



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
March 1, 2016  
6:00 PM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chairwoman Carol Berz called the meeting to order with Vice Chair Moses Freeman and Council members Chris Anderson, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith all present. Deputy City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Clerk Nicole Gwyn, CMC, were also present.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read scriptures from Proverbs 15 of the Bible before giving the invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert**, the minutes of the last meeting (February 23, 2016) were approved as published.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

***Social Work Month 2016***  
***Presented by Chairwoman Berz and Dr. Valerie Radu***

Chairwoman Berz read the following proclamation from Mayor Berke:

**Whereas:** The primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society. Social Work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States with more than 640,000 members of the profession. Social Workers work in all areas of our society to improve happiness, health and prosperity;

**Whereas:** Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "Forging Solutions Out of Challenges," by helping individuals, communities and the larger society tackle and solve issues that confront them. They have helped people in this nation overcome racial strife and economic and health care uncertainty by successfully advocating for initiatives such as Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety, Social Security benefits, the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, and the Affordable Care Act. They are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse and other disorders so they can lead more fulfilling lives;

**Whereas:** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs employs more than 12,000 professional Social Workers and Social Workers help bolster our nation's security by providing support to active duty military personnel, veterans and their families.

**Whereas:** Thousands of child, family and school Social Workers across the country provide assistance to protect children and improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families. They help children through adoption and work with families and schools by ensuring students reach their full academic and personal potential.

**Whereas:** Social Workers work with older adults and their families to improve their quality of life and ability to live independently as long as possible and get access to quality mental health and health care;

**Whereas:** Social Workers have helped the United States and other nations overcome earthquakes, floods, wars and other disasters by helping survivors get services such as food, shelter and health care and mental health care to address stress and anxiety;

*Now Therefore,*

I, Andy Berke, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, do hereby proclaim  
the month of March 2016 as

## **National Social Work Month**

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this the 1st day of March, 2016

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*Andy Berke, Mayor*

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Dr. Radu accepted the proclamation and asked the social work professionals and students in the Assembly to stand. She also asked the Family Justice Center staff to stand for recognition. In closing, she thanked Mayor Berke and the City Council for helping to keep the city safe.

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### **ORDINANCES - FINAL READING:**

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

#### **ORDINANCE #13027**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, BY ADDING ARTICLE XVII ENTITLED, "INNOVATION DISTRICT GRANTS".**

<b>ACTION: APPROVED</b>
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**ORDINANCES - FIRST READING: (NONE)**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Vice Chair Freeman and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**RESOLUTION #28537**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO BUFFALO VALLEY, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$335,000.00; TOWER CONSTRUCTION, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$50,000.00; COUNCIL FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE (D/B/A CADAS), FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$200,000.00; AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$150,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$735,000.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice Chair Freeman and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**RESOLUTION #28538**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE ONDEMAND FOR A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,900.00 FOR THE FIRST YEAR, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS, WITH ANNUAL AMOUNTS OF \$35,900.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice Chair Freeman and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**RESOLUTION #28539**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA OLIVER AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #28540**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLEAKLY ADVISORY GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A REAL ESTATE MARKET TRENDS ANALYSIS THAT WILL BE USED TO INFORM THE AREA PLAN POLICY UPDATES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00 AND TO RECEIVE \$5,000.00 FROM THE GREATER CHATTANOOGA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS AND \$5,000.00 FROM THE HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA FOR THE STUDY.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Hakeem and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**RESOLUTION #28541**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TO CONDUCT A REZONING STUDY FOR THE FORM BASED CODE STUDY AREA (MAP ATTACHED).**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #28542**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR BARGE, WAGGONER, SUMNER AND CANNON, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-11-007-102, MBWWTP EFFLUENT DISINFECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$79,000.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$811,000.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #28543**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT WITH VOLKERT, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-14-034-101 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAKESIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$3,950.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$26,690.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

### Purchases

David Carmody, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following purchases:

**R65808 - General Services** Estimated \$30,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Pest Control Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Kirkland's Pest Control, LLC  
2720 Huntsville Highway, Fayetteville, TN 37334

**R104786 - General Services** Estimated \$100,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Elevator, Escalator  
& Lift Maintenance  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Oracle Elevator Company  
117 Nowlin Lane, Suite 900, Chattanooga, TN 37421

**R91073 - General Services** Estimated \$250,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Building Automation  
Systems Installation & Service  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Electronic Controls Inc.  
4129 South Creek Road, Chattanooga, TN 37406

**R87865 - General Services** Estimated \$55,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Paint & Paint Supplies  
Lowest/Best Bidder: PPG Architectural Finishes Inc.  
2409 South Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408

**R113374 - General Services** Estimated \$1,000,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Radio Equipment  
and Maintenance  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Motorola Solutions, Inc.  
P.O. Box 12210, Knoxville, TN 37912

**R108372 - Public Works** Estimated \$150,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Air/Vacuum Relief Valve  
Maintenance and Support  
H & H Brown, Inc.  
1803 Polk Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408

**R90696 - Public Works** Estimated \$300,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Filter Press Membrane Plates  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Andritz, Inc.  
117 South Arch Street, Montoursville, PA 17754

**R89457 - Public Works** Estimated \$50,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for PVC Pipe and Fittings  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Piping Supply Co.  
P.O. Box 5099, Chattanooga, TN 37406

**R73259 - Public Works** Estimated \$500,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Lime Kiln Dust  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Pozzolan Contracting & Supply  
P.O. Box 14186, Knoxville, TN 37914

**R90104 - Public Works** Estimated \$600,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal Cured In- Place Pipe Lining Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Improved Technologies Group LLC  
5207 Brer Mountain Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

**R130915 - Public Works, Transportation, IT Departments** \$30,743.96  
Purchase Contract for Software Licenses  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)  
380 New York Street, Redlands, CA 92373-8100

**R128154 - Transportation** Estimated \$40,000 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Thermoplastic Traffic Marking Materials  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Flint Trading Inc.  
115 Todd Court, Thomasville. NC 27360

**R126359 - Youth and Family Development** Estimated \$71,639.40 Annually  
Blanket Contract for Disposable Baby Diapers  
Lowest/Best Bidder: First Choice Medical  
141 A Enterprise Drive, Madison, MS 39110

**Councilman Hakeem moved** to approve, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion carried.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Wilcox Tunnel Street Closures**

Councilman Hakeem requested that the Transportation Department update the public via their website regarding the Wilcox Tunnel street closures. Blythe Bailey, Transportation Administrator, agreed that it could be done.

**Disparity Study**

Councilman Hakeem requested that Chairwoman Berz authorize an ad hoc committee to examine a disparity study in Chattanooga. Chairwoman Berz agreed to add the disparity study discussion to the Council's Strategic Planning agenda.

**M.L. King Blvd.**

Councilman Hakeem informed the Council that he had heard from four (4) different sources that there is "an effort" to remove the name of Martin Luther King Boulevard. He aired a video from a news story in 1982 about the day 9<sup>th</sup> Street was renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard. Vice Chair Freeman said he had heard this "chatter," but he does not support changing the name.

Councilman Anderson stated his intent to not allow a name change. Councilman Gilbert stated that he remembered seeing a green pamphlet about the name change effort. Chairwoman Berz confirmed with Attorney Noblett that no such item had been discussed for the Council's agenda.

### **Request for Small & Minority-Owned Business Information**

Councilman Hakeem informed the Council about an email conversation he had with the City Attorney regarding information collected by Administration regarding minority vendors. Per email, Attorney Hinton had written: "There is nothing that prevents that information from being shared if it is available." He referenced an initial listing that identified minority vendors as 14-percent of those doing business with the city. He requested that Administration provide the Council with the gender and race of that 14-percent of businesses identified as "minority."

### **Board Appointment**

Chairwoman Berz announced her appointment of Lauri Moyle to the OMA Advisory Board for District 6.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Audit & I.T. Committee*

Councilman Grohn

(No report)

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilman Mitchell

- The committee heard from a group who are asking the city and county to lease space at Coolidge Park for a Medal of Honor Heritage Center.
- The committee will meet next week for an update by the Office of Sustainability.

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Anderson

- The committee met today to hear a presentation on the Land Bank Authority and to review one other item.

### *HR Committee (Human Resources)*

Vice Chair Freeman

- The committee met today to hear a presentation on the Learning Management System.
- The HR Department is examining bids to manage the employee clinic. There are five finalists thus far.

### *Planning & Zoning*

Councilman Hakeem

- The committee met today, where critical questions were asked for items on next week's agenda.

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Henderson

(No report)

*Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilman Smith

- He informed the Council that he was having a conversation this weekend with people who were heaping praises on Todd Dockery, HR Administrator, and Mr. Dockery's work in HR.
- The committee met today to discuss items voted on tonight and items that will be voted on next week.

*Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL  
(Non-Agenda Items)**

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items. After which, Chairwoman Berz recognized the following persons:

- **Tresa McCallie (Chattanooga)** – She read a statement that asked the Council to “tighten and clarify the guidelines for the Housing PILOT program.”
  - Chairwoman Berz asked Ms. McCallie to give a copy of her statement to the City Attorney and the administrator for Economic and Community Development.
- **Scott Stanfeld (Fort Oglethorpe)** – He distributed to the Council a folder of information about a micro-transportation business that utilizes golf carts.
  - Chairwoman Berz said that the Council would be in touch with the City Attorney's Office on this matter. She instructed Mr. Stanfeld to get in touch with the Administrator Bailey.
- **Jordy Melendez (Southern Adventist University)** – He voiced concerns about the increase in gang violence in Chattanooga because he'd seen gang violence in his hometown of Boston. He voiced concerns about the effectiveness of the Violence Reduction Initiative. He asked the Council to give consideration to the benefits of community policing.
  - Chairwoman Berz referred Mr. Melendez to an Assistant Police Chief present at today's meeting.
- **Andrew Anobile (Southern Adventist University)** – In working with teen boys at Bethel, he found out about community service and recommended program specialized training. He read statistics on the benefits of program specialized training for safer streets. He suggested that the City partner with Goodwill.
- **Melissa Rodas (Southern Adventist University)** – She voiced concerns about the need for sufficient bus routes.
  - Chairwoman Berz asked her to send her research to the Council Clerk.
  - Councilman Anderson informed the Council that cities surrounding Chattanooga, such as East Ridge and Collegedale, choose not to fund public transportation.



- **Samantha Mascary (Southern Adventist University)** – She interns at the Samaritan Center and works with clients of all backgrounds. She informed the Council of the Gallop-Healthways Well-Being Index that gave Chattanooga a score of 61.4 based, in part, on community members’ feelings in financial and physical categories. She asked the City to continue such initiatives as the Family Justice Center where citizens may access multiple resources one location.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilman Anderson**, Chairwoman Berz adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRWOMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**