



Chattanooga City Council  
City of Chattanooga, Tennessee  
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
April 30, 2024  
3:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Chip Henderson called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Demetrus Coonrod, and Marvene Noel. Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill was not present. [Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube. The meeting video is available [here.](#)]

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney  
Mayor's Office: Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer  
Community Development: Nicole Heyman, Chief Housing Officer  
Council Office: Kristal Becker, Administrative Assistant, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Ken Smith led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (April 23, 2024) were approved as published.

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**Discussion Agenda**

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**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (None)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Agenda Item IX(a-c) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilwoman Dotley asked for more information about Item (a) and what it is. Nicole Heyman addressed the council about Home repair with Habitat, which is a grant to Habitat for Humanity for a Senior occupied housing repair program, using City funds to operate the program and CDBG funds for the grants for repairs.

**Agenda Item IX(d-e) – MAYOR'S OFFICE**

There were no discussions needed for these items; therefore, the issues were closed.

**Agenda Item IX(f) – POLICE**

There were no discussions needed for these items; therefore, the issues were closed.

**Agenda Item IX(g-k) – PUBLIC WORKS**

There were no discussions needed for these items; therefore, the issues were closed.

**Agenda Item IX(l) – TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

There were no discussions needed for these items; therefore, the issues were closed.

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**PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** Council Chair Henderson yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Hester for the Parks & Public Works Committee.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Hester, Committee Chair, called the Parks & Public Works Committee to order at 3:36 p.m. with a quorum of eight councilpersons present. [View the full committee meeting [here.](#)]

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (April 23, 2024) were approved as published.

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**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** Councilman Hester yielded control of the meeting to Councilwoman Berz for the Budget & Finance Committee.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilwoman Berz, Committee Chair, called the Budget & Finance Committee to order at 3:41 p.m. with a quorum of eight councilpersons present. [View the full committee meeting [here.](#)]

**Presentation of Proposed FY25 Budget**

Councilwoman Berz thanked everyone in Mr. Ewalt’s office for their hard work and preparing the presentation. She informed the Assembly that everything relative to the budget will be by public meeting and streaming. She noted that the budget education sessions for the Council and the public will start next week, May 7. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Ewalt, who gave an overview of the FY25 Proposed Budget. Mr. Ewalt Showed slides during the presentation of how budgets were dispersed throughout the City of Chattanooga. Discussion ensued and touched upon the following topics:

- Public Safety (raises)
- Pedestrian Safety
- Infrastructure Funding
- Violence reduction
- 7.4 Million dollars in new revenue
- \$500,000 towards 85 bridges across the City of Chattanooga
- \$1 Million dollars to Affordable Housing Funding
- Adding 23 Police Officers & 9 Firemen positions
- Homelessness partnership with Coalition AIM Center
- Inflationary Forces

- End of Pandemic-Era Funding
- Maximizing the Impact of One-Time Federal dollars

Mr. Ewalt ended the presentation with the budget timeline:

- Budget education sessions on May 7, May 14, May 21, & June 4, 2024
- Public Hearing on the FY25 budgets on June 4, 2024
- Ordinance first readings on June 11, 2024
- Ordinance second readings on June 18, 2024

He also asked the Budget and Finance team to stand for recognition. Councilwoman Berz advised that the Council will dive into the budget details at the education sessions. She asked the public to join the sessions by watching online and by sending questions to the Council members who represent their districts. She then yielded the chair of the meeting back to Chair Henderson.

*[Councilwoman Coonrod temporarily left the meeting.]*

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

MR-2024-0046  
Chattanooga Christian School  
District No. 7

On motion of Councilwomen Dotley and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**ORDINANCE #14107**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 3300-3600 BLOCK OF CHARGER DRIVE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS.**

The motion carried.

<b>ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING</b>
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*[Councilwoman Coonrod rejoined the meeting at this time.]*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** With no objection from the Council, Chair Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the following three resolutions for one Council vote.

**RESOLUTION #32058**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND PROGRAM INCOME, ALL TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$3,152,454.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32059**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT PROGRAM FUNDS TO CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE, INC. (CNE) TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIRTY-FOUR (34) NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RENTAL UNITS AT 2461 E. 18TH STREET OF WHICH A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) UNITS WILL BE RESERVED AS "HOME UNITS", FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,133,000.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32060**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31906 BY REALLOCATING \$25,000.00 CDBG-CV FUNDING FOR LIFESPRING COMMUNITY HEALTH TO METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES.**

**Councilwoman Noel moved** to approve all three resolutions. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32058 - 32060 ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #32061**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF EVAN GREENE TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2028.**

**RESOLUTION #32062**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SKIP POND TO THE HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 17, 2024, AND ENDING ON APRIL 16, 2029.**

**Councilwoman Dotley moved** to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32061 & 32062 ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Noel,

**RESOLUTION #32063**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL PARKER AS A SPECIAL COMMISSIONED POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR MCKAMEY ANIMAL SERVICES, TO PERFORM DUTIES EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES IN THE POSITION OF ANIMAL PROTECTION OFFICER.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** With no objection from the Council, Chair Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the following five resolutions for one Council vote.

**RESOLUTION #32064**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. E-23-018-201, CITY HALL ANNEX ELEVATOR, TO J. BRENNON CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF DALTON, GA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$589,782.82, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$619,782.82.**

**RESOLUTION #32065**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. Y-22-010-201, CEDAR HILL HEAD START REPAIR, TO CAGLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,218.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$208,218.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32066**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TO OPERATE THREE CONTINUOUS REAL-TIME PRECIPITATION GAGES AND SEVEN CONTINUOUS REAL-TIME STREAM GAGES LOCATED ON NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, CHATTANOOGA CREEK, MOUNTAIN CREEK, WOLFTEVER CREEK, LOOKOUT CREEK, AND FRIAR BRANCH FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD RESPONSE ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2024, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,190.00, AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S SHARE OF \$102,315.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32067**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF ALL PURCHASE ORDERS FOR VENDOR NO. 874427, INTEGRATED PROPERTIES, LLC, TO INTEGRATED BUILDS, LLC, RELATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDERS: (1) BATTERS PLACE PICKLEBALL COURT CANOPIES, CONTRACT NO. R-23-004-201, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 136534; (2) WOOD RECYCLE NEW FACILITY, CONTRACT NO. C-17-017-201, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 113553; AND (3) BRAINERD ROAD SIDEWALKS, CONTRACT NO. T-21-001, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 124253.**

**RESOLUTION #32068**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. R-24-001-201, GREENWAY FARMS ADA IMPROVEMENTS, TO JOHN BRYAN CONSTRUCTION, LLC, OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,239.15, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,323.92, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$124,563.07.**

**Councilman Hester moved** to approve all five resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32064 - 32068 ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

**RESOLUTION #32069**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO RENEW AND EXECUTE A FIVE (5) YEAR MSA (MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT) WITH EPB (ELECTRIC POWER BOARD), PURCHASE BLANKET AGREEMENT PA553646 TO INCLUDE REVISED RATE AND SERVICE OFFERINGS PROVIDED PER ORIGINAL AGREEMENT OF FIBER OPTIC SERVICES AND SUPPORT, FOR A CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2.5 MILLION PER CONTRACT YEAR.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Recommended New Purchases**

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

**200653 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$750,000.00

Service Repairs & Parts for All Medium & Heavy Duty Vehicles

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Chattanooga Truck Center - 1716 Church Road Chattanooga, TN 37421;
2. Best One Tire - 2348 Rossville Blvd Chattanooga, TN 37408;
3. MHC Tennessee Kenworth Inc - 7831 Lee Hwy Chattanooga, TN 37421; and
4. Lee-Smith Inc - 2600 8th Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37407.

**200648,1 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$650,000.00

Tires for Heavy Duty Vehicles & Service, Recapping

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Best One Tire - 2348 Rossville Blvd Chattanooga, TN 37408;
2. McGriff Tire Company - P.O. Box 1148 Cullman, AL 35056; and
3. BestDrive LLC - 2120 S. Hawthorne Street Chattanooga, TN 37404

**PA100549 Technology Services**  
 Law Enforcement Records Management System  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Mark43  
 250 Hudson Street 3rd Floor  
 New York, NY 10013

Increase of \$185,000 for a  
 new total estimated spend of  
 \$1,010,148.44

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED**

**Emergency Purchase (1)**

Ms. Bursch reported the following emergency purchase:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	COST	SUPPLIER	DOCUMENT
4/11/24	Wastewater	Oxygen Plant Compressor Repair	Not to Exceed \$2,150,000.00	Centrifugal Technologies	<a href="#">REQ147383</a>

**EXPLANATION**

The oxygen plant has two compressors. During repair cycle, the backup compressor experienced maintenance issues, which required immediate servicing. Both compressors are in need of repair and have been elevated to an emergency purchase status. The not-to-exceed amount includes critical spare parts, full repair of both compressors as well as two sets of spares. Centrifugal Technologies is the most qualified company to repair the compressors. Currently, the City does not have an agreement with a qualified contractor to repair the compressors. Failure of the compressors could result in significant regulatory non-compliance penalties from TDEC and EPA as well as increase the risk of discharging partially treated effluent from the facility.

*[No Council action was required for this report.]*

**Sole Source Purchase (1)**

Ms. Bursch reported the following sole source purchase:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPT.	COST	SUPPLIER	EXPLANATION	DOCUMENTS
4/19/24	Technology Services	ChildPlus Software	\$27,450.00	ChildPlus Software 303 Perimeter Center North Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30346	This is a sole source renewal for the ChildPlus Software used by the Early Learning Department.	<a href="#">PUR136986</a>

*[No Council action was required for this report.]*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Affordable Housing Committee*  
Vice Chair Hill (Not present)

*Budget and Finance Committee*  
Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The Council's budget education sessions will start next week, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room.

*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 committee will meet next week.
- The final zoning work session will take place on May 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council's conference room. He advised that the zoning ordinance will go back before the Planning Commission.

*Parks and Public Works*  
Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today and will meet again in two weeks (May 14).

*Public Safety Committee*  
Raquetta Dotley (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 Henderson recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• <a href="#">Monty Bell</a>	(N/A)	Violence directed towards him/ problems with law enforcement/FOIA requests regarding a 2022 arrest



**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilwoman Berz**, Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

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**COUNCIL CHAIR**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**