



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2017
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order with Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, CMC, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Coonrod led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. She called for a 2-minute moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (May 23, 2017) were approved as published.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

PRESENTATION ON TYNER PLAYGROUND & HONORING JOHNNY O'NEAL & ALFRED CANTRELL

Introduction by Lurone "Coach" Jennings
Dept. of Youth and Family Development

Mr. Jennings gave his sentiments on the retirements of employees Johnny O'Neal and Alfred Cantrell. He then introduced Greta Hayes, Director of YFD's Recreation Division, who opened with a slide presentation on the new Tyner playground that was erected by 150 people in five hours. Ms. Hayes thanked the City, Councilwoman Berz, Snapple, Coca-Cola, KaBoom, for bringing forth the vision and resources for this project. She and Councilwoman Berz thanked IBEW and Steelworker's Union members, church members, city employees, various executives and community members who contributed to the building process. Councilwoman Berz commented on the many people who showed up just to take part in something positive, including Councilman Ledford. She also thanked Ms. Hayes for her work in the project.

Ms. Hayes asked Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Cantrell to come forward for recognition from the department and spoke about their impact on the department over the past 37 and 27 years, respectively in which they have worked. Both Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Cantrell thanked the City for the recognition and spoke about their work for the City. Chairman Mitchell spoke regarding his past years working with Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Cantrell. He also acknowledges former Parks & Recreation Director Larry Zehnder, who was present and had previously worked with Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Cantrell. Councilwoman Coonrod commented on Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Cantrell being God-fearing men with a passion to help youth. Councilman Byrd commented on all his years as a youth working with Mr. O'Neal and thanked them for impacting his life.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #13183

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE USUAL AND ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2017, PENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET.

ACTION: APPROVED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #13184

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 26, SECTIONS 26-25 AND 26-26 TO AMEND THE CODE AND ESTABLISH THE EVENT FEES FOR THE YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

ORDINANCE #13185

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 21-151, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #13186

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, RELATIVE TO CHARGES FOR DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND CONNECTION TO INTERCEPTOR SEWER SYSTEM.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #29051

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE OF STATE OWNED PROPERTY WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A PUBLIC GREENWAY WALKING TRAIL ALONG THE SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK ON A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 138A-A-014 AT 4005 CROMWELL ROAD, FOR A TERM OF FORTY (40) YEARS WITH RENT MONIES WAIVED DUE TO THE PUBLIC PURPOSE RESTRICTIONS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #29052

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$351,470.50 FROM HAMILTON COUNTY AS THE CITY'S PORTION FROM THE 2017 REAL PROPERTY BACK TAX SALE; WITH \$340,283.12 BEING APPLIED AS THE CITY'S PORTION; \$5,420.08 BEING APPLIED TO CITY ATTORNEY FEES; AND \$5,767.30 BEING APPLIED TO CITY TREASURER COSTS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PURCHASES:

Bonnie Woodward, Purchasing Director, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

R152171 - Police Department \$154,986.00
Purchase of Eight (8) Police Motorcycles
Lowest/Best Bidder: Boswell's Harley-Davidson
401 Fesslers Lane
Nashville, TN 37210

R151170 - Public Works Total Estimated \$100,000 Annually
Two (2) New Blanket Contracts for Liquid Oxygen –
Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidders:
1. Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc - 2300 Cabot Dr., Ste. 148, Lisle, IL 60532
2. Airgas USA LLC - 2015 Vaughn Rd-Bldg. 400, Kennesaw, GA 30144

R151228 - Public Works

Estimated \$37,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for Chainsaw Parts
Lowest/Best Bidder: Roll-Aid Industrial
P.O. Box 2346
Chattanooga, TN 37409

R153515 - Public Works

\$60,927.36

Purchase of Recycle Containers
Lowest/Best Bidder: Wastequip LLC
841 Meacham Road
Statesville, NC 28677

R132858 - Youth & Family Development

Estimated \$135,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for Baby Diapers and Wipes
Lowest/Best Bidder: Diapers4Less
13460 60th Place N., Ste. 110
Plymouth, MN 55446

R154054 - Transportation

\$257,840.00

Purchase of Slope Stabilization
Lowest/Best Bidder: GeoStabilization International
P.O. Box 4709
Grand Junction, Co 81502

Councilman Henderson moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Community Meeting on Predatory Lending

Councilwoman Berz announced that a community meeting on predatory lending on next Monday, June 5, 2017 at the Family Justice Center at 5:30 p.m. Citizens will have an opportunity to learn about alternatives in lending and how to get out of predatory lending situations.

Upcoming School Board Meeting

Councilman Gilbert reported that the Hamilton County school board will hold a meeting for school board districts 4 & 5 on tomorrow (May 31) at 6:00 p.m. at Orchard Knob Middle School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilman Henderson
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee
Councilman Oglesby
(No report)

HR Committee (Human Resources)
Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning & Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will meet next week following the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee
Councilwoman Berz reported:

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Youth and Family Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- There will be a “Thrive in 9” Community Walk in Council District 9 on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., beginning at the Eastdale YFD Center.
- The Office of Family Empowerment is hosting a series of events. She will have copies of the event schedule available after the meeting.
- The Chattanooga Zoo gave its annual report before the Council earlier today in open meeting.

Information Technology Committee
Vice-Chairman Smith
(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, Chairman Mitchell recognized the following persons:

- **Joanne Holliday-Johnson (District 7)** – She informed the Council of two incidents: an officer putting her in a choke-hold and being kidnapped. She requested a lie detector test to prove her truthfulness on these claims. She also requested that the Council create activities for children in her community who are begging for money and playing without supervision in the streets.
- **Cora Lanier (Dodson Avenue/District 9)** – She came on behalf of the Boyce Station community to request a concentrated effort by the City of Chattanooga to include the urban overlay and communities like hers in the economic development. She described “two Chattanooga” and asked the Council to consider inequalities between downtown and neighborhoods in the urban overlay. She proposed that new monies generated from the new Short-Term Vacation Rental overlay be earmarked for neighborhoods.
 - Councilman Coonrod expressed support of the proposal and her desire to see improvements in areas other than downtown.

- Councilman Oglesby agreed with Ms. Lanier’s concept of “two Chattanooga’s” and expressed his intent to make to expand economic prosperity to underserved areas.
- Vice-Chairman Smith asked Attorney Hinton about earmarking tax dollars for neighborhoods, and about earmarking money from the hotel-motel tax for neighborhoods. Attorney Hinton gave his opinion, and asked Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, and Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer, to give their understanding as to why the monies collected from the hotel-motel tax cannot be earmarked for anything outside of the 21st century waterfront debt.
- **Donna Lowe (Main Street Innovations)** – She proposed a standard operating procedure for the Council to communicate with their constituents that would increase councilpersons’ response times and bridge the gap with the underserved.
 - Vice-Chairman Smith offered to set up a time to speak with Ms. Lowe about her proposal.
- **Franklin McCallie (Reed Avenue/District 7)** – He echoed the sentiments of Ms. Lanier and commented on every community wanting to be great. He commended this Council and exhorted them to find a way to get monies collected to neighborhoods.
 - **Councilwoman Coonrod commended Richard Bennett, of the organization, A Better Tomorrow, to come forward for special recognition.** She commented the program he created and the work he has done for this city. She encouraged him to apply for funding that is available at the City.
 - After thanking Ms. Coonrod, Mr. Bennett commented on the need for men like Alfred Cantrell and Johnny O’Neal, his relationships with councilpersons, and his excitement for what he sees before him.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL