



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2022
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order. A quorum 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 Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Hill led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and read a passage about compassion from Henri Nouwen's book, *Here and Now: Living in the Spirit*.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (September 20, 2022) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

2022-0180
Lee Helena
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13899

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1511 MULBERRY STREET, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Hill,

ORDINANCE #13900

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13840, KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATIONS BUDGET," SO AS TO APPROPRIATE \$1,382,573.00 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AMEND SECTIONS 5 AND 5(A) TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS, AMEND SECTION 7 (PAY PLANS) TO CORRECT AN ERROR, AND AMEND SECTION 7(D) TO REALLOCATE POSITIONS.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13841, KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CAPITAL BUDGET", SO AS TO APPROPRIATE \$1,500,000.00 TO CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST CAPITAL PROJECT.

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson voting "No."

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2022-0186
Landon Kennedy
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

Agenda Item VI(b):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 1000 BLOCK OF EAST 10TH STREET, FROM U-RD-2 RESIDENTIAL DETACHED ZONE TO U-RM-3 RESIDENTIAL MULTI-UNIT ZONE.

The Applicant was present, but no Opposition was present. **Councilwoman Noel moved** to defer to October 11, 2022. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO OCTOBER 11, 2022

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #31308

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VINCENT PROPERTIES, LLC, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND OUTDOORS AT 221 RIVER STREET, ON A PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 135E-N-003, FOR THE TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH, WITH RENT OF \$2,500.00 PER MONTH DURING THE INITIAL TERM WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2022.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31309

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) CONTINUUM OF CARE COMPETITION FUNDS FOR RAPID RE-HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR LITERALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$284,040.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31310

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO 278 CHILDREN THROUGH COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START GRANT AND CHILDCARE NETWORK REDLANDS, HOPE CITY ACADEMY, CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN, MAURICE KIRBY, PURPOSE POINT, SIGNAL CENTERS, CHILDCARE NETWORK HAMILL ROAD, CHILDCARE NETWORK GRAYS ROAD, CHILDCARE NETWORK THIRD STREET, VOLUNTEER CENTER CHAMBLISS CENTER, AND ACADEMY CENTER FOR CHILDREN, WITH THE HEAD START CLASSROOMS WILL SERVE 164, THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) YEAR OLD CHILDREN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,666.50, AND THE EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOMS WILL SERVE 114 INFANT AND TODDLER CHILDREN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$719,484.00, FOR TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,270,150.50.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31311

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO 126 CHILDREN THROUGH COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN EXPANSION EARLY HEAD START GRANT AND CHILDCARE NETWORK REDLANDS, HOPE CITY ACADEMY, CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN, MAURICE KIRBY, SIGNAL CENTERS, AND NEWTON CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,175,820.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31312

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 18381, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL TOOL ALLOWANCE FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT THE MOCCASIN BEND ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPUS AND THE TWO (2) FLEET GARAGES LOCATED AT AMNICOLA HIGHWAY AND 12TH STREET.

RESOLUTION #31313

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 28365, ENTITLED, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATORS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ACCEPT DONATIONS UNDER TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)," TO ACCEPT DONATIONS UNDER \$50,000.00 ONLY IF THEY DO NOT PLACE OPERATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ON THE CITY, AND THOSE DONATIONS ACCEPTED WILL BE REPORTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL NOT LESS THAN ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

RESOLUTION #31314

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31198, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA 2.0 FOR THE QUALITY MATTERS FUND, WITH UNITED WAY OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA DESIGNATED AS FISCAL AGENT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31315

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE FOR LYERLY STREET AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1 MILLION.

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

ACTION: ADOPTED

W. STUART WOOD, KIMBERLY J. WOOD,
AND ABDON VAZQUEZ
DISTRICT NO. 7

Agenda Item VII(i):

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW PROPOSED LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 3933 ST. ELMO AVENUE.

Vice Chair Dotley moved to defer for one week to October 4, 2022. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO OCTOBER 4, 2022

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #31316

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (THSO) GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF TENNESSEE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE LAWS, TO BE USED FOR OVERTIME, SUPPLIES, AND TRAINING/TRAVEL, FOR A GRANT PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31317

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-22-003-201, AQUARIUM AND WILLIAMS STREET CLEANING CONTRACT FOR CLEANING WASTEWATER PIPES, TO ACE PIPE CLEANING, INC., KANSAS CITY, MO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,280.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$86,280.00.

RESOLUTION #31318

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31132, TO INCREASE THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 FOR THE ROOF INSPECTIONS, REPAIRS, AND MAINTENANCE, ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT NO. E-19-011-202, WITH PORTER ROOFING CONTRACTORS, INC., OF MORRISON, TN, AND TRI-STATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS, LLC, OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, DUE TO ADDITIONAL CONTRACT UTILIZATION AT THE DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER, WELLADVANTAGE CENTER, SOUTH CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CENTER, WASHINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER, AND BESSIE SMITH CULTURAL CENTER, FOR USE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS, FOR A REVISED ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilwoman Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

200348-2 Wastewater Division

\$139,964.00

Temporary Conveyor System

Lowest/Best Bidder: BAR Environmental
51 Century Boulevard Suite 307
Nashville, TN 37214

200349-2 Wastewater Division

\$59,127.00

Pump Station Asset Management & Optimization System

Lowest/Best Bidder: Specific Energy
1978 South Austin Ave.
Georgetown, TX 78626

200333,1 Technology Services

\$1,000,000.00

Structured Cabling Services

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Integrated Networking Technologies, LLC (Intec) - 6111 Heritage Park Drive Suite #A-100
Chattanooga, TN 37416 and
2. Institutional Network Communications (INC) - 121 Lyle Lane Nashville, TN 37210 P.O. Box 516
Tompkinsville, KY 42167

PA100294 Technology Services

Increase of \$50,000 for a total
annual estimated spend of
\$93,732

GIS Application Support & Maintenance
including Geospatial Applications

Lowest/Best Bidder: NuOrigin Systems, Inc.
128 Holiday Ct. Ste 126
Franklin, TN 37067

559158 Purchasing Department, Citywide

Increase of \$16,000 for a total
annual estimated spend of \$66,000

Paper Goods

Lowest/Best Bidder: American Paper & Twine Company
2134 Amnicola Hwy
Chattanooga, TN 37406

559913 Facilities, Public Works

Increase of \$175,000 for a total
annual estimated spend of \$675,000

Electrical Supplies - Citywide

Lowest/Best Bidder: Gexpro dba GE Supply
2800 Amnicola Hwy.
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

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 will meet next week after the Agenda Session.

Note: Chairman Ledford also reminded the Assembly that the Council has amended its meeting times next week to accommodate National Night Out participation.

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Noblett presented the Certificate of Compliance for the each of the following businesses:

- **Weigel's d/b/a Weigel's #100, 2230 Polymer Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421 - Certificate of Compliance for wine in grocery store. (District 6)**
- **Weigel Stores, Inc. d/b/a Weigel's #101, 5878 Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343 - Certificate of Compliance for wine in grocery store. (District 3)**

Each of the certificates were circulated and signed during this open meeting by at least five (5) councilpersons.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL (Listen and view on YouTube [here](#))

Attorney Noblett 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:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark & Jean Davis 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinkhole under their property/pipes that flow under road to their house and two other properties/seeking solution acceptable to City Engineer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councilman Smith voiced concerns with resolution given to the couple. He asked Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff, to ensure the City Engineer work with engineers contacted for estimates on the property. ○ Chairman Ledford noted a large amount of people joining the meeting, so he asked Attorney Noblett to read the rules for addressing the Council again.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Wysong 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked the Council about how they are going to proceed with the recent video (“the video”) from bar regarding child touching stage performer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chief Murphy was asked to speak with Mr. Wysong in the lobby about the CPDs’ response to the incident that was videotaped. ○ Councilman Henderson had a discussion with Attorney Noblett about the Council’s ability to comment on an ongoing police investigation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Stover 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested pulling the license for the bars that hosted Pride Week events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Adams 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke on gay rights and Pride Week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie Mott 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke on councilpersons weighing in on the recent city election and the Hatch Act
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonio Sands 	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed the Council of their arrest and job loss due to a fight resulting from horseplay at the Paul Clark Building.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reed Uberman 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke on children being exposed to sexually explicit acts at drag shows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regina 	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President at College Hill Court/Asks if EBT (“Food Stamps”) be used at Moe’s Convenience store in College Hill Courts/they have started a petition for EBT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Dragg 	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on the store petition/Informed the Council that over 200 people use EBT in the community now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman Ledford referred association members to Jermaine Freeman of Economic Development for assistance in how to proceed with their petition.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Campbell 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke on hatred sown toward LGBTQ community and support of queer friends and family members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonya Short 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Antonio Sands/Being an eye witness to the fight that took place at the Paul Clark Building/workplace hostility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman Ledford assured the speaker that Tom Hutka, Public Works Administrator, has heard her comments on the workplace incident.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelina Kertay 	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfounded info on the LGBTQ community/against unwarranted regulations again LGBTQ events

• Monty Bell	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informs the Council of being sexually assaulted on Jefferson Street in 2011/Comments on District 8 candidates and election+
• Harriet Reed	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child abuse/putting children in dangerous situations
• Corey Evatt	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solidarity for LGBTQ community/ignorance and fear
• Cheryl Twitty	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned for children exposed to drag situations
• Angela Favaloro	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data not supporting vulnerable communities/oppression of LGBTQ community
• Maura White	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted attacks made on the rights of others/terrified for their own safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councilwoman Hill made comments to the speakers and others who feel their safety is threatened and directed them to Police Chief Murphy, who was present in the Assembly.
• Veronica	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates family friendly drag shows/ Youth spaces needed to ensure safety of LGBT youth/Suicide rates of LGBT youth
• Noah Corbin	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of Chattanooga Pride Board/Spoke on the calls for action that they feel is rooted in hate
• Jonathan Logan	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has seen children at pride events having a good time/Concerned with increasing threats for themselves and their partner
• Trevor & Noah Crimster	(County)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents putting their children in harm's way/taking children to drag events is abuse
• Dan Meehan	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected officials cannot use "open investigation" language of police as a reason not to comment/Asks Council to send a letter to DA Cody Wamp to ask a grand jury to decide the nature of the acts in question.
• Brian Field	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of good and evil offenses/leading children astray/slippery slope leading to public nudity downtown as in one city
• Rebekah Day	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lies being told by left-leaning persons/Asks Council to engage with Mayor Wamp and DA Wamp
• Rick Walster	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of laws regarding sexual content/Freedom to live any lifestyle with laws enforced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councilwoman Coonrod made comments on things she heard tonight and her service to the city. She then informed everyone concerned about County Mayor Wamp's comments on Chattanooga Pride Week that the Hamilton County Commission will meet tomorrow, September 28th, at 9:00 a.m.
• Scott Graham	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that people aren't talking about the protection of children / sees an urgency for the protection of children
• Jose Rodrigo	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voiced concerns about employees whose weekly payroll was changed to biweekly, and parents lacking judgement bringing their children to a show at a brewery.

Chairman Ledford opened the floor to [Chief Murphy](#), who made comments regarding the controversial video in question. Councilwoman Berz also made comments to today's speakers on where she stands in relation to the video.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until **Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.** [*Editor's Note: 4:00 p.m. meeting time for this date due to National Night Out.*]

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL