



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2022
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Smith led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Chattanooga Chapters of the National Black Police Association & International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

Councilwoman Berz made opening remarks about community outreach being done by these two Chattanooga chapters. The following representatives addressed the Council on the recent Juneteenth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: Sgt. Jason Holmes (CPD), Sgt. David Young (CPD), Firefighter Allen Green (CFD), and Retired CFD Capt. David Brooks. They also displayed photos from the tournament. Mr. Holmes also announced a Back-to-School Bash they are co-sponsoring on August 6 at the Shepherd Community Center and plans for a Fire & Life Safety event at The Bethel Christian Academy. Police Chief Celeste Murphy was present and expressed her appreciation for the community outreach events of both associations and discussed the importance of such events. Councilpersons Berz, Coonrod, Hester, Ledford, Noel, and Smith also expressed their appreciation to the presenters.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (July 26, 2022) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13874

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, BY ADDING ARTICLE XVI, CHATTANOOGA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF FAMILY EMPOWERMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2022-0097

ASA Engineering c/o Allen Jones

Planning Commission Version

District No. 4

ORDINANCE #13875

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 7500 BLOCK OF STANDIFER GAP ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Allen Jones, ASA Engineering, was present for the Applicant, but did not wish to make comments on this rezoning request. Chairman Ledford allowed Mr. Hugh Gardner of Twinbrooke Drive, located behind the proposed project, to tell the conditions that the Opposition would accept with this rezoning:

- *Limiting 4 units per pad*
- *2-story height on the southern border*
- *20 ft. undisturbed area*
- *Additional 10 ft. landscaped area*
- *7 ft. security fence that will be located at the 30-ft. border closest to the townhomes*

With no objection from Chairman Ledford on this District 4 matter, **Councilman Smith moved** to approve with the intent to amend. Councilwoman Hill seconded. **Councilman Smith moved** to amend the current “6-ft. fence” to a “7-ft.” fence. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried. **Councilman Smith moved** to approve as amended. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31228

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CODES DIVISION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH GRASS BUSTER LAWN MAINTENANCE AND RIVER CITY REMODELING FOR LITTER ABATEMENT AND STRUCTURE BOARDING SERVICES, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW WITH EACH VENDOR, EACH YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR (4) YEARS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to group and read the following resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31229

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 29780 ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TENNESSEE VALLEY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (TVRCS) WITH COAL CREEK VENTURES FOR A TOWER SITE LOCATED ON WINDROCK MOUNTAIN IN ANDERSON COUNTY FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS AND WITH A MONTHLY RENTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,600.00 FOR YEARS ONE (1) THROUGH THREE (3), WITH AN ESCALATING CLAUSE FOR YEARS FOUR (4) THROUGH NINE (9), AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, FOR A TOTAL OF \$57,600.00”, BY ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,200.00, FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$70,800.00.

RESOLUTION #31230

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 29781 ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TENNESSEE VALLEY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (TVRCS) WITH COAL CREEK VENTURES FOR A TOWER SITE LOCATED ON CROSS MOUNTAIN IN CAMPBELL COUNTY FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS AND WITH A MONTHLY RENTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,600.00 FOR YEARS ONE (1) THROUGH THREE (3), WITH AN ESCALATING CLAUSE FOR YEARS FOUR (4) THROUGH NINE (9), AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, FOR A TOTAL OF \$57,600.00”, BY ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,200, FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$70,800.00.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31229 & 31230 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #31231

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH MBSC BLACK CREEK, LLC FOR THE COLLECTION AND LONG-TERM STUDY OF DATA RELATED TO INFILTRATION, EVAPORATION, AND WATER REUSE VOLUMES AT BLACK CREEK CLUB IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CREDIT COUPONS AT MARKET RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CODE SECTION 31-356.2.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

REQ116176 DIT	\$42,631.20
Sprout Social social Media Management platform	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Sprout Social	
Dept CH17275	
Palatine, IL 60055	
549699 DIT	\$1.5M
Crime Watch Cameras	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Convergint Technologies LLC	
One Commerce Drive	
Schaumburg, IL 60173	
REQ120120 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$185,334.60
Stepp STPH 4.0 Truck Mounted Pothole Patcher	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Jet-Vac LLC	
5746 Broad Street	
Sumter, SC 29154	

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

RFP RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Goldberg also recommended for approval the following as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

RFP Format Recommendation		
DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Human Resources	Behavioral Health Services for Sworn Employees	RFP Determination Form
Regional Planning Agency	Chattanooga Hamilton County Market Study to assess existing real estate market conditions and trends within the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County	RPA - RFP Determination Form

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve issuing the RFPs. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE THE RFPs

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz (no report)

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee will meet on August 16th for an update on Workforce Development.

Education and Innovation Committee

Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Vice Chair Dotley reported:

- The committee will meet next week, August 9th, for an update on Neighborhood Services, Code Enforcement, and Westside Evolves.

Legislative Committee

Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Hill reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to review planning and zoning items on the agenda. They also held a discussion on the Area 11 Plan and upcoming changes to zoning.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

MEDIATION SETTLEMENT

Attorney Noblett informed the Council of a mediation on Friday in the case of Titus v. Officer Elliott. A settlement was mediated for \$29,000.00 plus mediation costs and a \$200.00 fee.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Listen and view on YouTube [here](#))

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

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Marie Mott	8	Questions on opioid education for communities, monkey pox, gun violence initiative, and reprimand for Chairman.
• Nicholas Kennagle	1	Racism he has experienced / Taking his voice back
• Kiana George	(N/A)	Options for CPD during mental health crisis incidents
• Harold Gunthner	8	Job preparedness for CPD / use of social workers in crisis
• Curtis Lancaster	7	Does not support the stadium being part of the S. Broad District plan

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Smith, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL