



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes
Chattanooga, Tennessee

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2020
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order by electronic means. A quorum was present via electronic means that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present via electronic means. Video of the meeting is available [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Mitchell led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last meeting (May 12, 2020) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

ORDINANCE #13555

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND ALL ACTS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER CHARTER PROVISIONS AMENDATORY THEREOF, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI, SECTION 9, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE (HOME RULE AMENDMENT) SO AS TO CHANGE THE CITY CHARTER BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.17, RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICE ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO TITLE 13 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2019-0133
Southern Spear
Alternate Version #2
Districts Nos. 8 & 9

Agenda Item VI(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED A 901 SOUTH HOLTZCLAW AVENUE, 903, 9105, AND 1001 SOUTH GREENWOOD AVENUE, TWO UNADDRESSED PARCELS IN THE 1300 BLOCKS OF BENNETT AND ANDERSON AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE, M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE, AND R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that she had spoken to the Applicant, Jerri Price, who asked for this item to be deferred since the bank was having problems due to the COVID-19 emergency. Councilwoman Coonrod also questioned if this was supposed to be listed as a second reading instead of a first reading. John Bridger, Executive Director of Regional Planning, joined the discussion to confirm the second reading and recalled a first reading already. Attorney Noblett indicated that the Clerk could confirm the reading from past minutes. Attorney Noblett also noted that this is the Alternate Version 2, which indicated past revision from a first reading.

Chairman Henderson asked Ms. Price if deferring to June 9 would work for her. She had no problem with that date. Councilman Mitchell suggested the alternative of tabling the matter until the bank issues could be resolved. Ms. Price agreed.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to table. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: TABLED

MR-2020-037
Maverick Development Group
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13556

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT IN THE 8000-8200 BLOCK OF SHALLOWFORD ROAD ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT TAX MAP NO. 149N-A-007 THRU 010, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next three agenda items for one roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #30350

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO PREMISES USE AGREEMENT AND OPTION TO RENEW, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH RIVERMONT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON A PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 118K-A-009 AT 1096 LUPTON DRIVE, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR.

RESOLUTION #30351

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO PREMISES USE AGREEMENT AND OPTION TO RENEW, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH LAKESIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT TAX MAP NO. 129C-A-018 FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR.

RESOLUTION #30352

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES STANDARD FORM AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH CBRE, INC., FOR SPECIFIED REAL ESTATE SERVICES, FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.

Councilman Gilbert moved to approve. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30350 - 30352 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

RESOLUTION #30353

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY TREASURER TO AMEND BY EXTENDING AND INCREASING PURCHASE ORDER NO. 52611 TO HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BILLING AND COLLECTIONS OF PROPERTY TAX, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,214.95.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next four resolutions for one roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #30354

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR WRIGHT BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. OF CHARLESTON, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. D-18-002-201, GRAVITY SEWER RELOCATION – FORMER HARRIET TUBMAN HOMES SITE, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$89,740.10, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,260,099.10, PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$120,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,380,099.10.

RESOLUTION #30355

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SANTEK ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. (SANTEK) FOR THREE (3) YEARS FOR BRADLEY COUNTY OR RHEA COUNTY LANDFILL DISPOSAL OF BIOSOLID SLUDGE AND OTHER SPECIAL WASTE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30356

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL OF YEAR THREE (3) OF A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM FOR THE ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE SUPPORT OF WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, CONTRACT NO. W-18-001, FOR THE NINETEEN (19) CONSULTANT FIRMS LISTED IN THIS RESOLUTION THAT SUBMITTED QUALIFICATIONS IN THE SIX (6) DIFFERENT CATEGORIES PER THEIR QUALIFICATION PACKAGE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,174,597.00.

RESOLUTION #30357

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-17-006-101, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FOR CONSENT DECREE IMPLEMENTATION, A CONSENT DECREE PROJECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF YEAR FOUR (4) OF THE FIVE (5) YEAR PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,485,351.12, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$9,948,136.74.

Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried (8-0) upon roll call vote as follows:

Oglesby	YES	Byrd	YES
Mitchell	YES	Berz	YES
Ledford	YES	Smith	YES
Gilbert	NO	Henderson	YES
Coonrod	YES		

YES – Eight (8) NO – One (1)

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30354 -30358 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

R197304 City Wide Services Division, Public Works	\$2,500,000.00
Refuse & Recyclables Transport Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Santek Waste Services dba Waste Services of Tennessee, LLC 650 25th Street NW, Suite 100 Cleveland, TN 37311	
R197637Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$48,767.00
Ford F-350 Crew Cab 4x2 with Flatbed Body	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford of Dalton 925 Shugart Road Dalton, GA 30720	
PO 549193 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$752,000.00
Lowest/Best Bidder: Tri-Axle Dump Trucks Lee-Smith, Inc 2600 8th Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37407	
R196840 Chattanooga Police Department	\$78,130.00
Lowest/Best Bidder: Vehicles TT of Columbia Inc 106 S. James Campbell Blvd Columbia, TN 38401	
R198568 Chattanooga Police Department	\$26,160.00
Lowest/Best Bidder: Vehicles Wilson County Motor Company LLC 903 S. Hartman Drive Lebanon, TN 37090	
R198573 Chattanooga Police Department	\$26,900.00
Lowest/Best Bidder: Vehicles MB of Murfreesboro Nissan LLC PO Box 10968 Murfreesboro, TN 37129	
R198646 Chattanooga Police Department	\$82,824.64
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ammunition Precision Delta Corporation PO Box 128 Ruleville, MS 38771	
R198656 Chattanooga Department of Transportation	\$53,557.80
Rieker Curve Advisory Reporting Service Equipment (CARS)	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Rieker, Inc. 34 Mt. Pleasant Road Aston, PA 19104	

Regarding R197304, Councilman Gilbert questioned the number of open contracts with this particular vendor and the urgency of this particular contract. Justin Holland, Public Works Administrator, and Donald Stone, Public Works Deputy Administrator, both did not have the information readily available. Vickie Haley, Interim Purchasing Director, joined the discussion to answer the questions about the number of open contracts.

Councilman Mitchell moved for a separate vote on R197304. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

Councilman Mitchell moved to defer R197304 for one week. Councilman Gilbert seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

Councilman Oglesby moved to approve all other purchases. Councilman Mitchell seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: R197304 DEFERED TO MAY 26, 2020;
ALL OTHER PURCHASES APPROVED**

Emergency Purchases

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

Date	Department	Description	Supplier	Explanation	Event Type
5/12/20	Public Works/ Building Maintenance	Electrostatic Spray Disinfection Services	Jan-Pro of East Tennessee	Disinfecting of Council building as needed; up to 20 applications. PO# 557765 \$16,907.00.	COVID

OTHER BUSINESS:

Lincoln Park Update

Councilman Byrd brought back a conversation that Councilwoman Coonrod had today about Lincoln Park. He requested an update on the funding for Lincoln Park and requested that it be heard in ECD Committee. Chairman Henderson asked Councilman Oglesby to schedule the update in committee soon. Councilman Oglesby agreed.

COVID-19 Rent & Utility Assistance

Councilman Oglesby announced that ECD will reopen its COVID-19 Rent and Utility Assistant Program for individuals impacted by the pandemic. The application period will be June 1 – June 30, 2020. The original round had funds remaining. He reminded everyone of the eligibility for applying. The application will be available online on June 1. ECD will mail applications upon request. For additional information, he gave the phone number for Donna Williams, ECD Administrator, at (423) 643-7312.

Reopening YFD Sites

Councilwoman Coonrod asked for an update on the reopening of YFD sites. Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, joined the discussion and informed the Council that Administration is still evaluating the governor's orders and limitations on when these centers can be opened. She informed the Council that Administration is looking at June 15 for opening pools but noted that is not a hard date.

District 8 - COVID-19 Testing

Councilman Byrd announced COVID-19 testing coming to the Avondale YFD center on tomorrow, May 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Also, Councilman Byrd announced that the Office of Multicultural Affairs is seeking volunteers for COVID-19 testing at Whiteside's Faith Manor on May 21-22. The contact person for volunteers is Karen McReynolds, who may be reached at (423) 933-5800.

District 7 – COVID-19 Testing

Councilman Oglesby announced COVID-19 testing at the following Chattanooga Housing Authority's family sites:

- May 21 – East Lake Courts and Emma Wheeler Homes – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- May 22 – College Hill Courts and Greenwood Terrace – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Heritage Park Dog Park

Councilman Ledford thanked Administration for partially re-opening Heritage Park in District 4. He asked Administration to consider how to re-open the dog park at Heritage Park. Ms. Sullivan indicated that they are evaluating that as well.

Universal Vote By Mail

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that she has spoken with Attorney Noblett about election security with the upcoming election. She asked the Council to support her in drafting a resolution to send to the Election Commission and the State of Tennessee to allow "Universal Vote by Mail" that would cover all age groups in light of the pandemic. She wants to ensure everyone having the opportunity to vote, especially with concerns about safety and PPE supplies. Three councilpersons—Oglesby, Gilbert, and Byrd—agreed to sponsor the legislation with Councilwoman Coonrod. Attorney Noblett agreed to prepare it for the Council's agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The FY21 budget process has started. The proposed budget for FY21 is available now for viewing on the city's website.
- The Council has received their budget notebooks and the same in PDF files.
- The budget educational sessions will begin next week, May 26. She has sent the schedule of sessions to the Clerk and the Council. She has asked the Clerk to make the schedule available to the public.

Economic and Community Development Committee
Councilman Oglesby
(No report)

Human Resources Committee
Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford
(No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee
Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee will meet next week (May 26) following the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

Youth and Family Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod
(No report)

Legislative Committee
Vice-Chairman Smith
(No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chairman Henderson confirmed that there was one person, William Troxler, who had registered to speak at this time. However, after no response from Mr. Troxler, Chairman Henderson determined that he had exited the meeting. Therefore, seeing no other registered speakers, Chairman Henderson closed this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. [Editor's Note: Any person may join the May 26 meeting online at council.chattanooga.gov.]

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL