



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Berz led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (May 9, 2023) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following six ordinances for one Council vote.

2023-0034

Beacon Acquisitions c/o Chris Rudd

Staff Version #2

District No. 1

ORDINANCE #13975

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 706 AND 710 MANUFACTURERS ROAD, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-RV-6 RIVER VIEW ZONE AND R-RF-6 RIVERFRONT ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2023-0040
Lyle Finley Revocable Trust c/o Chelsea Armistead, Trustee
Planning Commission Version
District No. 4

ORDINANCE #13976

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4980 LILLIE LANE, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2023-0054
Steward Advanced Materials
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

ORDINANCE #13977

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1204, 1208, AND UNADDRESSED PARCEL IN THE 1200 BLOCK OF EAST 35TH STREET PLACE, 1214 AND 1216 EAST 35TH STREET PLACE, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-5 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2023-0038
Stone Creek Consulting, LLC c/o Allen Jones
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13978

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 1700 BLOCK OF MULBERRY STREET, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2023-0041
Ragan-Smith & Associates
Alternate Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13979

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2001 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2023-0043
Michael Bridges
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13980

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 850 OAK STREET, FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

ACTION: ORDINANCES 13975 - 13980 APPROVED

Alternate Version

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice Chair Hill,

ORDINANCE #13981

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE XX, SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL CERTIFICATE AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 38, ZONING, DIVISION 27, USES REQUIRING SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL CERTIFICATES.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2023-0049
Charles Ford
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13982

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2701 BENTON AVENUE, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

Councilwoman Noel moved to approve with the intent to amend. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. Councilwoman Noel moved to amend: M-1 to R-2. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried. Councilwoman Noel moved to approve as amended. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING

2023-0057
Jorge Arellano
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

Agenda Item VI(b):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1013 SOUTH GREENWOOD AVENUE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Noel informed the Council that the neighbors were not in support due to parking concerns, so she will continue working on this project. Therefore, **Councilwoman Noel moved** to defer one additional week to May 23, 2023. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO MAY 23, 2023

MR-2023-0055
Steward Advanced Materials c/o Joseph Parks
District No. 7

ORDINANCE #13983

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 3500 BLOCK OF BRANNON AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2023-0046
RP Central Avenue, LLC c/o M. Phillips
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13984

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 2200 BLOCK OF APRIL STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS.

Councilwoman Noel moved to approve. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31602

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BUELL CONNELL TO THE POLICE AND ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT 6, TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM, BEGINNING MAY 17, 2023, AND ENDING AUGUST 9, 2026.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31603

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RELATIVE TO WASHINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER, PARCEL NO. 129F-B-012, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 17.7 ACRES.

RESOLUTION #31604

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW WITH CHATTANOOGA FLYING DISC CLUB, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR DISC GOLF COURSES AT CITY PUBLIC PARKS FOR DAILY USE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FOR THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Councilman Hester moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31603 & 31604 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31605

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY SAMMONS AS THE CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #31606

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM TO HIRE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL GRADUATE ASSISTANT, INCREASING THE BUDGET OF \$64,022.00 BY \$6,089.00 TO THE AMOUNT OF \$70,111.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31607

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OVERTIME TO ADMINISTER BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31608

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY DISTRICT 3 HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) MOBILE X-RAY UNITS, FOR A GRANT PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,074.44, AND WHEREIN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT 2022 WAS AWARDED TO HAMILTON COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,756.57.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31607 & 31608 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31609

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR KELLY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY FOR THE COURTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TO SCHEDULE WORKERS TO CONDUCT LITTER PICKUP ON CITY STREETS OVER FISCAL YEAR 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31610

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$1,702,192.32 FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT REIMBURSEMENT OF OPERATIONAL EXPENSES TO PURCHASE THREE (3) AUTOMATED GARBAGE TRUCKS; ONE (1) PAINT TRUCK; ONE (1) THERMOPLASTIC TRAILER WITH HAND LINER; ONE (1) PASSENGER VEHICLE; AND GPS TRACKING FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPLETING OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT PURCHASES PAUSED DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Councilman Hester moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31609 & 31610 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff, briefed the Council on the following purchase:

200460,2 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$50,000.00
 Biohazard Removal & Disposal Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Belfor USA Group Inc
 4317 North Creek Road
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

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

ACTION: PURCHASE APPROVED

RFP Format Recommendation

Ms. Satterfield recommended the following items for approval as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
DTS	The department seeks a vendor who can provide online survey tools for Employee Engagement & Pulse Survey. There are many tools and platforms available with different features and reporting. An RFP will give the department the flexibility to see the possible options and technology that would best suit their needs.	RFP Format Determination
DTS	DTS is looking for a vendor that can do a workspace redesign of the 3rd floor of the Edney building. The vendor will be tasked with maximizing the space while utilizing existing equipment and replacing furniture as necessary. There will be multiple vendors that can provide different ideas and options for this area and an RFP will serve as the best mechanism for this purchase.	REQ133151 RFP Format Determination
Office of Homelessness & Supportive Housing	The sanctioned encampment was a pilot project that kicked off Summer 2022. The sanctioned encampment has provided a safe location for individuals experiencing homelessness to reside and serves as a safe location for these residents to keep their belongings. Its core purpose is: to provide individuals experiencing both episodic and chronic homelessness a place to stay in absence of a low-barrier shelter. The RFP will serve to allow community partners to suggest approaches to operating and maintaining the encampment, within a predetermined budget.	RFP Format Determination

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

ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE THE THREE RFPs

Emergency Purchase

Ms. Satterfield also reported the following emergency purchase:

Date	Dept	Description	Cost	Supplier	Explanation
4/28/23	Public Works	Asphalt paving to repair walkways at Hixson Youth Baseball Fields 1 & 2	\$50,250.00	Phaltless, Inc.	Installation of a new field lighting system from MUSCO Lighting Company by Parks & Outdoors requires repair of the existing asphalt walkways around Hixson Youth Baseball Fields 1 & 2 for the summer ball season. The installation of the electrical conduits to power the lighting system resulted in damage to the asphalt surface rendering access to Fields 1 & 2 unusable. Asphalt repair was not covered by the lighting agreement. Public Works was requested by Parks & Outdoors to assist with facilitating the repairs. A scope of work package was sent to three paving contractors with anticipation that the repairs would cost less than \$50,000. Two contractors responded by April 27, 2023. Both quotes exceeded \$50,000.

[No Council action was required for this report.]

OTHER BUSINESS

City Attorney Settlements (2)

In compliance with the City Code, Attorney Noblett informed the Council of a settlement to Doyle Bowdenhamer for \$59,171.90. He also informed the Council of a settlement to Michelle Mormon for \$65,000.00.

Ethics Complaint

Pursuant to City Code 2-7.61, Attorney Noblett informed the Council of an ethics complaint brought against Councilwoman Berz that he examined as Chief Ethics Officer. He determined that there was no ethics violation by Councilwoman Berz and that Councilwoman Berz's interactions with the complainant, Olivia Tawzer, did not impact the councilwoman's work on the city's noise ordinance. He recommended closing the complaint, but needed a vote from the Council to do so. Chair Dotley called for a voice vote to close the complaint. All councilpersons voted "Yes" to close the complaint.

Sponsorship Request

Councilwoman Coonrod asked the Council to sponsor the AKA Jazz Brunch and detailed the sponsorship levels available. She noted that the Clerk had received the sponsorship information. Chair Dotley asked the Clerk to send the event invitation to the Council so that it could go through the Council's usual process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee

Councilwoman Jenny Hill reported:

- The committee will meet next week, May 23, after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session for an update on the Eviction Prevention Program.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting for the final Budget Education Session.
- The budget public hearing for the Operations and Capital budgets will take place on June 6th during the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting. The first vote on both ordinances will take place on June 13th. The second vote will take place on June 20th.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Education and Innovation Committee

Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Legislative Committee

Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford (No report)

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again on June 13, 2023.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The committee will meet next week, May 23, after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session for the PARC Quarterly Report and an update from Chief Murphy on crime reduction.

[Councilman Hester exited the meeting at this time.]

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, Chair Dotley recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Mike Smith	(N/A)	Statewide data sharing among homelessness organizations/Leading the Way Home Conference June 27-29, 2023
• Stephen Bates	7	Nuclear family education in schools

• Anna Smith Bofill	7	Thanks to Chair Dotley for providing assistance in an apartment complex matter
• Stephen Marshall	8	Youth violence information/Save the Youth Tour
• Winston	8	Save the Youth Tour video taping
• Monty Bell	8	Dismissed charges/1993 General Sessions docket

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Hill, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL