



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2021

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Raquetta Dotley, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, and Darrin Ledford. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Hill led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (June 8, 2021) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

“TLEA Award for Chattanooga Police Department”

On behalf of the Tennessee Association of Police Chiefs, Mark Gibson, Cleveland Chief of Police, presented the third TN Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) Award to Chattanooga Police Chief David Roddy. Chief Roddy accepted the award and commended his department and the accreditation team that worked on the assessment.

“Recognition of Sgt. Wayne Jefferson, Jr.”

By Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod

Councilwoman Coonrod recognized Sgt. Wayne Jefferson, Jr., who is retiring after 25 years of service with the Chattanooga Police Department. Chief Roddy and Councilpersons Byrd and Ledford spoke about Sgt. Jefferson and his service to the city. Sgt. Jefferson spoke about his work with the community and the Citizens Police Academy. He was honored with a standing ovation from those present tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET ORDINANCE

Chairman Henderson yielded the chair of the meeting at 6:09 p.m. to Councilwoman Berz, who called to order the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. **Councilman Ledford moved** to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer, explained the need for the budget amendment that the Council will consider at its meeting next week, June 22.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13558, KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATIONS BUDGET,” AMENDING SECTION 6 SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ACTIVITIES FROM THE NARCOTICS FUND RESERVES.

Councilwoman Berz opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Council on this proposed budget amendment. Seeing none, Councilwoman Berz closed the hearing at 6:14 p.m. She then adjourned the committee and yielded the chair of the Council meeting to Chairman Henderson.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Procedural Note: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read all the ordinances on final reading for one Council vote.

2021-0073
Russell Moorehead
Planning Version
District No. 1

ORDINANCE #13680

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE.

2021-0064
J & S Construction Company, Inc. c/o Ryan Morris
Planning Version
District No. 3

ORDINANCE #13681

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4905 HIGHWAY 58, FROM RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2021-0072
Allen Jones c/o ASA Engineering
Planning Version
District No. 6

ORDINANCE #13682

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITION NO. 5, "ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS BE RETAINED", FROM ORDINANCE NO. 11522 OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 2004-0016, FROM PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8001 VOLKSWAGEN DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.

2021-0059
Shazman Ali
Planning Version
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #13683

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2500 AND 2502 BAILEY AVENUE, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2021-0077
Bryant Black
Planning Version
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #13684

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2314, 2316, 2505, 2509, 2510, AND 2513 E. 17TH STREET, 2500 AND 2513 E. 18TH STREET, 2420 AND 2502 E. 21ST STREET, 2005 S. LYERLY STREET, AND 1607 AND 1611 S. WATKINS STREET, FROM C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE, M-3 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE ZONE, AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ORDINANCE #13685

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE XVI, DOWNTOWN CHATTANOOGA FORM BASED CODE, DIVISION 11, SIGNS, SECTION 38-753, SIGN TYPES, (2) PROJECTING SIGNS AND (A) MAX SQUARE FOOTAGE.

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

ACTION: ORDINANCES 13680 - 13685 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #30794

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SYMETRA TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE, GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE, FMLA LEAVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, VOLUNTARY SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE, AND VOLUNTARY SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR A FINAL TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WITH THE CITY'S PORTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000.00, FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF \$1,169,000.00.

Vice-Chairman Smith moved for this item to be considered after the RFP protest hearing scheduled during the "Other Business" section tonight. Councilman Ledford seconded. Therefore, Chairman Henderson delayed the reading of this resolution until after the RFP protest hearing (see "*Other Business*" section).

Once the RFP protest hearing was closed and the resolution was read, **Vice-Chairman Smith moved** to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTION 30794 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 #30795

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA TO PROVIDE ACTIVE CITY EMPLOYEES WITH TWO (2) PPO DENTAL PLAN OPTIONS AND ONE (1) HMO DENTAL PLAN WHEREIN DENTAL OPTIONS FOR RETIREES WILL CONSIST OF BOTH A PPO AND HMO PLAN OPTION, FOR A CONTRACT TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, WITH ONE (1) OPTIONAL ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL TERM REMAINING, FOR AN APPROXIMATE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE PAID COST OF \$1,350,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30796

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ISABEL KIRBY, AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

RESOLUTION #30797

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO EXTEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH THE HARTFORD TO ADMINISTER THE CITY'S LEAVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500.00.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30795 – 30797 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 #30798

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (FINAL) FOR P&C CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. R-18-004-201, THE SCRAMBLE INTERACTIVE STREETScape ON 1ST STREET, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$41,212.35, TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$57,827.65, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,031,610.90.

RESOLUTION #30799

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THOMAS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. OF HIXSON, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. R-19-007-201, WALNUT STREET PLAZA, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$191,990.60, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2,392,643.10.

RESOLUTION #30800

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BETHLEHEM CENTER AND THE NET RESOURCE FOUNDATION FOR AWARD OF THE CITY'S GREEN GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A WATER QUALITY RETROFIT PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30801

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE FOR AWARD OF THE CITY'S GREEN GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A WATER QUALITY RETROFIT PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30802

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENEW CONTRACT NO. W-19-002-201 WITH TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR TWELVE (12) MONTHS WITH NO RENEWAL REMAINING FOR THE PURPOSES OF SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION AND REPAIR AT ISS AND RELATED FACILITIES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,750,000.00.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Coonrod	YES	Ledford	YES
Byrd	YES	Hill	YES
Dotley	ABSTAIN	Smith	YES
Berz	YES	Henderson	YES
Hester	YES		

YES – Eight (8); NO – Zero (0); ABSTAIN – One (1)

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30798 - 30802 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

R209933 Purchasing Department, Mayor's Office	\$50,000.00
Shredding Services River City Shredding, LLC P.O. Box 627 Chattanooga, TN 37401	
PO# 560590 Parks Division, Public Works	\$98,746.00
Grounds Maintenance for City Parks Lowest/Best Bidder: Allied Universal Landscaping Services 161 Washington Street, Suite 600 Conshohocken, PA 194528	
PO# 558490 City Wide Services Division, Public Works	\$260,000.00
Processing & Marketing of Single-Stream Curbside Recyclable Materials Lowest/Best Bidder: WestRock Converting, LLC P.O. Box 409813 Atlanta, GA 30384	
PO# 558145 City Wide Services Division, Public Works	\$1,925,240.61
Refuse & Recyclables Transport Services Lowest/Best Bidder: Republic Services, Inc 1018 East 38th Street Chattanooga, TN 37407	

PO# 558308, 558309 & 558310 City Wide Services, Public Works \$60,000.00
 Outdoor Power Equipment Small Engine Maintenance & Repair
 Lowest/Best Bidder:
 1. PO# 558308; Chattanooga Tractor & Equipment 2034 E Polymer Drive Chattanooga, TN 37421
 2. PO# 558309; Southern Pride Service & Repairs LLC 9515 Lee Hwy, Suite Q Ooltewah, TN 37363
 3. PO# 558310; Sale Creek Outdoor Power Equipment & Service LLC 14711 Dayton Pike Sale Creek, TN 37373

PO 555894 Waste Resources Division, Public Works Increase of \$125,000 for
 Locating & Marking Services for Underground Utilities a total annual estimated
 Lowest/Best Bidder: USIC Locating Services, LLC spend of \$645,000
 9045 N River Rd. Ste. 300
 Indianapolis, IN 46240

PO 558470 Waste Resources Division, Public Works \$25,000.00
 Sewer Maintenance Equipment
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Environmental Products & Accessories, LLC
 PO Box 513
 Hixson, TN 37343

R212200 Chattanooga Police Department \$64,000.00
 Mostellers Past Due Invoices
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Mostellers Wrecker, Inc.
 2105 East 24th St Place
 Chattanooga, TN 37407

R212234 Chattanooga Police Department \$29,128.00
 Investigation Vehicle
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Lonnie Cobb Ford LLC
 1618 Highway 45 N
 Henderson, TN 38340

PO553473 Chattanooga Police Department \$125,000.00
 Ballistic Body Armor
 Lowest/Best Bidder: GT Distributors
 P. O. Box 458
 Rossville, GA 30741

R210517 Youth & Family Development/Avondale Head Start \$90,000.00
 Janitorial and Floor Care Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: DetailXPerts Franchise Systems, LLC
 6121 Heritage Park Drive, Suite A
 Chattanooga, TN 37416

Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

RFP Protest Hearing

Mr. Goldberg discussed the RFP protest filed by Met Life, which requested requested verification of the #3 pricing score. Mr. Goldberg affirmed that the #3 was correct. Therefore, Mr. Goldberg recommended the bid award to Symetra. Chairman Henderson confirmed that there was no representative from Met Life present for this hearing. Upon no questions from the Council, the hearing was closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2021-2025 Council Committees

Chairman Henderson reported the following standing committees of the Council:

- *Economic Development* – Councilwoman Coonrod, Chair
- *Public Safety* – Councilman Byrd, Chair
- *Parks and Public Works* – Councilman Hester, Chair
- *Equity and Community Development* – Councilwoman Dotley, Chair
- *Education and Innovation* – Councilwoman Hill, Chair
- *Planning and Zoning* – Councilman Ledford, Chair
- *Budget and Finance* – Councilwoman Berz, Chair
- *Legislative* – Vice-Chairman Smith, Chair

Councilman Hester reported that the Parks and Public Works Committee met today in open meeting and reviewed all items on the agenda.

Councilwoman Coonrod reminded citizens that the former Youth and Family Development is now under Community Development and directed those related calls to Councilwoman Dotley.

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:
• Sylvester Harris	9	Correction regarding Police Advisory Review Committee
• Sam Kovasovich	3	American Rescue Plan funds/identifying public works employees as essential workers <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Councilman Hester expressed his support of public work employees.○ Councilman Byrd asked Attorney Noblett who has authority to determine the status of “essential worker.” Mr. Noblett affirmed the Mayor’s authority over the administrative side of city government.○ Mr. Goldberg reminded the Council of the pay plan report coming in July and informed the Council of Administration awaiting final guidance for the American Rescue Plan funding.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL