



John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2019
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby called the meeting to order with Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford and Ken Smith. Valerie Malueg, Assistant City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present. Councilman Jerry Mitchell was not present at this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Ledford led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice-Chairman Henderson, the minutes of the last meeting (August 20, 2019) were approved as published.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

***Proclamation (“Tennessee Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration”)
By Councilpersons Darrin T. Ledford, Ken Smith and Carol Berz***

Council members Ledford, Smith and Berz made a special presentation to recognize and honor Abby Crawford Milton, a Chattanooga who played a significant role in the Tennessee women's suffrage movement that expanded across 72 years and three generations, and the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women across the nation the right to vote. Their presentation included a video from a broadcast news reel, detailing how the Tennessee General Assembly was deemed “The Perfect 36” when they voted to ratify the 19th amendment on August 18, 1921. On August 26, the amendment became law of the land giving suffrage to more than 27 million women.

Councilman Ledford also recognized Girl Scout Troop 40050 from Boyd Buchanan School that was in the Assembly today. He introduced their leader, Katie Morgan, and the four scouts: Sophie Morgan, Rebecca Clemmons, Macy Kate Richardson and Callie Sharp, all fifth graders.

Councilwoman Berz pointed out that there were men who took part in the Chattanooga men's suffrage committee, including L.P. Barnes, Finney Thomas, William R. Crabtree, Thomas Crutchfield, W.L. Frierson, J.B.F. Lowery, Leonidas D. Miller, Newell Sanders, the Reverend Wesley J. Smith, Judge Joe V. Williams and George Fort Milton (Abbey Crawford Milton's husband).

Councilwoman Berz read the names of the Chattanooga committee members: Mrs. L.P. Barnes, Francis Fort Brown, Mrs. Lewis Coleman, Mrs. Emilie B. Cope, Josephine and Margaret Irvin, Beverly Evans, Kate Ford, Zora Ford, Sarah Frazier, Dorothea Orwine, Mary Howard, Marie McPherson, Mrs. Catherine (C.J.) Wester, Mrs. E.W. Pentecost and Eleanor Coonrude.

Councilwoman Berz discussed *The Perfect 36*, a book giving a historical account of the women's suffrage movement in Tennessee. She discussed the Yellow Rose Society commissioning a sculpture to be placed in Centennial Park to recognize the women of the Tennessee suffrage movement. She discussed the diversity of the Yellow Rose Society and their mission to keep fighting for women's rights and helping people use their right to vote to represent their own ways of thinking.

In honor of Abby Crawford Milton and the Yellow Rose Society, Councilwoman Berz, with the help of the Girl Scouts, passed out yellow roses to women in the audience.

After which, Councilman Smith and Councilman Ledford read a proclamation [see attached] honoring Abby Crawford Milton. Councilman Ledford concluded the presentation by reading information from the www.tnwoman100.com website, describing Tennessee's year-long commemoration leading up to the national centennial in 2020. Lastly, Councilman Ledford thanked the Girl Scouts, Councilwoman Berz and Councilman Smith for joining him in making this special presentation.

[Councilman Ledford left the meeting momentarily.]

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

2019-097
Tommy Austin
Planning Version
District No. 5

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Vice-Chairman Henderson,

ORDINANCE #13492

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4261 SHALLOWFORD ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE.

John Bridger, Executive Director of Regional Planning, confirmed for Councilman Gilbert that the condition, "Warehousing and related uses," had been added to the ordinance since the first reading. Upon no further questions or comments, the motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

Alternate Version

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

ORDINANCE #13496

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLES II AND V, SECTIONS 38-2, 38-183(17), 38-305, 38-306, 38-323(5), 38-333(7), AND 38-341(10), RELATING TO OUTDOOR STORAGE AND MINI-WAREHOUSES.

ACTION: APPROVED

[Councilman Ledford returned to the meeting at this time.]

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2019-078
Shawn Matthews
Planning Version
District No. 3

ORDINANCE #13490

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES IN THE 5100 BLOCK OF HIGHWAY 58, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE.

Councilman Smith confirmed that there was one member of the Opposition present, so he asked to hear from that individual.

Opposition:

- **Carole Rogers** – She owns the property that is in question for rezoning. She came in opposition last time because of the property dispute, but that dispute has now been successfully resolved. The owners that the Applicant, Shawn Matthews, represents have signed and notarized a settlement agreement and released along with it a quitclaim deed. She indicated that it is now up to her and her husband to sign the same and that Mr. Matthews is holding those documents until tonight’s vote. Mr. Matthews met with the folks at the church. She did not know if any representatives from the church were present today, but believe what they told her: that they had a lot of questions and Mr. Matthews answered those questions satisfactorily.

Councilman Smith confirmed that there were representatives from the church here today. He then thanked the Applicant, Shawn Matthews, for taking the last two weeks to ensure that all the concerns of residents had been addressed. He commented on Mr. Matthews being a good neighbor by executing what was needed to be done in this matter. Therefore, **Councilman Smith moved** to approve, seconded by Councilman Ledford. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #30047

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW WITH CHATTANOOGA GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1815 E. MAIN STREET, TAX MAP NO. 156B-D-009, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, AT THE RATE OF \$1.00 PER YEAR, FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF PROGRAMS THROUGH THE CHATTANOOGA FURNITURE BANK.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice-Chairman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #30048

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CODES DIVISION, TO RENEW AGREEMENTS WITH GRASS BUSTER LAWN MAINTENANCE AND AB PROPERTY PRESERVATION FOR PROPERTY ABATEMENT SERVICES FOR THE FIRST OF TWO OPTIONAL RENEWAL TERMS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #30049

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DONATIONS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC ART TO THE CITY FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION NO. 27449, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,720.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #30050

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENTS OF MICHAEL MALLEN AND TRAVIS LYTTLE TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #30051

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO APPLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM WHICH RUNS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$92,576.00 FOR THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$41,592.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$134,168.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #30052

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. E-16-006-202 TO TRADEBE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, FORMER LUPTON CITY MILL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,150.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$24,500.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$269,650.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #30053

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR JDH COMPANY, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. Y-18-002-201, REPLACEMENT ROOFING SYSTEM FOR HERITAGE HOUSE BUILDING, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$8,020.80, TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$11,979.20, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$175,237.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #30054

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 30019 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. Y-18-004-201 TO TRI-STATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS, LLC OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, REPLACEMENT ROOFING SYSTEM FOR BRAINERD YFD CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,369.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$6,500.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,869.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #30055

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. C-16-005-201 TO INTEGRATED PROPERTIES, LLC OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, CITY YARDS CARPENTER SHOP AND WATER QUALITY STORAGE BUILDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$235,428.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,500.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$258,928.00.

Councilman Ledford noted this was in Chairman Oglesby's district. **The motion carried, with Councilman Gilbert voting "Nay."**

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #30056

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BLANKET CONTRACT NO. D-19-002-201 TO TOWER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF CHATTANOOGA, TN AND STONE WORKS CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF NASHVILLE, TN, FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES FOR ECD, FOR YEAR ONE (1) OF A THREE (3) YEAR BLANKET, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #30057

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 29840 ENTITLED, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A CASH GRANT FROM THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S EXPANSION OF THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$913,200.00," TO ACCEPT A CASH GRANT FROM THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S EXPANSION OF THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$943,200.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #30058

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A ONE TIME AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL OF MAYORS AMERICAN BEVERAGE FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY AMERICA FOR CHILDHOOD OBESITY PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

RESOLUTION #30059

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO ACCEPT A ONE TIME AWARD FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR A TWO-GENERATION APPROACH GRANT FOR THE LEADING THE WAY UPWARD PLAYBOOK FOR THE UPWARD MOBILITY PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$456,065.80.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #30060

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN CHATTANOOGA (YMCA) AND THE HIXSON PIKE AQUATIC CENTER.

Councilman Smith asked Janet Dunn, YMCA President, to explain this matter. She discussed the agreement automatically terminating in 2030, but was not being utilized to the full extent. She explained serving their members better by putting them on full memberships. She also confirmed for Councilman Smith that they had a list of regular users and planned to communicate the changes to those members. Upon no further questions or comments, **the motion carried, with Councilman Gilbert voting "Nay" and Chairman Oglesby abstaining.**

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

R187449 Department of Youth & Family Development Total Purchase \$28,000.00

Purchase - Lexia Core5 Reading Student Subscription Renewal –

Department of Youth & Family Development

Lowest/Best Bidder: Lexia Learning Systems, LLC
300 Baker Avenue, Suite 320
Concord, MA 01742

PO546017 & PO546018 Mayor's Office Total Estimated \$135,000.00 Annually

Two (2) Blanket Contract Renewals - Printing Services –

City Wide - Purchasing Division - Mayor's Office

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Diversified Companies, LLC 3721 Powers Court Chattanooga, TN 37416
2. Envelopes & Printed Products, Inc 135 Fairvies Avenue Prospect Park, NJ 07508

PO535197 Mayor's Office Estimated \$150,000.00 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal - Newspaper & Online

Advertising - City Wide - Purchasing Division - Mayor's Office

Lowest/Best Bidder: Chattanooga Times Free Press
400 East 11th Street
Chattanooga, TN 37403

PO549699 Information Technology Department Estimated \$500,000.00 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal - Facility Security Equipment,

Systems, and Services - Information Technology Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Convergent Technologies
4395 Nicole Drive
Lanham, MD 20706

R186356 Public Works Department Estimated \$2,500,000.00 Annually

New Blanket Contract - Ford Sedans, SUV's,

Vans & Light Trucks - Fleet Management Division –

Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford of Dalton
925 Shugart Road
Dalton, GA 30722

R187316 Public Works Department

Estimated \$500,000.00 Annually

Two (2) New Blanket Contracts - Electric Motors & Pumps Services - Waste Resources Division – Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidders:

- 1. Remco 1066 N. Hall Road Alcoa, TN 37701
- 2. Chattanooga Armature Works 1209 E. 23rd Street Chattanooga, TN 37408

PO550986 & PO550987 Public Works Department

Total Estimate \$250,000.00 Annually

Two (2) Blanket Contract Renewals – Bypass Pumping Equipment - Waste Resources Division – Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidders:

- 1. Rain for Rent - 5101 Office Park Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309
- 2. Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. - 84 Floodgate Road, Bridgeport, NJ 08014

PO545892 Public Works Department

Estimated \$85,000.00 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal - Wrecker/Towing & Recovery Services - Fleet Management Division – Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Mostellers Wrecker Inc.
2415 East Main Street
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Regarding R187449, Vice-Chairman Henderson reminded the Assembly that this Lexia contract had been deferred so that Councilwoman Coonrod, Chair of the YFD Committee, could get certain information. Councilwoman Coonrod asked Lurone “Coach” Jennings, YFD Administrator, to affirm information about Lexia. Discussion ensued with Mr. Jennings on the following: outcomes of the Lexia program, the sound-symbol system of Lexia, constituent complaints about the program and reading assistance through YFD’s Office of Family Empowerment. During discussion, Mr. Jennings offered to provide usage data for all centers using Lexia.

Regarding large-dollar blanket agreements coming before the Council for approval, Councilman Ledford asked Ms. Woodward to explain large blanket contract renewals again.

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, all purchases were approved.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Labor Event

Councilman Gilbert invited everyone to the 1st Annual Chattanooga Labor Day Parade & Picnic on this Saturday, August 31, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will include a parade from Cherry Street to Coolidge Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee
Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Human Resources Committee
Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will meet next week (September 3) after the 3:00 Agenda Session.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Smith
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee
(Councilman Mitchell not present)

- Chairman Oglesby announced a Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting next week after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session.

Youth and Family Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- She felt like there was a committee meeting today, with Mr. Jennings addressing all concerns about the Lexia program.

Legislative Committee
Vice-Chairman Henderson
(No report)

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

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

- **Christopher Dahl** (E. 12th St.) - He is for keeping tax dollars local and wanted to address tax dollars being allocated towards projects that never happen until a few years afterwards. He opposes money being allocated towards projects, then new money allocated towards side projects. He believes that hindering criticism of government or public officials is against people's First Amendment rights. To address the first issue, he keeps noticing projects being outsourced instead of staying local. He indicated that even though the City funds nonprofits to promote local projects, the majority do not see any

benefit from these tax dollars. It is not being reinvested into our economy by these project payouts because of the company taking back the money to their home base or home city. Second, he wanted to address several projects that could result in city claims. The city allocates funding for these projects. He believes the projects are never furnished unless it benefits the developer and then new funds are allocated for these projects that were to have already been completed. Lastly, he wanted to speak on the criticism of government political dissatisfaction and advocate advocacy of unpopular ideas, with people against public policy are almost always safeguarded in the recent past. He sees censors trying to claim civility and trying to use the power of the state to impose their view of what is truthful, appropriate, offensive or objectionable. Censors want to control the narrative with lip service for those that need clarification. He believes that censorship is the suppression of ideas and information that certain persons, groups or government officials find objectionable or dangerous; that it is no more complicated than someone saying "Don't let anybody read this book" or "buy that magazine" or "view that film". He believes that when a citizen truly wishes to make a public criticism, the chair should recognize a citizen's right to do, so keep an ear turn for the difference between an attack and criticism, and keep a cool head to avoid turning criticism into a personal attack. He noted that, at the end of the day, elected officials who feel the need to be protected from public criticism might want to consider another way to serve the public.

- **Marie Mott** (Oak Grove) – She began by reading a quote by the poet Maya Angelou identifying courage as the most important virtue. Ms. Mott informed the Council that the suffragists of the South were uninterested in fighting discrimination against women who suffered racial and gender discrimination. She quoted Rosalyn Terborg-Penn (author of African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920) who observed black males being disenfranchised within 20 years of the ratification of the 15th Amendment. She noted that black women had lost the right to vote in less than a decade, and that it would take another half-century and a new suffragette campaign with black women in the forefront before the community was fully-enfranchised through the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That happened after her grandmothers and grandfathers were born. She pointed out a picture that says "I am a man," and informed the Council that this is exactly what people fought for. She believes it is very harmful to look at history from only a certain perspective. She believes we do ourselves a disservice in moving forward if we gleam about victories when we know throughout history that various others are left out of the process, but do not acknowledge history in its totality. She sees how this council can continuously make the decisions that would exclude African Americans from upward mobility in the city. She is always here to tell the truth and practice the virtue of courage consistently and that is not saying what people believe is popular or even what people like but having a perspective that always acknowledges the truth of historical outcomes and the truth of how the future of the City of Chattanooga should carry on forward. She looks forward to continuing to practice her virtues. She knows that sometimes the truth hurts and sometimes people do not look at the past and relax what we going with the future but some of the stuff she said most of it is true but all thing we can do now is move forward and make this world better that's all we can do.
- **Sylvester Harris** (Curtis St.) - He is proud to see the Council moving forward with the committee in which he has been appointed and thanked Councilman Byrd for the appointment. He sees the problem with the Sheriff's Department since the Sheriff's Department governs Chattanooga and sometime the City has joint ventures with the Sheriff Department. He wanted to know how the committee will govern that part when there is a joint partnership and there is an infraction. He indicated that Hamilton County is governed different, even though they have authority in Chattanooga, so he wanted to know is whether there is need for oversight. He cited the example of his former principal, C.B. Robinson and times when he was sent to the principal's office for misbehaving. Mr.

Robinson would allow him to explain what happened, then would make a decision with his discipline. He was never suspended ever in his life but sometimes people were suspended and sometimes expelled from their school. Oversight is a part of life. He feels it is a shame to have to appoint councils to tell grown people when they are wrong. He also wanted to encourage Mr. Jennings to keep doing what he's doing at YFD. He hates seeing a kid who can play basketball well but cannot even read his contract, which means he will not be treated fairly when he gets there. He believes we have to do certain things to make these kids do what they got to do. He believes that when we talk about oversight with the police, if we get kids reading and understanding things better, then they will have a lot outstanding help. They will feel better about themselves. He believes they will do better in society and not doing things they should not be doing. They feel a whole lot better if they can read, write, spell and do math, and can go farther in life. Otherwise, they are doomed to a lot of negativity. He believes that the city must do better and find better tools and counter-tools to get kids right.

- **Esther Suggs Forbes** (Drake Forest) – She is spokesperson for the Drake Forest Community. Her neighbor, Marlena Russell, came before the Council last Tuesday, August 20, as the lead spokesperson for Drake Forest Community. Ms. Russell requested that Drake Forest be considered for repaving of streets after receiving an email denying that request. On Sunday, August 25, Drake Forest Community received another email and documentation from Blythe Bailey, CDOT Administrator. In that email, Mr. Bailey mentioned that the pavement management prioritization methodology is the road map for various contracts and our prior to how they prioritize and use the road map to know which streets need paved. She would like to know how to get on that priority list. She distributed pictures of the streets in Drake Forest to the Council. She read then read an excerpt of the email that Mr. Russell received on behalf of the Drake Forest Community. The email explained that the streets are experiencing all kinds of distress and need of repairs, many of which can be repaired by city crews. The service request response shows that the problem is not appropriate for city crews to address because it does not reflect an immediate safety or property damage hazard, or because it is a bigger repair than the crews have the capability to address. In such cases, those are passed along to CDOT and are filed for a reference each year for their paving list. Mr. Russell also provided invoices from where he had to have his personal car realigned twice in one year and attributed that to the condition of the streets. Ms. Forbes noted that Drake Forest may have not been repaved for 40 years in the discussions that they had last Tuesday with the CDOT administrator and Councilman Ledford. The community might not see repaving for another 20 to 30 years because of the city's methodology of prioritization method. Drake Forest does not feel that the city's method is working nor does it reflect a fair and impartial use of contracts specifically designed to ensure the maximum long-term maintenance of city streets. She informed the Council that Drake Forest has been reaching out to all neighbors and have created a petition that will be presented to the Mayor's Office. They have shared the documentation submitted by Ms. Russell with a Drake Forest resident who is also an attorney. That resident will review the information and address that in the very near future. She asked that the subdivision be completely repaved. Ms. Forbes indicated that she would twist her ankle trying to walk on certain parts of the street.
 - Councilwoman Coonrod was concerned with the condition of the roads shown on the pictures distributed by Ms. Forbes. She commented about these being tax-paying citizens who needed paving done on their roads. She commented on how shameful the pictures were and how those conditions must have messed up people's cars.
 - Blythe Bailey, Transportation Administrator, spoke with Ms. Russell last week, who was present in the Assembly. He directed CDOT staff to go out there, so they are

aware of the road conditions. He plans to go out there himself to take a look. He informed the Council that CDOT is working as hard as they can to get to every street in bad condition.

- Councilwoman Coonrod insisted that something be done rather than saying they will look into it.
- Vice-Chairman Henderson reminded the Council that it takes five votes during budget time to get more money for paving.
- **Napoleon Williams** (Chattanooga) – He became a police officer in 1964. Booker Turner hired six black officers at one time. Two of them, himself and one other, made history: he, as the first black detective, and Chief Cochran, the first black police chief. Today, they sent up Walter Maples, age 91. He described working conditions when Mr. Maples was an officer. He attended the home going of two of his brothers at Second Baptist Church. There was no honor guard there. One day he hopes will bury him and give him his flowers. Arthur Lewis was buried at the National Cemetery, but no one was there from the city except him. He attended a home going of James “Spookie” Jackson, Sr., who retired from CPD after 27 years of service. He called Mr. Jackson a “great detective.” He indicated that there was no honor guard there. He intends to spend his last days working on the efforts to honor his fellow officers, putting forth the same energy he spent helping to get John P. Franklin elected to the Board of Education.
 - Councilwoman Coonrod offered her condolences to Mr. Williams on the passing of Mr. Jackson. Mr. Williams indicated that he had spoken to Senator Gardenhire about a bill regarding the honoring of officers. Mr. Williams hopes to get it to committee at the State.
- **Ronnie Ray** (Pan Gap Road) – He wanted to speak about something that he read in the newspaper about Patton Parkway. He informed the Council that World War II veterans and their families are concerned with the renewal of the parkway. He believes the project has been sold as a renovation project designed to reflect our city’s past and promote the city’s innovative future. He indicated that nothing more accurately reflects the city’s past than the sacrifice of approximately 700 names that are listed on these monuments alongside proud United States Marines in the American Legion Post that were recognized on monuments at Patton Parkway. He informed the Council that veterans deserve to be heard on the monuments since the end of 2020 is the target date for placing the monuments at their new location. To this date, he does not understand that a Veterans Committee has been tasked with the responsibility of placing the monuments in their new, yet to be determined, site. He does not know if the committee is looking at the art, but it resembled metal trees to him. He confessed that art does not “wow” him, but he is able to see the value in someone’s talents in this redo project. He encouraged the Council to seek a stay-in-place request for these monuments to show that Chattanooga will always honor our veterans and their sacrifice all across our great city in not designating one small acre as a token of recognition of our nation’s fighting force.
 - Councilman Byrd thanked Mr. Ray for coming to voice his concerns about Patton Parkway. He asked to speak with Mr. Ray after the meeting and get some information so that he can look Mr. Ray into the process of what’s happening. He would like to add Mr. Ray to an email list so that information may be passed along to other concerned residents.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attachment:
Proclamation – Abby Crawford Milton



Chattanooga City Council Proclamation

Whereas, Abby Crawford Milton moved from her hometown of Milledgeville, Georgia to Chattanooga after marrying newspaper publisher George Fort Milton, received a law degree from the Chattanooga College of Law, and chose to use her legal training and impressive writing and oratory skills to advocate for equal rights for women, and

Whereas, Abby Crawford Milton rose to leadership roles in Chattanooga and Tennessee and in 1919 was elected the president of the Tennessee Women's Suffrage Association, and in 1920 as the first president of the League of Women Voters of Tennessee, known while in office for traveling across the state, often with her three young daughters accompanying her, to organize suffrage leagues in small communities, and

Whereas, during the height of the 1920 battle for the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, Abby Crawford Milton spent the entire month of August in Nashville lobbying members of the Tennessee General Assembly to secure pro-suffrage votes, and as a result of the League and other women's groups' actions, the Tennessee State Legislature ratified the Nineteenth Amendment on August 18, 1920, providing the 'Perfect 36,' the final state vote required for national ratification, and

Whereas, the Chattanooga City Council commemorates the historic legacy of Abby Crawford Milton, and celebrates her memory with the passage of this proclamation.

Now Therefore,

We, Darrin Ledford, Ken Smith, and Dr. Carol Berz, Councilmembers of the Chattanooga City Council, do hereby recognize and honor the legacy and inspirational work of

ABBY CRAWFORD MILTON

in the cause of Tennessee Women's Suffrage.

DARRIN LEDFORD
Councilman, District 4

KEN SMITH
Councilman, District 3

CAROL BERZ
Councilwoman, District 6