



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2024
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube in two parts. Part 1 video of this meeting (prior to the recess) is available [here](#). Part 2 of this meeting (after the recess) is available [here](#).]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer; Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives.

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Coonrod led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (March 19, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

Agenda Item IX(h) – Human Resources (Relative to revisions to EIG Policy 19.6 – Disciplinary Hearings)

Councilwoman Coonrod stated that she would be requesting an additional one-week deferral on this item [until April 2, 2024]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

RECESS

Upon no objections, at 3:33 p.m., Chair Dotley recessed the business meeting until 4:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chair Dotley reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Henderson, Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Noel, and Coonrod. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

MR-2024-0035
Collier Construction/Cullon Hooks-Alton Park V, LLC
District No. 7

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

ORDINANCE #14099

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 500 BLOCK OF W. 35TH STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2024-0024
RP Central Avenue, LLC/Gsmith – Rise Partners
District No. 8

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

ORDINANCE #14100

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 2200 BLOCK OF APRIL STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$42,430.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE FRANCES B. WYATT COMMUNITY CENTER TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN OUTDOOR DIGITAL PUBLIC INFORMATION SIGN AND UPDATING OF THE CENTER'S KITCHEN FACILITIES WITH ANY FUNDS REMAINING.

RESOLUTION #32016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$10,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO THE LAKESIDE YOUTH ATHLETICS FOR THE CREATION OF A COMPUTER LAB AND PURCHASE OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32015 & 32016 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$40,000.00 IN HOME FUNDS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AT 537 WEST 37TH STREET FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

RESOLUTION #32018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$40,000.00 IN HOME FUNDS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AT 3421 KIRKLAND AVENUE FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

RESOLUTION #32019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW WITH FOUR J'S DUCKS, LLC, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026, FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE ROSS'S LANDING BOAT RAMP ON A PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 135N-A-006.

RESOLUTION #32020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$1 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR RENOVATION WORK AT EMMA WHEELER HOMES AS SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve the four resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #32021

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROGRAM TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE USE OF AGREEMENTS FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES (PILOT).

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

Agenda Item IX(h):

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION GUIDE (EIG) POLICY 19.6 – DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS, WITH RELATED TABLE OF CONTENTS UPDATES, TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to defer to April 2, 2024. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 2, 2024

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #32022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, GIS DIVISION, TO PARTNER WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY GIS DEPARTMENT IN THE PROCUREMENT OF A ONE-TIME ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY SERVICE (AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY ALIGNED WITH SPECIFIC COORDINATES) FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY/CITY OF CHATTANOOGA GEOGRAPHICAL AREA USING WOOLPERT, INC. PROJECT MAPPING TO BE USED PREDOMINANTLY TO DELINEATE IMPERVIOUS SURFACES TO CALCULATE THE CITY'S STORMWATER FEES, WITH EACH PARTNER BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,667.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$113,334.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #32023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ERECT COMMEMORATIVE SECONDARY STREET NAME SIGNS ON MARKET STREET FROM W. 26TH STREET TO SHIPP AVENUE, DESIGNATING SAID PORTIONS OF MARKET STREET AS "REUBEN C. LAWRENCE, SR. COMMEMORATIVE STREET".

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

Ms. Bursch (Mayor's Office) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

<p>PO# 561696 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle Service & Repairs Lowest/Best Bidder: White Lightning Harley-Davidson 7720 Lee Hwy Chattanooga, TN 37421</p>	<p>Increase Of \$30,000 For A New Total Estimated Annual Spend Of \$56,000</p>
<p>PA100444 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Alamo Mower OEM Parts & Service Lowest/Best Bidder: CMI Equipment Sales Inc P.O. Box 78098 Nashville, TN 37207</p>	<p>\$735,000.00</p>

PA100120 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$404,000.00
Equipment Maintenance & Service	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Stowers Machinery Corporation P.O. Box 14802 Knoxville, TN 37914	
200628-2 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works	\$795,000.00
Asphaltic Concrete Materials	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Southeastern Materials Inc 1751 McFarland Avenue Rossville, Ga 30741	
200633,1 Chattanooga Police Department	\$120,000.00
Uniforms For Chattanooga Police Department	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Alpha One Apparel Llc 5896 Garden Reach Cove Memphis, TN 38120	

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

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Vice Chair Hill (No report)

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
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford reported:

- The Zoning Ordinance Work Session #3 took place today.
- The committee will meet next week (April 2).

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester (Not present)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

[View [here](#)]

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

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Grisillia Moore	(N/A)	Requesting a standalone senior activity center
• Gwen Davis	(N/A)	Requesting a standalone senior activity center <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Dotley directed Ms. Moore and Ms. Davis to Mr. Ewalt (Mayor's Office)
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	Fraud accusations and perceived failures of various officials
• Kelly Kroll	(N/A)	Questions about towing regulations and charges after daughter's car was towed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Dotley directed Ms. Kroll to Mr. Anderson (Mayor's Office)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Hill, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.



COUNCIL CHAIR



CLERK OF COUNCIL