



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2022
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order. A quorum of eight was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Hester led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (May 31, 2022) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to group and read the following three Finance ordinances for one Council vote.

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley,

ORDINANCE #13840

AN ORDINANCE, HEREINAFTER ALSO KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATIONS BUDGET", PROVIDING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, AND THE TIME TAXES AND PRIVILEGES ARE DUE, HOW THEY SHALL BE PAID, WHEN THEY SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES; AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-267, RELATIVE TO PAID LEAVE FOR ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING, AND TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTIONS 31-36, 31-37, 31-41, AND 31-43, SECTIONS 31-322 AND 31-354.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote as follows:

Henderson	YES	Hester	YES	Coonrod	YES
Hill	YES	Berz	YES	Dotley	YES
Smith	YES	Noel	YES	Ledford	YES

ORDINANCE #13841

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING, OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote as follows:

Coonrod	YES	Hester	YES	Henderson	YES
Noel	YES	Smith	YES	Dotley	YES
Berz	YES	Hill	YES	Ledford	YES

ORDINANCE #13842

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, SECTIONS 11-186 AND 11-199 RELATIVE TO HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES, AND SHALL INCLUDE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS, AND PRIVILEGE TAX LEVIED USE.

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 13840 – 13842
PASSED ON FIRST READING**

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley,

RESOLUTION #31133

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER TO AMEND AND EXTEND PURCHASE ORDER NO. 526211 FOR HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS, FOR A TEN (10) MONTH RENEWAL PERIOD, FROM JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSES OF BILLING AND COLLECTING OF PROPERTY TAXES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,853.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley,

RESOLUTION #31134

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 HMO DENTAL PLAN WHEREIN DENTAL OPTIONS FOR CITY RETIREES WILL CONSIST OF BOTH A PPO AND AN HMO PLAN OPTION, FOR A CONTRACT TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, WITH NO RENEWAL TERMS REMAINING AT THE APPROXIMATE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE PAID COST OF \$1,350,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two resolutions for one Council vote:

RESOLUTION #31135

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF EDUARDO CENTURION TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE CHATTANOOGA LAND BANK AUTHORITY, WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF JUNE 7, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31136

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF PASTOR GARY HATHAWAY TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE CHATTANOOGA LAND BANK AUTHORITY, WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF JUNE 7, 2026.

Councilwoman Hill moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31135 & 31136 ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to group and read the following four resolutions for one Council vote:

RESOLUTION #31137

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONSERVATION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2022-2023 WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FROM JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31138

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE CONSERVATION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2021-2022 WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,500.00.

RESOLUTION #31139

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PARK RENTAL FEES FOR CHATTANOOGA PRESENTS IN SUPPORT OF POPS ON THE RIVER FOR THE DATES OF JUNE 30, JULY 1, JULY 2, AND JULY 3, 2022, TO BE HELD IN COOLIDGE PARK, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$2,750.00.

RESOLUTION #31140

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR BLANKET CONTRACTS FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND MANAGEMENT STAFF AUGMENTATION FOR ONE (1) YEAR WITH AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) ONE (1) YEAR RENEWABLE OPTIONS WITH (1) VOLKERT, INC; (2) RAGAN-SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC; (3) CORNERSTONE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC; AND (4) OAKMAE DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, IN THE SERVICES CATEGORIES APPLIED FOR, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ESTIMATED AT \$1 MILLION, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 TO EACH AWARDEE.

Vice Chair Dotley moved to approve the four resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31137 & 31140 ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to group and read the following six resolutions for one Council vote:

RESOLUTION #31141

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA TO IMPROVE THE ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR THE MOCCASIN BEND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WAREHOUSE PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31142

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. Y-20-029-202, GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT FOR NORTH CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CENTER, TO WILDER CONTRACTING, LLC, OF HARRISON, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,730.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$109,730.00.

RESOLUTION #31143

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT COMMEMORATIVE, SECONDARY STREET NAME SIGNS ON NORTH MARKET STREET FROM SAWYER STREET TO LAWN STREET DESIGNATING THIS SECTION OF NORTH MARKET AS "COMMEMORATIVE HATTIE DARBY STREET", AS MS. DARBY FOUNDED THE HILL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE STRINGER'S RIDGE PROJECT.

RESOLUTION #31144

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. S-20-009-201, DETENTION BASIN 38TH STREET, TO THOMAS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., OF HIXSON, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$628,842.50, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$688,842.50.

RESOLUTION #31145

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR KELLY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY FOR THE COURTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TO SCHEDULE WORKERS TO CONDUCT LITTER PICKUP ON CITY STREETS OVER FISCAL YEAR 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31146

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENEW FOR YEAR FOUR OF FOUR FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ASBESTOS, LEAD, INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS, ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT NO. E-19-002-301, WITH THE FOLLOWING EIGHT CONSULTANT FIRMS: (1) S&ME, INC.; (2) ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS, INC.; (3) SPECTRA TECH, INC.; (4) K.S. WARE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC; (5) GLE ASSOCIATES, INC.; (6) ENSAFE, INC.; (7) WOOD ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, INC.; AND (8) FROST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC, BASED UPON THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$350,000.00, FOR USE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman Hester moved to approve all six resolutions. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31141 - 31146 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

200241-2 Waste Resources Division, Public Works Air compressor annual maintenance & repair services Lowest/Best Bidder: Blake and Pendleton, Inc. 5959 Shallowford Rd. Ste. 301 Chattanooga, TN 37421	\$65,000.00
558187 Waste Resources Division, Public Works Lime Kiln Dust Lowest/Best Bidder: Mintek Resources, Inc. 2440 Dayton-Xenia Rd. Ste. D Beavercreek, OH 45434	\$575,000.00
561582 Waste Resources Division, Public Works Flow Meters Instrumentation Maintenance, Support & Replacement Lowest/Best Bidder: Tri-State Elec Contractors, LLC. 2101 Fort St Chattanooga, TN 37408	Increase of \$200,000 for a total estimated annual spend of \$300,000
200246 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Five (5) Reading U98SL SRW Service Bodies Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford of Dalton 925 Shugart Road Dalton, GA 30720	\$64,018.75
200224 Purchasing Department Multi-Purpose Printing Paper Lowest/Best Bidders: 1. American Paper & Twine Company - 2134 Amnicola Hwy Chattanooga, TN 37406; and 2. COS Business Products & Interiors - 1548 Riverside Drive Chattanooga, TN 37406	\$75,000.00
REQ116278 Department of Technology Services (DTS) Catalog parts for traffic signal infrastructure Lowest/Best Bidder: Temple Incorporated P O Box 2066 Decatur, AL 35602	\$250,000.00

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Emergency Purchase (1)

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

5/31/22 - Public Works \$430,000.00

Two progressive cavity pumps and grinders
Supplier: H&H Brown, Inc.

Explanation	Event Type Documentation
The primary thickened sludge pump at Thickener Station #1 failed and repairs cannot be performed because the pump is obsolete. Within days, the redundant pump at Station #1 also failed, resulting in all thickened sludge routing through Station #2. Thickener Station #2 is pumping far beyond design capacity and is at risk of a similar malfunction. This would prevent the treatment of wastewater and cause untreated wastewater discharges directly to the Tennessee River.	Emergency

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee started deliberations today on the FY23 budgets. The first reading was tonight. The second reading will take place next week (June 14).

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

Education and Innovation Committee

Councilwoman Noel

(No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Vice Chair Dotley

(No report)

Legislative Committee

Councilman Smith

(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Hill reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to review several cases with opposition. All cases will be heard next week.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester

(No report)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson

(No report)

Ad Hoc STVR Committee

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting. He thanked Dan Reuter for presenting information from the focus group meetings recently held. The committee is considering UTC to conduct an STVR Study.

CHIEF OF POLICE ADDRESSES COUNCIL

Chairman Ledford invited [Police Chief Celeste Murphy](#) [video linked] to come before the Council in light of the shooting incident that took place this weekend. Discussion ensued, with councilpersons asking questions about the Atlas 1 App, cameras at the scene, and partnering with other entities.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Listen and view on YouTube [here](#))

Attorney O'Donnell read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Ledford recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• James Brantley	(N/A)	Public safety / Camera failure after weekend shooting
• Marie Mott	8	Failure of leadership regarding gun violence
• Dustin Landis	(N/A)	Violence to women and animals at homeless encampment
• Joe Jenkins	8	B.R.A.V.E. Effect Partnering with the City
• Henry Slayton	5	Results of 60's Summer of Love / Respect for police
• Angela Roberts	(N/A)	CPD camera failure & Funding for homeless housing

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL