



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes
Chattanooga, Tennessee

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2020
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order by electronic means. A quorum of eight was present via electronic means that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Councilman Jerry Mitchell was present at this meeting. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Henderson led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (November 10, 2020) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the final reading ordinances for one Council vote.

2020-0119
Billy R. Ramsey
Planning Version
District No. 3

ORDINANCE #13616

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITIONS FROM ORDINANCE NO. 9816 OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 1990-098 FROM PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5390 HIXSON PIKE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.

2020-0121
ASA Engineering c/o Allen Jones
Planning Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13617

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1706 AND 1710 HOLTZCLAW AVENUE, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

2020-0144
Ballard Development, LLC
Planning Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13618

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1500 AND 1502 EAST 13TH STREET, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2020-0113
Jarvis Copeland
Planning Version
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #13619

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1603 WHEELER AVENUE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

2020-0125
RHM, LLC c/o Raun Swafford
Planning Version
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #13620

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2543 OCOEE STREET, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve all five ordinances. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 13616 - 13620 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the next four ordinances for one Council vote.

MR-2020-0118
Billy R. Ramsey
District No. 3

ORDINANCE #13621

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON OLD LONGVIEW DRIVE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MR-2020-0135
Jason Davis, Phaltless, Inc.
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13622

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON SCOTT STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MR-2020-0145
Bryant Black, Collier Construction
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #13623

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE 1800 BLOCK OF SOUTH WATKINS STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MR-2020-0132
Campbell Lewis, SSP Lucey LLC
Districts 8 & 9

ORDINANCE #13624

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING MULTIPLE RIGHT-OF-WAYS: (1) PART OF THE 900 BLOCK OF BLUFF STREET; (2) PART OF THE 700 BLOCK OF BLUFF STREET; (3) PART OF THE 1300 BLOCK OF ANDERSON AVENUE; (4) PART OF THE 1300 BLOCK UNNAMED ALLEY; AND (5) PORTIONS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE 1300 BLOCK OF ANDERSON AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve all four ordinances on first reading. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2020-0133
Campbell Lewis, SSP Lucey LLC
District No. 9

Agenda Item VI(e):

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE UNOPENED 700 AND 800 BLOCKS OF BLUFF STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to defer one week to November 24, 2020. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO NOVEMBER 24, 2020

MR-2020-0134
Campbell Lewis, SSP Lucey LLC
District No. 9

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #13625

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE 1300 BLOCK OF VANCE AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #30557

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR STEVEN BILLINGSLEY D/B/A BILLINGSLEY/ARCHITECTURE RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. P-18-001-101, LIMITED RENOVATIONS AT POLICE ANNEX, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$19,411.81, FOR A REVISED AMOUNT OF \$55,811.81.

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Oglesby and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #30558

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FLEET DIVISION, TO APPLY FOR AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION OFFICE OF ENERGY PROGRAMS TO PURCHASE MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS POWERED BY ALTERNATIVE FUELS, WITH THE CITY’S MATCHING SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$319,079, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,269,494.00.

The motion carried (7-1) upon roll call vote as follows:

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

YES - Seven (7); NO - One (1)

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

Waste Resources Division, Public Works \$77,700.00
 Flowserve Impeller and wear ring
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Carter & VerPlanck, Inc.
 4910 W Cypress Street
 Tampa, FL, 33607

R195993 Facilities Management Division, Public Works \$50,000.00
 Trash Can Liners
 Lowest/Best Bidders:
 1. Central Poly Bag Corporation - 2400 Bedle Place, Linden, NJ 07036
 2. Hamilton Plastics, Inc - P.O. Box 16579, Chattanooga, TN 37416

Councilman Ledford moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Oglesby. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Emergency Purchases

Mr. Sammons also informed the Council of the following emergency purchases:

Date	Dept	Description	Supplier	Explanation	Event Type
11/6/20	Mayor's Office	Homeless Housing Covid-19	Salvation Army	PO# 559515 \$40,000.00 related to MOU effective 10/1/20 to provide a temporary isolation facility for homeless Chattanooga residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 to prevent spread. Term is 30 days with 6 possible 30-day extensions.	COVID
11/16/20	Mayor's Office	Covid Testing	Cempa Community Care	PO# 559557 \$66,000.00 to allow Cempa Community Care to continue COVID-19 testing at two (2) sites for three (3) months -- one site at Alleo Health System and one site at La Paz on Bailey Avenue, or if deemed appropriate, a mobile unit that will be able to be deployed to neighborhoods of exceptional need in a time-sensitive manner. Cempa has been one of the City's most valued testing partners since the pandemic began, and with COVID-19 cases, deaths, and hospitalizations now reaching their worst levels ever, it is critical that free testing continue to be available to some of the city's most vulnerable populations. The City of Chattanooga is an appropriate funder for these services as these sites will serve city residents almost exclusively and no other sources of private, state, or federal funding appear to be available for Cempa at this time.	COVID

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Appointments (2)

Councilman Gilbert moved to reappoint Jimmy F. Rodgers, Jr. to the Industrial Development Board for District 5. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

Councilwoman Berz appointed Kia Ruffin to represent District 6 on the Office of Multicultural Affairs Advisory Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The third and final community engagement session for BFO took place last night. The results will be compiled soon.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee will meet next week (November 24) about the status of the skate park.

Human Resources Committee

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford

(No report)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Byrd reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and heard from the Police Advisory and Review Committee's chair about the work the committee is doing. He also thanked everyone for their participation and work on the committee.

Public Works and Transportation Committee

(Councilman Mitchell not present)

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- YFD is asking Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, to draft a resolution to pass hazard pay for municipal employees.

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith

(No report)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

***Proclamation Honoring Dennis "Buck" Saunders
Read by Chairman Henderson
on behalf of Councilman Mitchell***

Chairman Henderson read the following proclamation:

Whereas, Dennis "Buck" Saunders, Jr. has retired after 56 years of dedicated service to the City of Chattanooga. He started working at the city in November of 1964. His official retirement date was November 2, 2020. Buck's father, two brothers, and a brother-in-law also worked for the city. Altogether, Buck's family has over 130 years of service to the City.

Whereas, Buck has been recognized by several past mayors for his excellence and professionalism. In 2015, he was presented the Murphy Snoderly Award, which is given to a public works employee who has rendered outstanding service at the operational level. In that same year, he was named Tennessee Chapter American Public Works Association Public Works Employee of the Year.

Whereas, Buck always gave 100-percent every day to serve his fellow employees and the community. Buck was always willing to lend a hand, even donating most of his personal leave to fellow employees.

Whereas, Buck is married to his wife, Sheila. He also has one son, Kevin Richardson.

Whereas, the City of Chattanooga's Department of Public Works will surely miss Buck's daily presence at the plant, but will forever remember and be motivated by the enduring impact he has made in the department and the City. Buck is a shining example of what it means to be a dedicated employee!

Now Therefore,

I, Jerry Mitchell, Councilman of the Chattanooga City Council,
do hereby recognize, honor, and thank

DENNIS "BUCK" SAUNDERS, JR.

for his 56 years of service to the citizens of Chattanooga

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th Day of November 2020.

Jerry Mitchell
Councilman, District 2
Chair, Public Works and
Transportation Committee

Jeffrey Rose, Director of the Waste Resources Division, made comments about Mr. Saunders' contributions to the Department of Public Works. Mr. Saunders joined the meeting to express his thanks and comment on his years of service.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chairman Henderson confirmed that there were no registered speakers for tonight. Therefore, this portion of the agenda was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Berz, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

[Editor's Note: Any person may join the electronic-conducted meetings of the Chattanooga City Council at the scheduled time by visiting online at council.chattanooga.gov.]

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL