

# BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council May 2, 2023

---

### Call to Order

---

Councilwoman Carol Berz, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Council Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Ken Smith, Demetrus Coonrod, and Marvene Noel. Others present at the call to order were Valerie Malueg, Senior Assistant City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill was not present during this meeting.

---

### Others in Attendance

---

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer; Finance: Vickie Haley, Finance Officer.

---

### Approval of Minutes

---

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 13, 2022) were approved as published.

---

### FY24 Budget Overview Presentation

---

Councilwoman Berz advised of the expected Fiscal Budget Timeline and Schedule (*click [here](#) to view*). She then opened the floor to Mr. Thongnopnua, who introduced Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview with a slide presentation addressing the following:

- One Chattanooga Strategic Plan: Key Successes
- One Chattanooga Strategic Plan: Continuing the Work Ahead
- Significant Challenges
- Key Investments: Affordable Housing
- Key Investments: Homelessness Reduction
- Key Investments: Roads & Critical Infrastructure
- Key Investments: Public Safety
- Key Investments: Parks & Greenspaces
- Key Investments: Early Learning
- Key Investments: Economic & Workforce Development

Upon conclusion of Mr. Thongnopnua's presentation, Mr. Ewalt presented a continuation of the slideshow addressing the following:

- Sharpening Our Focus on Community Centers
- Responsive & Effective Local Government
- Cost Savings
- Cost Savings: Couch Cushion Savings Examples

Following Mr. Ewalt's presentation, Ms. Haley expressed gratitude to the Budget Staff, and advised that the Council budget books were ready and will be distributed to them this evening.

---

### Adjournment

---

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.