$215,472.62.

RESOLUTION #30635

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, PROJECT NO. T-21-004-809, WITH EMJ CORPORATION FOR THE RIVER ROCK PROJECT LOCATED AT 100 EAST 4TH STREET AND TO ACCEPT A CONTRIBUTION OF \$45,535.14 TOWARDS THE COST OF EIGHTEEN (18) MODERN LIGHT FIXTURES, INCLUDING INSTALLATION AND WIRING.

Vice-Chairman Smith thanked everyone who has worked on the Greenway Farms item and moved to approve. Councilman Oglesby seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30631 - 30635 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

PO 558552 - City Wide Services Division, Public Works High Visibility Work Clothing Lowest/Best Bidder: Reflective Apparel Factory 1649 Sands Place, Suite J Marietta, GA 30067	Increase of \$30,000 for a total amount of \$55,000
R207457 - City Wide Services Division, Public Works Purchase of one (1) Caterpillar 308 Mini Excavator Lowest/Best Bidder: Stowers Machinery Corporation P.O. Box 14802 Knoxville, TN 37914	\$115,177.30
R207364 - Parks Division, Public Works Purchase of one (1) Toro Workman HDX - 2WD (Kubota Gas) Utility Vehicle Lowest/Best Bidder: Smith Turf & Irrigation 525 Fairground Court Nashville, TN 37211	\$26,650.96

R207246 - Chattanooga Police Department \$30,656.00
 Investigations Vehicle
 Lowest/Best Bidder: TT of Columbia
 106 S James Campbell Blvd
 Columbia, TN 38401

R207247 - Chattanooga Police Department \$32,760.00
 Investigations Vehicle
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Alan Jay Automotive Management, Inc.
 5330 US Highway 27 S
 Sebring, FL 33870-5661

R207274 - Chattanooga Police Department \$27,300.00
 Investigations Vehicle Freeland
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Chevrolet LLC
 5333 Hickory Hollow Pkwy
 Antioch, TN 37013

R206937 - Department of Information Technology \$600,000.00
 Software for Police, City Courts and DIT
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Tyler Technologies
 5101 Tennyson Pkwy.
 Plano, TX 75024

R205372 - Head Start Division, Youth and Family Development \$130,000.00
 Kitchen Equipment Repair Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Mountain City Service
 2408 Taft Highway
 Signal Mountain, TN 37377

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

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Mr. Sammons also informed the Council of the following emergency purchase:

Date	Dept	Description	Supplier	Explanation	Event Type
2/1/21	YFD	85 Guardian Air Beyond air purifiers for the HS/EHS program	Aerus Electrolux	PO# 560289 for \$76,415 to provide air purifiers as the Head Start and Early Head Start centers re-open.	COVID

Vice-Chairman Smith and Councilwoman Coonrod both expressed their thanks for this emergency purchase.

OTHER BUSINESS: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting for an affordable housing PILOT from CNE.

Human Resources Committee

Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and covered all items on the agenda. They also got an update on the steep slope vegetation component that will be ready soon.

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
(No report)

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith
(No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Listen by clicking [here](#))

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Adam Foster	1	Trash and recycle cans for homeless camps

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Oglesby, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, February 9, 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.]

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL