



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2024
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson 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 Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not in attendance of this meeting.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube in two parts. Part 1 of this meeting (prior to the recess) is available [here](#). Due to technical difficulties, audio for Part 1 begins at the [2:27](#) mark. 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 Strategy and Innovation Officer, and Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Parks & Outdoors: Scott Martin, Administrator

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Hill led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

In Recognition of Ryan Ewalt

Chairman Henderson and the Council took a moment to acknowledge Mr. Ewalt and thank him for the work he's done in various roles with the city [the portion with audio begins [here](#)].

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (August 20, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Item VII(c) – Planning – Case No. 2024-0106

Councilman Smith advised that, by agreement with the applicant, he would be adding a condition to this item, which Ms. Rennich then [read](#). Attorney Noblett informed the Council that the amendment would take this item back to first reading. Councilman Smith affirmed. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Item VII(d) – Planning – Case No. 2024-0108

Councilman Ledford advised he would be seeking to defer this item until September 10, 2024, and that the applicant agreed. Councilman Ledford also requested the district number be added to the item caption. Attorney Noblett affirmed. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

Item IX(f) – Parks & Outdoors (Relative to the 2024 Evolving our Riverfront Parks Framework Plan)

Vice Chair Hill and Councilman Ledford thanked Emily Mack from River City Company for her work on the Framework Plan [view remarks [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Item IX(g) – Parks & Outdoors (Relative to BlueCross Healthy Place Grant)

Vice Chair Hill informed the Council that a provision of this grant requires that a portion of the funds be set aside for maintenance. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (September 3, 2024)

Item 9(h) – Parks & Outdoors (Resolution relative to a volunteer committee for the National Park City campaign)

Chairman Henderson requested clarification and additional information for this item. Mr. Martin responded. [The discussion may be viewed [here](#).] Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Henderson announced the following scheduling notes for next week's meeting (September 3, 2024):

- The Council business meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. [instead of 3:30 p.m.] due to the welcome home parade and ceremony for Olympic gold medalist Olivia Reeves;
- The 2:00 p.m. Strategic Planning meeting has been cancelled; there will be an attorney-client meeting occurring at 2:00 p.m. instead.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

RECESS

Upon no objections from the Council, at 3:56 p.m., Chairman Henderson recessed the business meeting until 4:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Henderson reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Dotley, and Noel. Councilwoman Coonrod was not present. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

ORDINANCE #14148

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-110(K), PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF PROPERTY TAXES AND WATER QUALITY FEES.

MR-2024-0117
ASA Engineering & Consulting, Inc. c/o Rachel Tranel
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

ORDINANCE #14149

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT, BEGINNING NE NINE (9') FEET FROM MH#S145F007 TO S145C004 TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX (226') FEET, FROM S145F004 TO S145C158 FORTY-ONE (41') FEET, AND FROM S145C004 TO S145C003 THIRTY-ONE (31') FEET, FOR A TOTAL OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT (298') FEET, TAX MAP NOS. 145F-A-002, 003, AND 004, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14148 & 14149 APPROVED

2024-0106
Chris Evans
Planning Commission Version
District No. 3

ORDINANCE #14143

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6664 SANDSWITCH ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-5 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

Councilman Smith asked Ms. Rennich (Regional Planning) to read the condition discussed earlier today [view [here](#)] and offered one alteration to that condition. **Councilman Smith moved** to amend by adding the following language: *Subject to single-family detached unit(s) or only one single-wide manufactured home within the area of rezoning and a single point of egress to Sandwitch Road.* Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried. **Councilman Smith moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ORDINANCE 14143 AMENDED
AND SENT BACK TO FIRST READING**

2024-0108
March Adams & Associates
Alternate Version
District No. 4

ORDINANCE #14150

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7437 SHALLOWFORD ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilman Ledford moved to defer to September 10, 2024. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

2024-0118
Stone Creek Consulting, LLC c/o Allen Jones
Planning Version #2
District No. 9

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #14151

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2400 CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32202

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY WESTBROOK TO REPRESENT DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 3 ON THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON AUGUST 28, 2024, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 27, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32203

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN GILMORE TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR DISTRICT 7, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON AUGUST 30, 2024, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 29, 2027.

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32202 & 32203 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32204

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BESSIE SMITH CULTURAL CENTER, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, REGARDING A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY.

RESOLUTION #32205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SUBORDINATE OBLIGATION OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5 MILLION; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (MULTI-USE STADIUM PROJECT – SUBORDINATE BONDS) WITH THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

RESOLUTION #32206

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY (CHA) TO TERMINATE AND REPLACE THE EXISTING COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES DATED MARCH 18, 1968, AS AMENDED OCTOBER 24, 1968, FOR ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE CHA HOUSING PROJECTS, COUNCIL-APPROVED PILOT PROJECTS, AND MIXED-INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE TERM OF THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32204 - 32206 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32207

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 EVOLVING OUR RIVERFRONT PARKS FRAMEWORK PLAN, WHICH WILL GUIDE, SHAPE, AND FORM THE PARK'S REDEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S NEEDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED 2023 PARKS & OUTDOORS PLAN.

RESOLUTION #32208

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & OUTDOORS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RIVERCITY COMPANY TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE BLUECROSS HEALTHY PLACE GRANT FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF ELEMENTS OF THE EVOLVING OUR RIVERFRONT PARKS FRAMEWORK PLAN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10 MILLION.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32207 & 32208 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32209

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE 2024 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTAL PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA THAT WILL SUPPORT THE BROADER 2022 SS4A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (CSAP) CURRENTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (RPA) – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), DEPENDING UPON INCLUSION IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2.8 MILLION, WITH A LOCAL NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY (20%) PERCENT MATCH OF \$560,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32210

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE BJA FOR THE FY2024 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER INTEGRATION INITIATIVE (CGIC) TO BE USED TO EXPAND OUR CURRENT AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM BY ENHANCING TECHNOLOGICAL AND TRAINING CAPABILITIES TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION TO REDUCE CRIME GUN VIOLENCE WHILE EXPANDING OUR ABILITY TO UTILIZE CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32211

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY DISTRICT 3 HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM WHICH IN 2023 AWARDED HAMILTON COUNTY \$209,546.88 WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO CHATTANOOGA POLICE, SODDY DAISY, AND HAMILTON COUNTY, AND CHATTANOOGA POLICE, WILL RECEIVE \$59,500.00 TO PURCHASE THREE (3) CANINES, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT FOR A GRANT PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32209 – 32211 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: [View [here](#)]

Recommended New Purchases

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

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| REQ152585 Fleet Management Division, Public Works | \$214,130.00 |
| 2025 Freightliner 114SD Tri-Axle Dump Truck
with 20 Yard Ox Body | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: National Auto Fleet Group
490 Auto Center Drive
Watsonville, CA 95076 | |
| 200688-4 Fleet Management Division, Public Works | \$100,000.00 |
| BMW Police Motorcycle Maintenance & Repairs | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Pandora's European Motorsports
5337 Ringgold Road
Chattanooga, TN 37412 | |

REQ153174 Technology Services

\$464,986.00

BRINC DFR Dock & Patrol Based Program for CPD

Lowest/Best Bidder: BRINC Drones Inc
 3668 Albion Place N3
 Seattle, WA 98103

REQ151061 Department of Parks and Outdoors

\$225,000.00

Sports Court Repairs

Lowest/Best Bidder: Competition Athletic Surfaces Inc.
 3205 N Hawthorn Street
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

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

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Sole Source Purchase

Ms. Bursch reported the following sole source purchase:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION	COST	DOCUMENTS
8/21/24	Regional Planning Agency	Annual Maintenance and Support for RPA's Zoning Information Mapping Systems (ZIMS)	WSP formally Amec Foster Wheeler is the original developer of the Regional Planning Agency's Zoning Information System (ZIMS), a software system built on a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) platform.	WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure 216 Centerview Drive, Suite 300 Brentwood, TN 37027	\$35,000.00	REQ153057

[No Council action was required for this report.]

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 (Not present)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will meet next week (September 3).

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee will meet next week.

Public Safety Committee
Councilwoman 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, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District No.	Primary Topics:
Monty Bell	(N/A)	Open records request from December 2023/Problems with Food City
Janice Gooden	8	Information about the Rosenwald Schools Project relating to a resolution on next week's agenda

SEPTEMBER 3 MEETING REMINDER

Chairman Henderson reminded everyone that the Council business meeting next week, September 3, 2024, would start at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Smith, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at **3:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL