



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes
Chattanooga, Tennessee

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2020
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order by electronic means. A quorum was present via electronic means that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Also attending via electronic means were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of this meeting may be viewed [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Smith led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (May 19, 2020) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

MR-2020-037
Maverick Development Group
District No. 4

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

ORDINANCE #13556

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT IN THE 8000-8200 BLOCK OF SHALLOWFORD ROAD ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT TAX MAP NO. 149N-A-007 THRU 010, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

ORDINANCE #13557

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13473, KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE” SO AS TO APPROPRIATE \$70,000.00 TO THE CHATTANOOGA ZOO FOR OPERATING EXPENSES DUE TO CLOSURE AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-06 TO CLOSE AS PRECAUTION DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC WHEREIN FUNDS ARE REALLOCATED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #30358

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS OF A 2.94 ACRE PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 136C-A-002.01 IN THE 2000 BLOCK OF CURTAIN POLE ROAD AND ENTERING INTO A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA AREA FOOD BANK, INC., A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, AND TO EXECUTE ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEADING A NETWORK OF PARTNERS IN ELIMINATING HUNGER AND PROMOTING BETTER NUTRITION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #30359

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT TO THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR 2020 ASSESSMENT DUES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,211.54 AND THE REGIONAL TOURISM INITIATIVE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,211.54.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next five resolutions for one roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #30360

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO EXTEND AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE A 24 HOUR NURSE LINE, A HIGH TECH IMAGING PROGRAM, A MATERNITY PROGRAM, A VOLUNTARY VISION PLAN, AND A WELLNESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES ONLY AT THE RATE OF \$28.27 PER ACTIVE EMPLOYEE PER MONTH AND A RATE OF \$27.71 PER RETIRED EMPLOYEE PER MONTH FOR THE FIRST OF TWO (2) OPTIONAL RENEWAL TERMS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AT THE APPROXIMATE ANNUAL COST OF \$1.2 MILLION.

RESOLUTION #30361

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA TO PROVIDE ACTIVE CITY EMPLOYEES WITH TWO (2) PPO DENTAL PLAN OPTIONS AND ONE (1) HMO DENTAL PLAN WHEREIN DENTAL OPTIONS FOR RETIREES WILL CONSIST OF BOTH A PPO AND AN HMO PLAN OPTION, FOR A CONTRACT TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND INCLUDES TWO (2) OPTIONAL ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS BASED UPON AN APPROXIMATE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE PAID COST OF \$1,350,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30362

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO RENEW PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT NO. 553987 WITH GALLAGHER BENEFITS SERVICE, INC. FOR THE FIRST AND FINAL RENEWAL OPTION THROUGH MAY 2021 WITH AN INCREASED AMOUNT FOR IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT OF \$60,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30363

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO EXTEND AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE HARTFORD TO PROVIDE PENSION LONG TERM DISABILITY (LTD) INSURANCE AT THE RATE OF \$0.48 PER \$100.00 OF COVERED SALARY AND A FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) LEAVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE AT THE RATE OF \$1.85 PER EMPLOYEE PER MONTH AND WILL OFFER CITY EMPLOYEES VOLUNTARY SHORT TERM DISABILITY (STD) INSURANCE FOR THE SECOND OF TWO (2) OPTIONAL RENEWAL TERMS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AT THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$820,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30364

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO EXTEND AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH UNUM GROUP TO PROVIDE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AT THE RATE OF \$0.119 PER \$1,000.00 OF COVERED SALARY AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D) INSURANCE AT THE RATE OF \$0.119 PER \$1,000.00 AND WILL OFFER CITY EMPLOYEES VOLUNTARY LIFE AND (AD&D) INSURANCE FOR A SECOND OF TWO (2) OPTIONAL RENEWAL TERMS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AT THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$578,000.00.

Councilman Gilbert moved to approve the group of resolutions. He was seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod. The motion carried upon unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30360 – 30364 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #30365

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO EXTEND AND INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER NO. 552562 WITH RACE FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORK WITH GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUITY (GARE) FOR CONSULTATIVE SERVICES, TRAINING, AND A RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN FOR CHATTANOOGA CITY GOVERNMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$112,990.00.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #30366

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BJA CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 20, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2022, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$374,730.00.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #30367

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR P&C CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. R-18-004-201, THE SCRAMBLE INTERACTIVE STREETScape ON 1ST STREET, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$157,292.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$990,398.55, PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$99,040.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,089,438.55.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next three resolutions for one roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #30368

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT NO. E-16-001-401, ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACTS FOR RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES (RPR) FOR YEAR FIVE (5) OF FIVE (5) WITH (1) WOODS ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, INC.; (2) ARCADIS, US, INC.; (3) ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC.; (4) BARGE SOLUTIONS; (5) CD TECHNICAL SERVICES; (6) CTI ENGINEERS, INC.; (7) MCGILL ASSOCIATES, P.A.; (8) S&ME, INC.; (9) THOMPSON ENGINEERING, INC.; (10) VAUGHN & MELTON CONSULTING ENGINEERS; AND (11) VOLKERT, INC., FOR YEAR FIVE (5) OF A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM, WITHIN THESE ELEVEN (11) PROFESSIONAL FIRMS ESTIMATED AT \$1,250,000.00 TOTAL ANNUALLY, FOR USE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS.

RESOLUTION #30369

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YEAR FOUR (4) OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM FOR THE ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT(S) FOR GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. E-16-007-301, WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS: (1) GEOSERVICES, LLC; (2) K.S. WARE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC; (3) S&ME, INC.; (4) STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.; (5) TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.; AND (6) THOMPSON ENGINEERING, INC.; BASED ON THE THREE (3) SERVICES CATEGORIES OF GEOTECHNICAL, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES THAT EACH CONSULTANT QUALIFIED FOR, WITH AN ANNUALLY NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30370

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENEW YEAR TWO (2) OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM FOR THE BLANKET CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CONTINUING ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ASBESTOS, LEAD, INDOOR AIR QUALITY, AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS, CONTRACT NO. E-19-002-301, FOR THE FOLLOWING EIGHT (8) REFERENCED CONSULTANT FIRMS, WITH AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

Councilman Mitchell moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Ledford. The motion carried upon unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30368 – 30370 ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next two resolutions for one roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #30371

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. E-20-008-201 TO CROWDER GULF OF THEODORE, AL, FOR DISASTER DEBRIS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT, FOR A CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$447,540.00.

RESOLUTION #30372

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. E-20-009-201 TO TETRA TECH, INC. OF MAITLAND, FL, FOR DISASTER DEBRIS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL MONITORING CONTRACT, FOR A CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$168,410.00.

Councilman Ledford moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Oglesby. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30371 & 30372 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Anthony Sammons, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council via electronic means on the following proposed purchases:

R197304 City Wide Services Division, Public Works **\$2,500,000.00**
Refuse & Recyclables Transport Services
Lowest/Best Bidder: Santek Waste Services dba Waste Services of Tennessee, LLC
650 25th Street NW, Suite 100
Cleveland, TN 37311

R197921 City Wide Services Division, Public Works \$25,000.00
 Biohazard Removal & Disposal Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: ServPro of Chattanooga
 9028 Jetrail Drive
 Ooltewah, TN 37363

R198204 City Wide Services Division, Public Works \$30,000.00
 Tree Planting Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Davis Kee Outdoor, LLC
 P.O. Box 15395
 Chattanooga, TN 37415

R195987Facilities Management Division, Public Works \$210,000.00
 Card Access Security System Support Services & Parts
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Gallaher & Associates, Inc
 155 Hunt Drive
 Rossville, GA 30741

R195983 & R195983 - Facilities Management Division, Public Works
 Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies
 Lowest/Best Bidders:
 1. American Paper & Twine Company - 2134 Amnicola Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37406 - \$90,000.00
 2. Staples - 408 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Suite 450, Knoxville, TN 37923 - \$40,000.00

R197090 Youth and Family Development- Head Start Division \$55,000.00
 Diapers and Wipes
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Diapers 4 Less, Inc
 13460 60TH PL N #110
 Plymouth, MN 55446

Councilman Gilbert moved to have a separate vote on R197304 because he is waiting on further information on the quotes. He was seconded by Councilman Byrd. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

With R197304 not under consideration at this time, **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve all other purchases. She was seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

Councilman Mitchell moved to approve R197304. There was no second. Chairman Henderson ruled that the motion failed due to a lack of second.

Discussion ensued with Justin Holland, Public Works Administrator, who sought clarity on the questions that Councilman Gilbert needed answered about R197304.

Councilman Byrd moved to table R197304. He was seconded by Councilwoman Berz. The motion carried (6-3) upon roll call vote as follows:

Berz	Yes	Mitchell	No
Byrd	Yes	Oglesby	No
Coonrod	Yes	Smith	Yes
Gilbert	Yes	Henderson	No
Ledford	Yes		

YES – Six (6); NO – Three (3)

Further discussion ensued with Mr. Holland about the current contract expiring soon and the need to return equipment to the current vendor. He stressed the need for a contract to meet the needs detailed in R197304.

ACTION: R197304 TABLED; ALL OTHER PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Free COVID-19 Testing

Councilman Byrd thanked District 8 for coming out for COVID-19 testing by Cempa Community Care at the Avondale YFD Center. There were 380 people tested.

Councilman Oglesby thanked everyone for participating in the COVID-19 testing last Friday. Over 200 people were tested at La Paz. Testing at the Chattanooga Housing Authority's Family Sites were also well-attended. He also thanked Olivet Baptist Church and the National Guard for their assistance.

Councilwoman Coonrod announced the "Crush the Curve" free COVID-19 testing taking place on tomorrow, May 27, at New Hope from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Anyone needing transportation to the event may call Tri-City at (423) 544-1008.

Pending Legislation

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Attorney Noblett to confirm three pieces of legislation that she is sponsoring: National League's Essential City resolution; Universal Vote by Mail resolution; and Paid Sick Leave resolution. Attorney Noblett confirmed that drafts are being prepared for committee. Chairman Henderson assigned the Essential City and Universal Vote by Mail resolutions to the Legislative Committee.

Small Business Disaster Loans

Councilman Ledford informed everyone that the deadline for the SBA Disaster Loans is June 23, 2020. He will post information about the program on his Facebook page.

[Editor's Note: Committee announcements made by Councilman Gilbert and Vice-Chairman Smith during the "Other Business" section are recorded below in the "Committee Reports" section.]

Brainerd YFD Mural

Councilman Gilbert announced a community zoom meeting on tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the mural project at the Brainerd YFD Center. The meeting host will be Robert Schreane.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting on two items: Employee Compensation and Agency Funding. This virtual meeting had close to 100 people in attendance.
- The Budget Education Session will discuss the Capital Projects and Paving next week.
- The public hearing on the FY21 Proposed Budget will be announced next week.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Oglesby

(No report)

Human Resources Committee

Councilman Gilbert reported:

- The committee will meet online next week, June 2, following the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

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

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting online and will meet again in two weeks (June 9).

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith reported:

- The committee will meet online in two weeks. Attorney Noblett will send the pieces of legislation for the Council's review.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(View the video of this section of the agenda [here.](#))

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Name (Street, City, District):	Primary Topic:
• Randy Miller (Hanover St./District 2)	Dangerous motorcycle activity in North Shore <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, will speak with Chief Roddy to ensure the

	<p>concerns have been heard. She will report back to the Council next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councilman Mitchell informed the Council that an online petition may be coming from the community concerning this problem.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie Mott (Lindbrook Ave./District 8) 	<p>Discussing Lincoln Park matters without inviting Lincoln Park representatives</p>

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Oglesby, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL