



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

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 2022  
4:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order. A quorum of eight 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 Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman Coonrod led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Regarding the State proclamation honoring Dr. Everlena Holmes, Chairman Ledford informed the Assembly that Dr. Holmes was unable to attend due to a previous engagement. Therefore, the presentation on tonight's schedule would take place at another time.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

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

### **ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

#### **ORDINANCE #13815**

#### **AN ORDINANCE REAPPORTIONING AND REDISTRICTING THE NINE (9) DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**Councilwoman Coonrod moved** to deny. There was no second. Chairman Ledford ruled that the motion failed due to the lack of a second.

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**Councilman Hester moved** to approve. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried (8-1) upon roll call vote as follows:

<b>Henderson</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Noel</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Coonrod</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Smith</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Dotley</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Hester</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Ledford</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Berz</b>	<b>YES</b>		

YES – Eight (8); NO – One (1)

**ACTION: ORDINANCE 13815 APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #31089**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO CITY ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES AT THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$1,450,000.00 PER YEAR FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR CONTRACT WITH A ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL OPTION BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #31090**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EPIPHANY RX TO PROVIDE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER SERVICES TO CITY ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES AT THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$600,000.00 PER YEAR FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR CONTRACT WITH A ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL OPTION BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #31091**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY VISION INSURANCE TO CITY EMPLOYEES AT THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$200,000 PER YEAR FOR A FOUR YEAR CONTRACT WITH A 1-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, WHICH COST WILL BE PAID BY CITY EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #31092**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$99,000 FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS (NCSC) FOR A GRANT-FUNDED POSITION - AN EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM FACILITATOR.**

Councilman Henderson asked Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff, about the number of years of funding. She also discussed the possible funding for future years. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #31093**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 30805 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM FOR THE VICTIM OF CRIME ACT OF 1984 (VOCA) GRANT, FOR THE GRANT PERIOD TO BE EXTENDED JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, WITH AN INCREASE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000.00, INCREASING THE TOTAL FROM \$800,000.00 TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1 MILLION.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #31094**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,202.65 TO DISASTER MASTER, INC. FOR EMERGENCY CLEANUP OF RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER BACKUPS AT 710 WEST 42ND STREET, 1516 LYNDHURST DRIVE, AND 1419 MERCER STREET.**

**RESOLUTION #31095**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE PAYMENT UP TO \$104,262.50 TO XYLEM DEWATERING SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR EMERGENCY BYPASS PUMPING RENTAL AT BIG RIDGE 14 WASTEWATER PUMPING STATION DUE TO FORCE MAIN CONNECTION DAMAGE CAUSED BY SETTLEMENT.**

**RESOLUTION #31096**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A ONE (1) YEAR TERM RENEWAL FOR THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH SAMSARA SOFTWARE (FOR REAL TIME GPS VEHICLE TRACKING) VIA CDW GOVERNMENT LLC (PER RESOLUTION NO. 30617) FOR YEAR TWO (2) OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE STATED AMOUNT IN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE TERM FROM APRIL 30, 2022, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023, FOR A RENEWAL AMOUNT OF \$122,913.00.**

**RESOLUTION #31097**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31034, TO INCLUDE NCR CORPORATION AS THE AUTHORIZED VENDOR OF MERCHANT SERVICES UNDER THE ENCO SEWER BILLING SERVICES CONTRACT, ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT BY THE CITY FOR SERVICES RENDERED.**

**Councilman Hester moved to approve. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.**

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31094 - 31097 ADOPTED**

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

### Proposed Purchases

Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

<b>Solicitation 200186-2 Early Learning Department</b> Bread and Bakery Products Lowest/Best Bidder: Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc. 1786 Mack Smith Road Rossville, GA 30741	\$115,000.00
<b>Solicitation 200219 CDOT/Public Works</b> Bagged Thermoplastic Paving Marking Material Lowest/Best Bidder: Ennnis-Flint, Inc. 4161 Piedmont Pkwy, Ste 370 Greensboro, NC 27410	\$55,000.00
<b>Solicitation 200220 CDOT/Public Works</b> Premade Traffic Sign Faces Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan Aluminum P. O. Box 1850 Foley, AL 36536	\$48,000.00
<b>Solicitation 200129-3 CDOT/Public Works</b> Bollards Lowest/Best Bidder: TranSafe, Inc. 1625 Spectrum Drive Lawrenceville GA 30043	\$30,000.00
<b>REQ115574 Fleet Management Division, Public Works</b> 2024 International MV607 Chassis with Amthor Aluminum Refined Fuel Tank Truck for CFD Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith Company 2600 8th Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37407	\$204,710.81
<b>PA100063 Fleet Management Division, Public Works</b> Automotive Parts Catalog Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith Company 2600 8th Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37407	\$1,000,000.00
<b>REQ114725 Waste Resources Division, Public Works</b> Service Agreement for Lab Equipment Lowest/Best Bidder: PerkinElmer Health Sciences, Inc. 710 Bridgeport Avenue Shelton, CT 06484	\$33,441.00

**REQ115564 Chattanooga Fire Department** \$60,936.75  
Jaws of Life Equipment  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Municipal Emergency Services  
6701-C Northpark Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28216

**REQ115744 Chattanooga Fire Department** \$75,865.00  
Skid Units  
Lowest/Best Bidder: NAFECO  
1515 West Moulton Street  
Decatur, AL 35601

**REQ115748 Chattanooga Fire Department** \$53,978.00  
Makita Tools  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Municipal Emergency Services  
6701-C Northpark Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28216

**REQ115972 DTS** \$393,057.57  
Convergent CPD RTIC Camera Project  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Convergent Technologies, LLC

**RFP 200183-2 Economic and Community Development** \$163,700.00  
12th Street Encampment Management  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Help Right Here  
603 Texas Avenue  
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

**Councilman Smith moved** to approve. Councilwoman Hill seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

**Emergency Purchase (1)**

Ms. Bursch also informed the Council of the following emergency purchase:

**3/19/22 Public Works**            **\$100,000.00**  
Supplier: Hepaco, LLC  
Event Type: Emergency

**Explanation:**

On March 19, 2022, Chattanooga Fire Department personnel requested Public Works support regarding 22 illegally dumped 55-gallon drums leaking on private property at 1710 E. 17th Street. The property is abandoned and has been condemned by Neighborhood Services. Contents of the drums leaked onto adjacent properties and an adjacent alley. Preliminary sample results conducted by Chattanooga Fire Department were inconclusive regarding the identification of the contents of the barrels. Adjacent property owners, impacted by the discharge, provided an email confirmation allowing the City of Chattanooga to remediate the area. The City has contacted HEPACO, LLC as the remediation company. Mayor's Office staff arrived on scene and authorized emergency remediation. Remediation will involve removal and disposal of the drums, excavation of contaminated soil, and restoration of the property.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The FY23 budget presentation will take place next week, May 10, at the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session. Budget binders will be distribution and the budgets will be posted online.

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### *Economic Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee will meet next week regarding TIFs [Tax Increment Financing].

### *Education and Innovation Committee*

Councilwoman Noel

(No report)

### *Equity and Community Development Committee*

Vice Chair Dotley

(No report)

### *Legislative Committee*

Councilman Smith

(No report)

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilwoman Hill reported:

- The committee will meet next week for a discussion on the ADU [Accessory Dwelling Units] ordinance.

### *Parks and Public Works*

Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting. Thanks to the Chattanooga Zoo for joining that meeting.

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Henderson

(No report)

## **STVR Focus Group Meeting**

Councilman Henderson reminder the Assembly that the first STVR Focus Group meeting would take place on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Development Resource Center, Room 1-A. This will be the Economic and Tourism focus group.

## **RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

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

Attorney O'Donnell 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:
• <a href="#">Marie Mott</a>	8	Redistricting; participation in political and economic process
• <a href="#">Anthony Chapman</a>	(N/A)	Redistricting; minority voting power
• <a href="#">Ann Pierre</a>	9	Letter from Tommie Brown about redistricting
• <a href="#">Jackie Simpson</a>	9	Preamble of the U.S. Constitution
• <a href="#">(Name not given)</a>	(N/A)	Employee grievance matter

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chairman Ledford adjourned the business meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the regularly-scheduled time of 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**