



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
August 1, 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, were also present.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Byrd led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Ledford**, the minutes of the last meeting (July 25, 2017) were approved as published.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

## **ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

**MR-2017-061**  
**Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority/**  
**John Naylor**  
**District No. 5**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

### **ORDINANCE #13206**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING SEWER EASEMENTS LOCATED AT 1001 AIRPORT ROAD, 5905, 5908, AND 5909 PINEHURST AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, AND SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

MR-2017-093  
Noon Development, LLC  
and Newton Chevrolet  
District No. 7

On motion of Councilman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**ORDINANCE #13207**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A COMBINED SEWER AND STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED AT 901 RIVERFRONT PARKWAY, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, AND SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

MR-2017-057  
Lima Tango Properties  
District No. 1

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice-Chair Smith,

**ORDINANCE #13208**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED AT 5440 MOUNTAIN CREEK ROAD, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, AND SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Councilman Henderson informed the Council that all issues had been worked out since last week's deferral. The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Agenda Item VII(a):**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DONATION AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF 1.1 MILES OF THE FORMER CSX, INC. RAILROAD CORRIDOR, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHSIDE PARK IN ALTON PARK NEAR CENTRAL AVENUE AND CONTINUING TO THE TENNESSEE RIVERWALK NEAR W. 33RD STREET AND ST. ELMO AVENUE, FOR A TOTAL CONVEYANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 8.94 ACRES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PAVED MULTI-USE TRAIL, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPERTY, WITH CLOSING FEES AND REIMBURSABLES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00.**

**Councilman Oglesby moved** to approve, seconded by Councilman Byrd. Before the vote, Councilman Oglesby moved to table, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. Vice-Chairman Smith asked Attorney Hinton to explain the move to approve and to table. Attorney Hinton informed the Council that the subsidiary motion to table the item trumps the motion to approve. The motion carried to table this item.

**ACTION: TABLED INDEFINITELY**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

**RESOLUTION #29126**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRAVIS HICKS, AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

**RESOLUTION #29127**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TO RENEW AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH AMEC FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE INTEGRATED ZONING SOLUTION DIGITAL PLATFORM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,044.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**RESOLUTION #29128**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE GREEN GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A WATER QUALITY RETROFIT PROJECT ON ITS GROUNDS, WITH AN IN-KIND MATCH BY NOTRE DAME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**Agenda Item VII(e):**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BENCHMARK COMPANIES, LLC FOR A TERM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS, WITH THE OPTION OF TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) MONTH EXTENSIONS, TO CONTRACT OUT GRINDING AND REMOVAL OF YARD WASTE AT THE CITY'S WOOD RECYCLE CENTER, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$480,000.00 ANNUALLY.**

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to defer three (3) weeks, seconded by Councilman Gilbert.  
The motion carried.

**ACTION: DEFERRED THREE (3) WEEKS  
UNTIL AUGUST 22, 2017**

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #29129**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM FIFTY FORWARD TO PROVIDE OLDER ADULTS THE OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AROUND THE STATE, AND OUT OF THE STATE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,300.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**PURCHASES:**

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

**R148918 - Public Works** Estimated \$55,000 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Uniform and Textile Rental  
and Laundry Service Waste Resources Division  
Unifirst Corporation  
103 West Lake Ave  
Rossville, GA 30741

**R154818 - Public Works** Estimated \$1,500,000 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Liquid Calcium Nitrate –  
Waste Resources Division  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Evoqua Water Technologies LLC  
2650 Tallevast Road  
Sarasota, FL 34343

**R155358 - Public Works** Estimated \$100,000 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Roof Inspection and Repair  
Services Waste Resources Division  
Lowest/Best Bidder: JDH Company Inc  
1133 E Main St  
Chattanooga, TN 37408

**R157864 - Public Works** \$48,530.79  
Repair of Peterson 6700 Horizontal Wood Chipper –  
Grinder  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Peterson Pacific Corp  
29408 Airport Rd  
Eugene, OR 97402

**R157138 - Information Technology**

Estimated \$500,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for Technology, Security,  
and Communication Solutions

Lowest/Best Bidder: Tyler Technologies Inc  
One Tyler Drive  
Yarmouth, ME 04096

Regarding R157864, Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about why Public Works is paying to repair the wood chipper grinder. Justin Holland, Public Works Administrator, responded. Upon no further questions, **Councilman Henderson moved** to approve all purchases, seconded by Councilman Oglesby. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**City Attorney Report**

Attorney Hinton informed the Council of a settlement agreement with former employee Randy Brady and requested approval to enter into the agreement. On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**RESOLUTION #29130**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO SETTLE CLAIMS, APPEALS, AND GRIEVANCES MADE BY RANDY BRADY, SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AN INJURY ON DUTY APPEAL, NUMEROUS GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINARY APPEALS, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000.00).**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**Board Appointments**

Vice-Chairman Smith informed the Assembly that he will present Chris Hopkins next week as the Council’s appointment to the *Fire & Police Pension Board*.

Councilman Ledford appointed Emily Goldberg to the *Community Development Citizens Advisory Board* for District 4.

**District 5 Event Reminder**

Councilman Gilbert reminded the Assembly about the “Rock the Block Back-to-School Bash” on this Saturday, August 5, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Brainerd YFD Center.

## **Council Meeting Reminders**

Councilwoman Coonrod thanked the stakeholders for coming to the Council meeting tonight, and encouraged them to come to other Council meetings taking place each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

## **District 8 Thanks**

Councilman Byrd thanked CARTA for the New Chattanooga Expo this past weekend in East Chattanooga for their help. He also thanked the Chattanooga Police and Fire departments and the staff at the Avondale YFD Center.

## **New Deputy Administrator**

Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff, introduced Charita Allen as the new Deputy Administrator of Economic Development for the Department of Economic & Community Development. Ms. Allen elaborated on coming back to work in her hometown and seeing certain economic development come to fruition over the years.

## **Department Report**

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer, and Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, presented the "FY 2018 Operating Budget" to the Council. Their presentation included information on the following:

- Budgeting for Outcomes (flow chart and steps)
- Investments
- Budget Summary Challenges
- Budget Summary Challenges: Benefits Trends
- Budget Summary Challenges: General Government Cost Trends
- Other Budget Summary Challenges
- Mandatory Services (\$16,443,908.00)
- Budget Summary: Available Funds FY 2018
- Details for Certified Rate Adjustment
- Major Revenue Sources (chart)
- Allocate Revenue to Priorities
- Budgeting for Outcomes process
- Budget Highlights
- Senior Tax Freeze
- Stronger Neighborhoods
- Safer Streets
- High Performing Government
- Total Compensation – Salaries vs. Benefits
- High Performance Government: Employee Pay
- Smarter Students, Stronger Families
- Growing Economy
- Enterprise Funds & Expenditures
- Enterprise Funds
- Expenditures by Category (Type)
- Major Operations Fund
- Next Steps / In Summary

After distributing budget binders to the Council, they informed the Assembly that the FY 2018 budget is now available on the City of Chattanooga's website:  
[http://www.chattanooga.gov/images/citymedia/finance/Budget2018/Budget2018\\_Proposed.pdf](http://www.chattanooga.gov/images/citymedia/finance/Budget2018/Budget2018_Proposed.pdf).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The Council's first budget hearing [work session] will take place on next week, August 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Council's conference room. This work session is open to the public.

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to hear an update on the East Lake Park renovations.

### *HR Committee (Human Resources)*

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilman Ledford

- The committee met today in open meeting to discuss items on this week's and next week's agenda.

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

### *Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to discuss about items on this week's and next week's agenda.

### *Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

- She wanted to express her appreciation of the YFD Centers and their employees for all the activities that are taking place.

### *Innovation 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:

- **Danny Grimmet (Bagwell City/District 2)** - He asked the Council for due diligence to find money for moving the sewage holding tank from their homes. He recommended moving the tank behind Dupont. He fears for health and safety of kids in their community. He gave an

example of the size of the holding tank in comparison to the tank at the Tennessee Aquarium. He also asked people in the Assembly to stand who wouldn't want to live next to the tank.

- **Brenda Shelton (Airport Road/District 5)** – She informed the Council that there is a building behind her house that has a generator running all night, causing her much stress and hardship for her and her mother. The owner of the building will not cushion the compressor to keep down the noise. She operates a pedicure salon in her home and lives with a mother with Alzheimer's, so this noise all night is a great nuisance to her.
  - Councilman Gilbert asked Ms. Shelton to stay after the meeting to talk to Administration about the outcome of the Land Development Office site visits to the building.
- **John Edwards (President, *Chattanooga News Chronicle*)** – He wanted to speak on behalf of the nonprofit organization, A Better Tomorrow and its founder, Richard Bennett. He stated that the city needs a point man like Richard Bennett, who “needs to get his stripes back.”
- **Chris Payne (Chattanooga)** – He also wanted to speak on behalf of A Better Tomorrow and the fact that Richard Bennett cares about at-risk youth. He spoke on his personal knowledge of Mr. Bennett's impact on kids.
- **Rodney Scott (Chattanooga)** – He spoke on Richard Bennett's work and impact with at-risk youth at the Alternative School in Washington Hills. He believes that Mr. Bennett can lead the charge in reduction of crime in the city because the city needs someone “in the trenches.”
- **Gary Singleton (Chattanooga)** – He spoke on how Richard Bennett helped make a change in his life and the lives of many other people who depend on him. He stated that Mr. Bennett is consistent and “always around.”
  - Councilman Gilbert thanked Mr. Singleton and all the speakers who came in support of A Better Tomorrow and Mr. Bennett. He stated that it meant a lot hearing from someone like Mr. Singleton, who went through the program.

## ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Councilman Henderson**, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**