



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2016
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order in the absence of Council Chairman Moses Freeman. A quorum was present, including Council members Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson and Ken Smith all present. City Attorney Wade Hinton and Council Clerk Nicole Gwyn, CMC, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Grohn led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He read II-Chronicles 7:14 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 (July 19, 2016) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

MR-2016-072
Jim Richards
District 1

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #13087

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG NORTH MARKET STREET AT 405 NORTH MARKET STREET, DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, TO ALLEVIATE ENCROACHMENT OF EXISTING BUILDING INTO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2016-068
Paula Grant Shuford
District 2

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

ORDINANCE #13088

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING TWO PORTIONS OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG THE 1600 BLOCK OF HILLCREST ROAD AT 1698 RIVERVIEW ROAD, DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, TO ALLEVIATE ENCROACHMENT OF EXISTING BUILDING AND TO ENABLE NEW CONSTRUCTION, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2016-075
C. Keith McCallie
District 2

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13089

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNNUMBERED, UNOPENED BLOCK OF FOREST AVENUE AND AN ADJACENT, UNOPENED ALLEY, DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS AND DRIVEWAY ACCESS FOR 344 SYLVAN STREET, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2016-088
River Street Architecture/
Gary E. and Virginia Marie Ivey
District 2

On motion of Councilman Hakeem and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

ORDINANCE #13090

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE 1600 BLOCK OF HILLCREST ROAD AT 1692 RIVERVIEW ROAD, DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, TO ALLOW FOR ALIGNMENT WITH ADJACENT PROPERTY SETBACK AND TO CONSTRUCT A RETAINING WALL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2016-074
Branch Acquisition Company, LLC
c/o Jack Haylett and
Gunbarrel Partners
District 4

On motion of Councilman Grohn and seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

ORDINANCE #13091

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE 2400 BLOCK OF ELAM LANE AND THE 2500 BLOCK OF LIFE STYLE WAY, DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, FOR MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13092

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 26, SECTION 26-33, OUTDOOR FEE CHANGES TO EXISTING PROVISION CODE.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2015-076
Phillip M. Meyer, II
District 7

AGENDA ITEM VI(b):

AN ORDINANCE DENYING THE REQUEST OF PHILLIP M. MEYER, II, AGENT FOR THE OWNER OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTY, JOHN B. CUNNINGHAM, TO ABANDON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE OPEN ALLEY ADJACENT TO 3902 DODDS AVENUE, DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

Councilman Anderson asked Attorney Hinton to clarify the language of the resolution. After which, **Councilman Anderson moved** to deny, seconded by Councilman Grohn. The motion carried.

ACTION: DENIED

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #28709

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1200 KING STREET, TAX MAP NO. 145E-Q-008, AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE PARCEL TO THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

RESOLUTION #28710

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT WITH RIVERMONT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 1096 LUPTON DRIVE ON A PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 118K-A-009, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #28711

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT WITH LAKESIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND BUILDINGS LOCATED ON SWAN ROAD, TAX MAP NO. 129C-A-018, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Grohn,

RESOLUTION #28712

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE HUNDRED (500) SPARTAN PLATE PLUS 3 (7" X 9") PLATES FOR RIFLE THREATS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Grohn and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #28713

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SECURITY UPGRADES TO THE POLICE SERVICE CENTER GATE, CARD READER ACCESS TO BACK LOT, AND FENCING SLATS TO OBSCURE LINE OF SIGHT TO BACK LOT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Grohn and seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

RESOLUTION #28714

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF USE FEES AND DAMAGE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$925.00, FOR THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH “MOVIES IN THE PARK” AND OTHER FAMILY-FUN ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT HERITAGE PARK ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Grohn and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #28715

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PARK FEE AND HOUSE FEE AT HERITAGE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FOR THE FRIENDS OF EAST BRAINERD “BACK TO SCHOOL BASH” TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #28716

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC. FOR A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-14-030, MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRACT NO. 1, PROPERTY LOCATED AT TAX MAP NO. 145E-G-006, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #28717

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC. FOR A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-14-030, MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRACT NO. 2, PROPERTY LOCATED AT TAX MAP NO. 145E-H-001, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #28718

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-14-030, MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRACT NO. 3, PROPERTY LOCATED AT TAX MAP NO. 145D-U-001, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Hakeem,

RESOLUTION #28719

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH YERBEY CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-16-003, FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH CITYWIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY CONCRETE REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT FOR TWELVE (12) MONTHS WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW, FOR AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,468,211.25.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Public Works Report

Bill Payne, City Engineer, introduced James Bergdoll, Parks Director-Maintenance, for a presentation on the Public Works Parks Division. He presented information on the following:

- Overall Scope of Parks Division
- New Programs/Initiatives

- New Sites
- Growing Economy
- Current & Upcoming Projects
- Other Projects in Design or On The Horizon

After the presentation, Vice Chair Mitchell inquired about the process for putting a park in a trust. Attorney Hinton responded that he would look into the answer. *(Full presentation is attached.)*

Purchases

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

R 136921 - Economic & Community Development Estimated \$350,000 Annually
 New Blanket Contract for Abatement Services –
 Economic & Community Development
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Grass Buster Lawn Maintenance
 614 Woodvale Ave.
 Chattanooga, TN 37411

R 133535 - Public Works Estimated \$100,000 Annually
 New Blanket Contract for Grounds Maintenance
 for Riverwalk Extension Public Works Department
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Images Landscape Service
 P.O. Box 28024
 Chattanooga, TN 37424

PO 533766 - Transportation Department Estimated \$50,000 Annually
 Extension of Blanket Contract 533766 for Highway
 Guardrail Components Transportation Department
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Trinity Highway Products, LLC
 P.O. Box 951716
 Dallas, TX 75395

Councilman Anderson moved to approve. After which, Councilman Hakeem inquired about **R136921** and why the contract was not broken up among several vendors. After Mr. Carmody's response, Councilman Hakeem seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

RBI Announcement

Councilman Gilbert stated that the City of Chattanooga hosted the RBI last week. He announced that the Senior Boys team won. He commended the team and the leadership of Coach Keith Landecker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & I.T. Committee

Councilman Grohn
(No report)

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Anderson
(No report)

HR Committee (Human Resources)

Vice Chair Mitchell
(No report)

Planning & Zoning

Councilman Hakeem

- The committee will meet on its regular schedule next week (August 2) after the Agenda Session.
- Changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Short-term rentals would be considered by the Planning Commission on August 8.
- The Council would hold a public hearing regarding those changes to short-term rentals on August 9 after the Agenda Session.
- The Council's first reading on short-term rentals would take place on August 23.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Smith

- The committee will meet next week after the Agenda Session.

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

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

Attorney Hinton read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items. After which, Vice Chair Mitchell recognized the following persons:

- **Charles Adamson (Chattanooga)** – He thanked the Council for making Chattanooga the best city to live. He said that he had experienced an incident of racism at a Chattanooga club. He wanted the Council to know that people are not receiving fair and equal treatment at the club.
 - Councilman Gilbert asked if he had heard the racist words being spoken at the club. Mr. Adamson confirmed hearing the words and described the incident.
 - Councilman Hakeem asked Mr. Adamson to describe the kind of business where the incident took place.
 - Attorney Hinton stated that he would look into Public Accommodation law regarding this matter.
 - Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Adamson to encourage the other individuals who witnessed the incident to come forward by sending her their names. She stated that she would forward those names to the City Attorney and her colleagues.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Anderson, Vice Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

VICE CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ATTACHMENT:
Public Works Dept. Report –
Parks Division Presentation

Chattanooga City Parks

Public Works Department

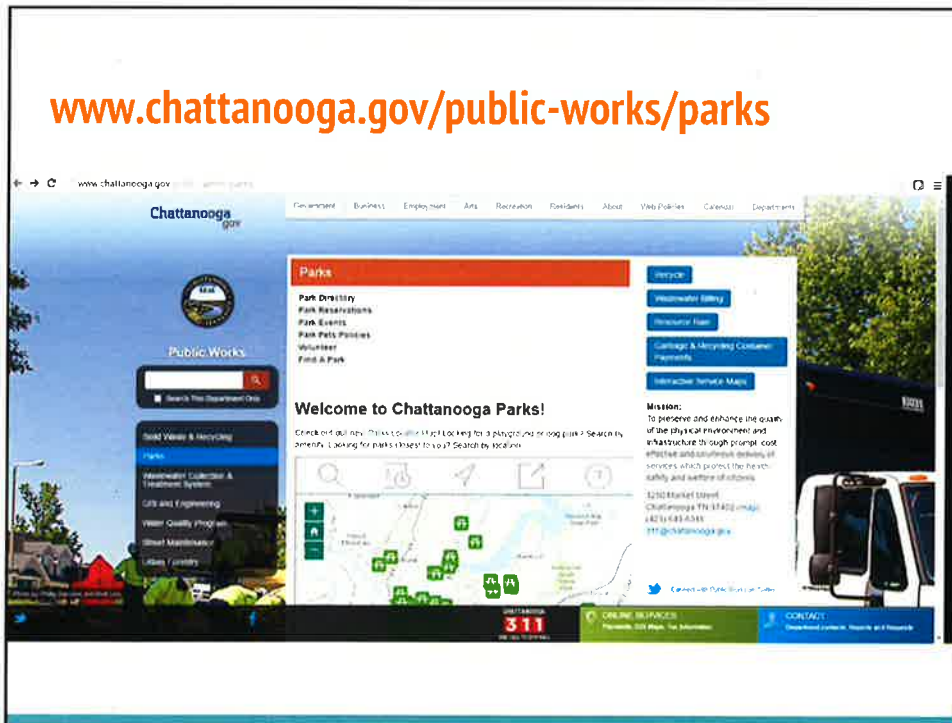
Overall Scope of Parks Division

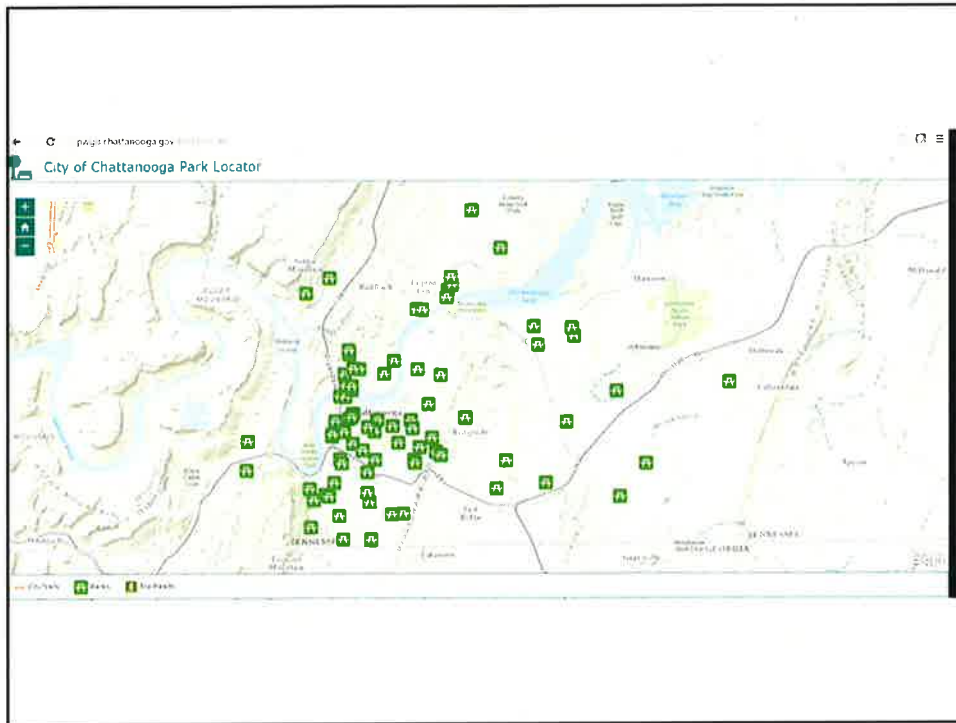
Operate & maintain city parks, greenways, streetscapes, and public green spaces.

- ❖ 106 sites throughout Chattanooga
- ❖ 800 acres maintained
- ❖ 35 miles of greenway & trails
- ❖ 53 tennis courts
- ❖ 41 playgrounds
- ❖ 20 swingsets
- ❖ 8 outdoor fitness zones
- ❖ 6 youth athletic association facilities
- ❖ 3 dog parks

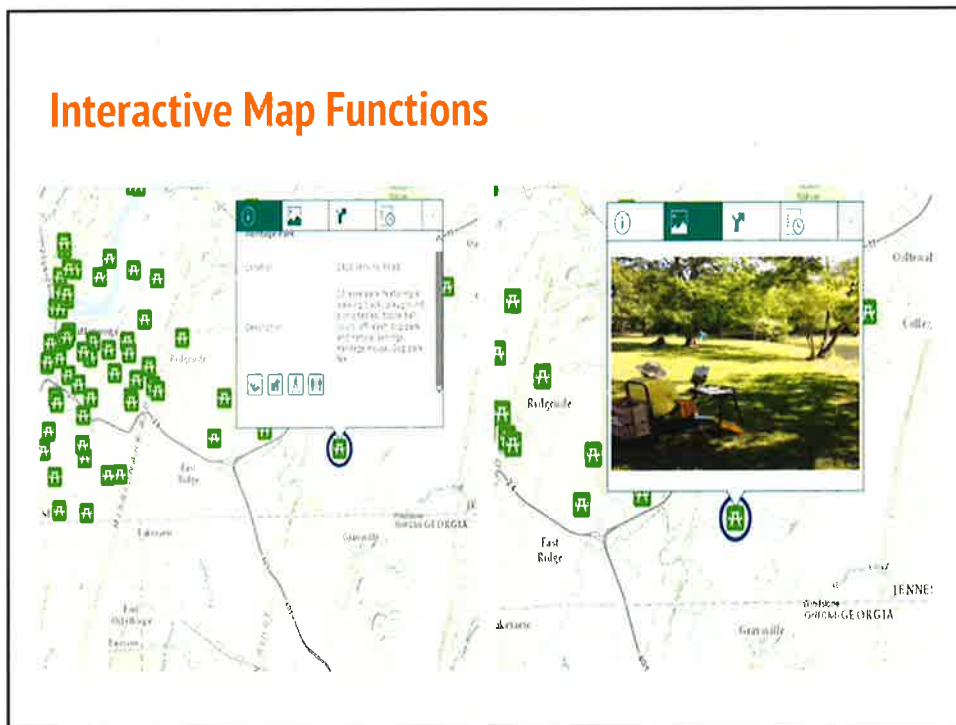


New Programs and Initiatives

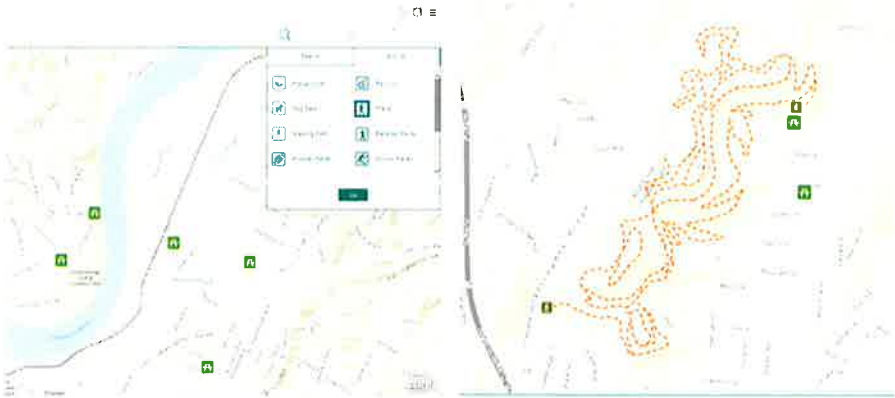




Interactive Map Functions



Interactive Map Search



Stringer's Ridge Park Overlook

Pokemon Go Phenomenon = People in Parks!



Survey Program

- Implemented through Park Ranger staff
- Managed by Parks Outreach Coordinator
- Tablets used to collect data
 - Allows immediate entry & analysis
- Creates positive interactions with visitors
- Helps drive decisions for continuous improvements
- Clear indicator of performance as observed by visitors
- Establish service levels for each location and determine input needed to meet level
- Create specific targets for staff to meet quarterly
- Track performance of key indicators to see improvement or decline



Volunteer Program

Improve environmental & aesthetic quality of parks & greenways by organizing and promoting volunteerism and stewardship.

Volunteers provide *time, talent, and resources*

Litter pick-up, mulching, landscape planting, pulling weeds, trail clearing, playground cleaning, & etc.

Individuals, community groups, and businesses can volunteer for special projects/work days.

volunteers commit long-term to "adopt" a park or trail.



New Sites

South Chickamauga Creek Greenway

Currently 9 miles of the greenway is accessible

- Brainerd Levee Segment
 - Sterchi Farm Segment (Phase 1A)
 - Riverwalk Connector (Phase 1B)
- Three projects of construction remain
- Youngstown Connector (~2500 LF) -Phase 2A
 - Cromwell Connector (~1 mile) -Phase 2B
 - Caine Lane Section (~1.5 miles) -Phase 2C





Riverwalk Extension

TN Riverwalk Extension

3.2 miles from City Marina to Middle St.
in South Broad St. Neighborhood
3 trailhead/parking areas
2 public restrooms
Many great views of River and
Lookout Mtn.
Staffed with 24hr security & 7 day
custodial service



Riverpark App

Educational interpretative mobile App available for iPhone & Android

Explore rich history along Riverpark corridor

Made possible through grant from National Parks Service to Hamilton County



Riverpark

NeoTreks Education

Everyone

You don't have any devices

ASSETS W/OUT

Install



The Tennessee Riverpark App is made possible through a grant from the National Park Service to Hamilton County, TN. The mobile application utilizes mapping technology to enhance the historic and educational interpretative opportunities along the Tennessee Riverpark. Please explore the rich history that exists within the Riverpark corridor via the use of this interactive mobile app that can be downloaded on your mobile device.

Growing Economy

Coolidge Park Carousel



Increased Riders

2013	83,729	
2014	90,135	
2015	116,280	
2016	126,177	
Target	135,000 (FY17 5%	increase)

- FY 2016
 - Improved ventilation
 - Converted lighting to LED
 - Extended hours when possible
- FY 2017
 - Continue to improve ventilation
 - Update ticket sales options

Event Hosting

Chattanooga City Parks are a hub for tourism and event hosting, including:

- Chattanooga's Ironman
- Southern Brewers Festival
- Head of the Hooch
- Wine Over Water
- Ice on the Landing
- Riverbend Music Festival.
- Many other athletic events

Regional Economic Impact!



Current and Upcoming Projects

ADA Assessment

Parks and Engineering Divisions, using capital project funds, will continue to improve accessibility to park features including playgrounds, fitness areas, walking paths, courts, pavilions and picnic areas.



Playground Replacement

Recently completed new playgrounds and outdoor fitness zones at:

East Chattanooga Park

Carver Park

Eastdale Park

Brainerd Park

More to come...



Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing

Warner Park

Eastdale Park

East Chattanooga Park

Carver Park

Glenwood Park

East Lake Rec Center Park

Francis Wyatt Park

Scheduled to begin in August



Upcoming Projects

Walnut Street Bridge
Rehabilitation Phase 2

September 2016

Coolidge Park Fountain
Improvements

November 2016



Chattanooga Green



Holmberg Bridge

Replacement of glass panels
to stainless steel grate
panels

Using steel grate panels to
achieve same look and
feel of glass panels



East Lake Park

Water Quality Improvements

Ecological Assessment & Survey
underway

Obtaining community feedback
Educational committee developing
outdoor classroom functions

Everyone East Lake Festival

August 27

Feedback to be gathered

National Night Out

October 4

Conceptual improvements &

outdoor classroom presented

Final concept and condition report this
year



Other projects in design or on the horizon

Miller Park & Patten Parkway Renovation

Charles Bell School Park

South Chickamauga Creek Greenway continuation

TN Riverwalk St. Elmo connector

South Chattanooga Greenway connector