



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 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, CMC, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Gilbert led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tivoli Theater Foundation Report
By Nick Wilkinson and Brent Goldberg

Chairman Mitchell opened the floor to Nick Wilkinson, Director of Development, of the Tivoli Theater Foundation and Brent Goldberg, the foundation's Board Treasurer, who gave a report on the Foundation. Their visual presentation included information on the following topics:

- History of the Foundation
- Examples of Shows Booked
- Upcoming shows
- Broadway Shows
- Progress 2014-2015
- Number of Shows
- Selling The City
- Financial Highlights
- Use of City Funds
- Capital Improvements Since 7/1/15
- Fundraising Programs
- Feedback – Entertainment
- Feedback – Economic Impact
- Feedback – Quality of Life

After the presentation, Mr. Goldberg responded to questions from Councilman Henderson about the city's 5-year commitment to fund the foundation, and the impact of drawing down sooner than planned. Upon no further questions, the issue was closed.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2017-022

Ed Waldorf and Green & Lofty, LLC

Planning Version

District No. 2

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

AGENDA ITEM VI(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 225 BAKER STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

On behalf of the Applicant, Nathan Waldorf asked the Council to withdraw this item. Upon no questions, the motion carried.

ACTION: WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #29014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO RENEW PURCHASE ORDER NO. 526211 TO HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR A 1-YEAR RENEWAL PERIOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF BILLING AND COLLECTIONS OF PROPERTY AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,416.40.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #29015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A REIMBURSEMENT FROM COLONIAL PIPELINE FOR LABOR FROM THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EQUIPMENT USED DURING THE GAS SPILL IN CHATTANOOGA ON JANUARY 8-12, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,655.73.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

RESOLUTION #29016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AIRSHORE EQUIPMENT FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED BY THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE RESCUE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$115,306.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #29017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEEDS CONVEYING 80 CERTAIN--OR CERTAIN COMBINATION OF-- PARCELS TO THE APPROVED HIGHEST BIDDERS ON JOINTLY-OWNED PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND HAMILTON COUNTY AS ACQUIRED THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

RESOLUTION #29018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENTS OF ANDREW SMITH AND REBECCA ROSS, AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS (UNARMED) FOR THE MCKAMEY ANIMAL CENTER, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #29019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SETH LEWIS, AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #29020

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ADAM VERON AND MARY HIATT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Ledford pointed out that Mr. Veron was present in the Assembly. Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for Mr. Veron to introduce himself to the Council. The Chairman also informed the Council that Ms. Hiatt notified him that she would be unable to attend the meeting today. Councilman Henderson and Councilwoman Coonrod both thanked Mr. Veron for his service. Mr. Veron then responded Councilwoman Coonrod's question about why the Council should reappoint him. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #29021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-16-024-101, MBWWTP SOLIDS PROCESS OPTIMIZATION IMPLEMENTATION – PHASE 3 CENTRIFUGE AND DIGESTER UPGRADES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,373,500.

Councilwoman Berz noted that the Council has vetted this and the next three agenda items during past open meetings.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #29022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CTI ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-16-021-101, MBWWTP RECYCLE PUMP STATIONS AND DRAIN SYSTEM UPGRADE, A NON-CONSENT DECREE PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$478,000.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. R-16-016-202 TO GEORGIA FOUNTAIN COMPANY, INC. OF TUCKER, GA, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND UPDATES OF THE FOUNTAINS AT COOLIDGE PARK, PHASE 2, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,308, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$7,500, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,808.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #29024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. Y-16-014-201 TO TOWER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, MULTIPLE PLAYGROUNDS AND PAVILIONS PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,722.17, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$4,634.18, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$129,356.35.

Councilman Henderson inquired about how soon the installation could begin on this project. Ms. Sullivan responded on the varying timelines within the project, and agreed to provide those timelines to him. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: (NONE)

Purchases

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

PO 538269 & 538271 - Information Technology Estimated \$1,000,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewals for Structured
Cabling Services for Citywide Use

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Integrated Networking Technologies, LLC, 6111 Heritage Park Dr, Ste A-100
Chattanooga, TN 37416
2. Tri-State Electrical Contractors, LLC, 4701 Wilson Road Chattanooga, TN 37410

R150577 - Police Department \$37,858.00

Purchase of Two (2) Police Motorcycles
Lowest/Best Bidder: Boswell's Harley Davidson
401 Fesslers Lane
Nashville, TN 37210

R152526 - Police Department

\$161,169.00

Purchase of Ballistic Helmets
Lowest/Best Bidder: Safeware, Inc.
5641 South Laburnam Avenue
Richmond, VA 23231

R151330 - Public Works

\$51,900.00

Purchase of One (1) TECO-Westinghouse 600
HP Electric Motor - Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Rome Electric Motor Works Inc.
36 Westside Ind. Blvd.
Rome, GA 30165

R151504 - Public Works

Estimated \$70,000 Annually

New Blanket Contract for Janitorial & Custodial
Services - Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Custom Custodial
4300 N. Access Rd, Ste. F
Chattanooga, TN 37415

PO538401 - Public Works

Estimated \$30,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Wet Weather
Polymer - Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Polydyne, Inc
P.O. Box 279
Riceboro, GA 31323

PO538803 - Public Works

Estimated \$100,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Moyno
Pump Parts Waste Resources Division
Lowest/Best Bidder: Carl Eric Johnson, Inc.
1725 Q MacLeod Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

PO541575 - Public Works

New Total Estimated \$64,000 Annually

Increase of Authorized Expenditure on Blanket Contract
for Hurst Jaws of Life OEM Parts & Maintenance Fleet Management
Lowest/Best Bidder: Municipal Emergency Services/MES Carolinas & Southeast
6601 P Northpark Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 25216

Councilman Henderson moved to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Berz. A discussion ensued on **R151504 (Public Works)**, with Councilwoman Coonrod questioning Ms. Woodward about the reason for outsourcing these janitorial services. Discussion continued, with Councilwoman Coonrod inquiring about deferring a vote because of questions still remaining regarding purchase R151504. Vice-Chairman Smith inquired about separating this one item from the vote on the other items. Attorney Hinton advised the Council on how to separate this one contract purchases from the main motion.

Therefore, **Councilwoman Coonrod moved** to amend the motion by pulling out R151504 from the vote on the other purchase items. She was seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith. Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, joined the discussion and confirmed that Public Works could provide information on their need for the contract. The motion carried.

For the remaining purchases: The motion carried to approve Councilman Henderson's main motion.

For purchase R151504, **Councilwoman Coonrod moved** to defer for one week, seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith. The motion carried.

**ACTION: PURCHASE R151504 (Public Works) DEFERRED ONE WEEK;
REMAINING SEVEN PURCHASES APPROVED**

OTHER BUSINESS:

District 9 Community Walk

Councilwoman Coonrod announced a community walk in District 9 on June 3 taking place at the Eastdale Youth & Family Development Center. She informed the Council that the community will walk door-to-door to learn the concerns of the district.

District 9 Workforce Readiness Initiative

Councilwoman Coonrod read statements that presented her plans for increasing workforce readiness in District 9. She informed the Council of District 9 citizens and community partners working together in this initiative. She also discussed plans to track people and barriers in the workforce.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilman Henderson
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee
Councilman Oglesby

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session to hear about a PILOT proposal that will bring jobs to the city.

HR Committee (Human Resources)
Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning & Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford

- The committee met today to discuss ordinances on first reading next week.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee
Councilwoman Berz

- There was a special Transportation Committee meeting today where the Council heard an update on the small cell initiative.
- The Public Works and Transportation Committee will meet on its regular schedule next after the Agenda Session.

Youth and Family Development Committee
Councilman Coonrod
(No report)

Information 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:

- **Nancy Nason (SEIU)** – She has worked for the city's Department of Information Technology for 35 years. She discussed the losing talented I.T. employees over the last five years due to not having a pay plan. She asked the Council to support.
- **Sharron Pryor (SEIU)** – She is a 21-year employee of the City under YFD. She stated that the pay plan is broken and asked the Council to fix it.
- **Diana Moore (SEIU)** – She is the Passport Facility Manager at the Downtown Public Library and has worked for many years, in many capacities, at the library. She informed the Council that there is a trend of employees working five years in the city and moving on due to find career opportunities elsewhere.
- **Roberto Rios** – He has worked two years with the City and hopes to retire in this city. He stated that when he got hired, he asked about job mobility, but did not get an understanding of how that is done. He asks the Council for a clear pay plan so that he and his family can stay here.
- **Steven West (SEIU)** – He asks that supervisors be held accountable instead of having different standards. He wants to know why part-time employees are not hired for full-time, especially when the City is using contracts with outside entities.
- **Brad Rayson (SEIU)** – He is the SEIU Local 205 President. The union recently entered into another Memorandum of Understanding with the City. He is working to ensure that city jobs are middle-class jobs, and that employees will have a pay plan that helps them advance. He stated that Head Start employees are some of the lowest paid in city government and asked the City to include Head Start employees in the longevity plan.
- **Robert Hart (Hixson Pike)** – He has worked with the City for five years and believes that the City is set up to reprimand employees, but not reward them. He read a job

- **Khristy Wilkinson (District 9)** – She stated that the pay raises for City employees approved in the budget last year benefitted the highest paid employees more than it did across the board. She discussed how a grocery store closing in the Westside has created a food desert in this community. She recommended that the City should be able to find money to filter back into the Westside community.
- **Rick Crawford (District 2/Baker St.)** – He asked the Council for help with Barton Avenue traffic and the Riverview intersection. He voiced concerns about on-street parking that is posing problems in this area. He asked that the Council get involved in the traffic decisions that are being made.
- **Madeline Daughterty (District 5/Tally Rd.)** – She informed the Council that residents in the Westside will have a hard time getting fresh food since the closing of the convenience store in their community. She does not believe that closing the grocery store was beneficial to society. She asked the Council not to approve a budget that does not invest in the Westside, including food and educational opportunities for Westside residents.
- **Nathan King (Orchard View Ave.)** – He read a message from a Westside resident named Alexandria Frasier, who He asked the Council for a budget that is transparent and encouraged participatory budget meetings. He recommended a community-owned store in Westside.
- **Valencia Willis (Chattanooga)** – She is a city employee who was on temp status (no benefits) for two years. She was hired permanently at the starting pay rate of per hour. She informed the Council that she did a comparison of companies in Chattanooga that have starting pays greater than the City of Chattanooga. She asked the Council to value what city employees do and approve a pay plan.
- **Bro. Kevin Muhammad (Nation of Islam)** – He reminded the Council of the People’s State of the City address last year. He called the closing of the convenience store in Westside due to crime was “wreckless justice” because there was no contingency plan. He asked the City if they have the will to look at the budget and not pass the budget until the people are properly served in the Westside and throughout the City.
- **Monty Bell (Chattanooga)** – He is proud of his councilperson and dislikes that the press is always bringing up his councilperson’s past. He discussed returning to the city in 1993 and finding black kids who were starving for education and opportunity. He would like to come back to the Council next week to discuss the “two kinds of black people” in the city.
- **Gary Ball (District 9)** – He informed the Council that a tenant came to him and said that she was considering moving due to the violence in the community. He informed the Council that violence is terrorizing communities. He asked the Council to make his community safe.
 - Councilwoman Coonrod spoke later in the meeting and asked the Assembly about the best solution for the Westside. She offered suggestions about the community gardens, SNAP benefits and rehab services. She also asked people to come back to the Council with a plan to combat crime and attain sustainable growth.
 - Councilman Ledford expressed thanks to the city employees who spoke today.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL