



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2023

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, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Councilwoman Jenny Hill was not present at this meeting.

Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube; click [here](#) to view.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Honoring John R. Taylor, Sr.
By Councilman Isiah Hester

Councilman Hester presented a proclamation to John R. Taylor, Sr., for his years of meritorious service as a community leader, business entrepreneur, and former councilperson. Mr. Taylor accepted the proclamation with words of thanks and encouragement for the legislative body. He ended the acceptance with his old motto: "Working together works."

[See attached proclamation]

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (February 28, 2023) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Agenda Item V(a):
(Formerly assigned as “Ordinance 13961”)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, TO ADD NEW DEFINITIONS FOR ABSENTEE AND HOMESTAY RENTALS, CREATE AN APPEALS PROCESS BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER FOR ABSENTEE APPLICANT DISPUTES AND BY THE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL BOARD FOR HOMESTAY APPLICANTS, CREATING THE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL BOARD, AND ESTABLISHING DENSITY AND DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS WITHIN THE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL DISTRICT IN NEW SECTIONS 11-510 THROUGH 11-526.

There was no motion made by the Council. Chairman Ledford ruled that the ordinance failed to a lack of a motion. [Editor’s Note: The ordinance number “13961” will be reassigned to the ordinance for case #2023-0017 as shown below.]

ACTION: FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF MOTION

2023-0017
Richard Wayne McCoy
Planning Version #2
District No. 3

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

ORDINANCE #13961
(Renumbered from 13962 last week to 13961 this week)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1514 SHELBY CIRCLE, 6340 MIDDLE VALLEY ROAD, AND TWO UNADDRESSED PROPERTIES IN THE 6300 BLOCK OF MIDDLE VALLEY ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, AND RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZONE WITH CONDITIONS TO RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZONE WITH CONDITIONS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCE APPROVED & RENUMBERED TO 13961

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

MR-2022-0225
Michael Kenner
District No. 8

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

ORDINANCE #13962

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 1800 BLOCK OF SOUTH HOLTZCLAW AVENUE, BEGINNING AT A POINT ALONG SAID EASEMENT 163 FEET NORTH OF MH# S156A034 THENCE CONTINUING NORTHWEST ALONG SAID EASEMENT 105.41 FEET TO A POINT, TAX MAP NOS. 156A-F-002, 028, AND 029.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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 #31513

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JACKIE SIMPSON TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGION 6 (BUSHTOWN-GLENWOOD), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 8, 2023, AND ENDING ON MARCH 8, 2025.

RESOLUTION #31514

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JON JON WESOLOWSKI TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGION 6 (BUSHTOWN-GLENWOOD), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 8, 2023, AND ENDING ON MARCH 8, 2024.

RESOLUTION #31515

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF QUINTIN HOWARD TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGION 7 (DODSON), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 8, 2023, AND ENDING ON MARCH 8, 2025.

RESOLUTION #31516

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATT ADAMS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGION 7 (DODSON), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 8, 2023, AND ENDING ON MARCH 8, 2024.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve all four resolutions. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31513 - 31516 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester,

RESOLUTION #31517

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL FORGIVENESS OF WAGE OVERPAYMENT DUE TO DISCREPANCIES IN POSITION SENIORITY DATES DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GALLAGHER PAY STUDY MARKET ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO WAIVE OTHER EMPLOYEES USING THE SAME GUIDELINES IN THE EVENT AN AUDIT REVEALS ANY ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVED OVERPAYMENT FROM THIS SAME ISSUE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31518

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BEELAND AS THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Hester,

RESOLUTION #31519

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND CHATTANOOGA KIWANIS YOUTH FOUNDATION, INC. REGARDING THE INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROJECT AT JACK BENSON HERITAGE PARK.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

PO# 560796 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works
Washed & Crushed Stone
Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan Materials Company
6142 Shallowford Road Suite 101
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Increase of \$50,000 for an
adjusted total estimated
annual spend of \$750,000

<p>PA100344 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Peterbilt OEM Truck Parts & Service Lowest/Best Bidder: The Peterbilt Store P.O. Box 1170 Ringgold, GA 30736</p>	<p>Increase of \$6,000 for an adjusted total estimated annual spend of \$91,000</p>
<p>REQ129886 Fleet Management Division, Public Works AutoCar ACX64 with Heil 28 Cubic Yard ASL Body Lowest/Best Bidder: Stringfellow Inc 2710 Locust Street Nashville, TN 37207</p>	<p>\$414,000.00</p>
<p>200440 Wastewater Department Boiler & Heat Exchanger Services Lowest/Best Bidder: Premier Boiler & Combustion, LLC 788 Old Mill Road Ringgold, GA 30736</p>	<p>\$180,000.00</p>
<p>200434,2 Wastewater Department Sewer Line Cleaning Services Lowest/Best Bidder: Sweeping Corp of America, Inc. PO Box 74028 Cleveland, OH 44194</p>	<p>\$700,000.00</p>
<p>557283 Wastewater Department Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite Lowest/Best Bidder: Olin Corporation PO Box 248 Charleston, TN 37310</p>	<p>\$5,750,000.00</p>
<p>REQ127002 Economic Development Affordable Housing Systems Analysis Lowest/Best Bidder: HR&A Advisors 99 Hudson Street 3rd Floor New York, NY 10013</p>	<p>\$197,000.00</p>

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)

- He acknowledged Commissioner Joe Graham of the Hamilton County Commission in the Assembly tonight.

Planning and Zoning Committee
 Councilwoman Hill (Not present)

Parks and Public Works
 Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again in two weeks (March 21st).

Public Safety Committee
 Councilman Henderson (No report)

- He announced that the committee meeting previously scheduled for March 28 would be postponed for a later date.

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:
• Shelly Ford	1	Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association opposition to converting hotels to apartments in their area.
• Joshua Kapellausch	(N/A)	Homeless mission of tiny homes/alleviating suffering
• Marie Mott	8	She read City Code Sec. 8:32 regarding removal of Esai Navarro from her position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councilwoman Coonrod questioned the City Attorney about two employees voluntarily leaving their position. ○ Later in the meeting, Councilwoman Coonrod clarified that she was speaking of Tamara Steward voluntarily leaving her position with the City, not Esai Navarro.
• Stephen Bates	(N/A)	Adoption of children/family education in high schools
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	Fraudulent activities against him/book stolen/debt owed to him by the City
• Anthony Gladden	(N/A)	Kingship Chess Academy challenge to the City Council/ Announced C.J. Johadi is going to the National Scholastic Tournament in Washington, D.C.
• Dr. Everlena Holmes	9	Opposition to non-owner occupied STVRs/diminishing housing stocks

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Attachment:
Proclamation – John R. Taylor, Sr.*



Chattanooga City Council Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** John R. Taylor, Sr. is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and a graduate of the Brainerd High School class of 1980. Mr. Taylor holds a bachelor's degree from Southwestern Christian College and a degree in mortuary science from John A. Gupton College.
- WHEREAS,** in 1997, John first entered local politics as the City Council District 7 representative, making history as the first District 7 councilperson to be elected to two consecutive terms since the origination of the City Council.
- WHEREAS,** while serving as District 7 representative, John addressed resident needs with physical and management improvements, community services, and social services being a vital force behind the 2007 HOPE VI project, a series of government grants designed to reshape and revitalize neighborhoods. He was an Executive Team member for the Chattanooga African American Summit and a founding member of the City of Chattanooga's Office of Multicultural Affairs Board.
- WHEREAS,** through the years, he has held a multitude of titles including the President of Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc., Chairperson for the International Committee, President of Scales Funeral Home in Nashville, President of the East Tennessee Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and many more.
- WHEREAS,** for years, John served faithfully as the Avondale Church of Christ Education Director under the ministry of his father, Carl, Sr. Taylor, and is currently following the call as minister of the East Third Street Church of Christ.

Now Therefore,

I, Isiah Hester, Councilman of the Chattanooga City Council,
do hereby honor and recognize,

John R. Taylor, Sr.

as a public servant in the highest sense for his lifetime commitment to the community, perspicacious leadership, and dedicated service to the City of Chattanooga.




Isiah Hester, Councilman
District 5