



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Darrin Ledford, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Vice Chair Jenny Hill was not present. 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

Chair Dotley led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (2)

[Presentation #1](#)

Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga Introduction by Councilwoman Carol Berz

Councilwoman Berz made opening remarks regarding the WF Period Poverty Awareness Week" presentation by the Health Committee of the Mayor's Council for Woman (MCW) and the Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga. She introduced Dr. Leann Wiles, head of the MCW Health Committee and member of the Women's Fund. Dr. Wiles, in turn, introduced Joanna Hughley and Stacy Martin of the Women's Fund. Their presentation included information on the following:

- About WFGC
- Menstrual Health=Women's Health
- Ending Poverty Together

Councilwoman Berz made closing remarks after the presentation.

[Presentation #2](#)

Public Hearing on Mountain Creek Corridor Study

Chair Dotley opened the public hearing and asked Attorney Noblett to read the hearing. After which, Chair Dotley recognized the following speakers:

- **Brooke Bradley-King** (Horse Creek Farms) - She spoke in support of the study on behalf of Will Ferrell and Horse Creek Homeowners. She informed the Council of bad traffic accidents, some of which are not reported, and heavy congestion near Red Bank High School.
- **Bob Geier** (Quarry View) – He supports the land use plan. He agrees that rezoning is not recommended and that the ration of rental units to owner-occupied homes is disproportional, thus, affecting the character from the community.
- **Christie Lee** (District 1) – He supports a complete traffic study because he does not want additional apartments on Mountain Creek. He recommends using the quarry as a park.

Chair Dotley closed the hearing at 6:15 p.m. Councilman Henderson expressed his thanks to the Mountain Creek community and the RPA for their work on this matter.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (May 16, 2023) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

2023-0049
Charles Ford
Planning Version #2
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-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

Councilwoman Noel moved to defer to June 6, 2023. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO JUNE 6, 2023

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

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.

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 both ordinances. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 13983 & 13984 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2022-0262
Thornhill Management Group, LLC
Planning Commission Version
District No. 6

Agenda Item VI(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7707 LEE HIGHWAY, FROM C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

Councilwoman Berz moved to defer to June 13, 2023. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO JUNE 13, 2023

2022-0263
Thornhill Management Group, LLC
Planning Commission Version
District No. 6

Agenda Item VI(b):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7717 LEE HIGHWAY, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE.

Councilwoman Berz moved to defer to June 13, 2023. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO JUNE 13, 2023

2023-0037
Pierce Hardy
Planning Commission Version
District No. 6

Agenda Item VI(c):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2844 EBLEN DRIVE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Berz asked Bryan Shults about the signage that was supposed to be placed at the site. She asked the applicant, Jim Zahn, about deferring his case. Mr. Zahn did not oppose a deferral and informed the Council that he had not heard back yet from the neighbors. She asked him to ensure that rezoning signs were placed at the site, to which he agreed. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to defer to June 6, 2023. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO JUNE 6, 2023

2023-0051
319 January, LLC c/o Alex Spears
Planning Commission Version
District No. 6

Agenda Item VI(d):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5910 SHAW AVENUE AND AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 5900 BLOCK OF SHAW AVENUE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE AND M-3 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE ZONE.

Opposition was present. Councilwoman Berz advised that the Applicant had asked to withdraw their case. Therefore, **Councilwoman Berz moved** to withdraw. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: WITHDRAWN

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

Agenda Item VI(e):

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 of ongoing talks with her and the neighbors. Therefore, **Councilwoman Noel moved** to defer to August 1, 2023. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO AUGUST 1, 2023

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #31611

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & OUTDOORS TO ACCEPT AN AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SWING SET AT THE HILL CITY PARK PLAYGROUND LOCATED AT 18 TREWHITT STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,830.39.

RESOLUTION #31612

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$25,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO THE CHATTANOOGA KIWANIS YOUTH FOUNDATION FOR THE CREATION OF A UNIVERSALLY INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT THE JACK BENSON HERITAGE PARK THROUGH THE HARVESTING INCLUSIVE PLAY INITIATIVE.

RESOLUTION #31613

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$15,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO THE OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS TO END THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION THROUGH THE SECOND CHANCE RECIDIVISM PROGRAM.

Councilman Henderson moved to approve the three resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31611 – 31613 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #31614

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PARTNERSHIP/SUBCONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE COALITION TO END DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN SUBMISSION OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ENHANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH ALLIANCES (DELTA) GRANT, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31615

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF J.W. COLE TO THE BEER & WRECKER BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 24, 2023, AND ENDING ON MAY 23, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31616

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID HUDSON TO THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 2, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31617

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES BOSHEARS TO THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON MAY 6, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31618

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNA MASSEY TO THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 17, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 16, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31619

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN COFFELT TO THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON MAY 6, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31620

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF MIKE PRICE TO THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 24, 2023, AND ENDING ON MAY 23, 2026.

Councilman Ledford moved to approve the six resolutions. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31615 – 31620 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #31621

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE (CVIPI) GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING AND REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME IN COMMUNITIES BY SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE, EVIDENCE-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS, FOR A GRANT PERIOD BEGINNING NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31622

A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE PAVILION LOCATED IN TRIANGLE PARK AT 4412 MAYFAIR AVENUE TO THE “MELINDA HICKEY MEMORIAL PAVILION”.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

Agenda Item VII(m):

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 5450 HIGHWAY 153, SUITE 178/182.

Per the request of the Applicant, **Councilman Smith moved** to withdraw. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: WITHDRAWN

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #31623

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND STRATEGIC DEPLOYMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND ALTERNATIVE FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3 MILLION, WITH THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31624

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF ALL PURCHASE ORDERS FOR VENDOR NO. 872461, K.S. WARE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC TO ATHENA ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, RELATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDERS: ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT(S) FOR GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. E-21-002-301; PURCHASE AGREEMENT NO. 554084; AND PURCHASE ORDER NOS. 110140 AND 113681.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31625

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT FOR SUPPORT OF WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR ISS – CONTRACT NO. W-22-015-101, FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM, WITH NO OPTIONS TO RENEW, FOR THE EIGHTEEN (18) CONSULTANT FIRMS THAT SUBMITTED QUALIFICATIONS IN THE SIX (6) DIFFERENT CATEGORIES PER THEIR QUALIFICATION PACKAGE LISTED: (1) AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.; (2) ALLEN & HOSHALL, INC.; (3) ARDURRA GROUP, INC.; (4) BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC.; (5) BROWN AND CALDWELL; (6) BURNS AND MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.; (7) CAROLLO ENGINEERINGS, INC.; (8) CDM SMITH; (9) CONSOR ENGINEERS, LLC; (10) CTI ENGINEERS, INC.; (11) GRESHAM SMITH; (12) HAZEN AND SAWYER; (13) HDR ENGINEERING, INC.; (14) JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.; (15) LAMAR DUNN AND ASSOCIATES; (16) STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.; (17) W.K. DICKSON & CO., INC.; AND (18) WSP USA ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12 MILLION ANNUALLY.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

561348 DTS **\$345,582.00**

AST - Managed Services and OMCS Hosting
Lowest/Best Bidder: AST Corporation
1755 PARK ST
Ste 100
Naperville, IL 60583

REQ132848 DTS **\$52,564.30**

Lighting Maintenance Project to Replace Burnt Out Bulbs
Along TN27
Lowest/Best Bidder: EPB
10 West ML King
Chattanooga, TN

REQ133442 DTS **\$188,470.27**

CentralSquare CPD Renewal FY2023
Lowest/Best Bidder: CentralSquare Technologies LLC
1000 Business Center Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746

REQ133634 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$58,110.39

Kubota SSV75PHFRC Skid Steer with Telematics
Modem & Harness
Lowest/Best Bidder: Kubota of Chattanooga
2628 Rossville Blvd
Chattanooga, TN 37404

REQ133874 DTS \$52,898.97

Oomnitza Software
Lowest/Best Bidder: Insight Public Sector Sled
2701 E Insight Way
Chandler, AZ 85286-1930

REQ134072 Early Learning \$51,945.00

LAP Birth to Kindergarten Kit and Assessment
Tools for Head Start
Lowest/Best Bidder: Kaplan Early Learning Company
1310 Lewisville-Clemmons Road
Lewisville, NC 27023

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Vice Chair Hill (Not present)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The FY24 budget public hearing will be held on June 6, 2023, at the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting. The first reading of the budget ordinances will be June 13, 2023, and the second reading of the budget ordinances will be 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 (No report)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The committee met today in an open meeting for the PARC Quarterly Report and an update on the Crime Prevention Initiative.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (WITHDRAWN)

Based upon the withdrawal action taken earlier in the meeting by the Council, Attorney Noblett advised that the Certificate of Compliance was no longer needed at this time.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Chair Dotley informed the Assembly that the Council meeting next week, May 30, 2023, had been cancelled.

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:
• Stephen Bates	7	Proudest moments and biggest regrets
• Kelvin Scott	(N/A)	Gratitude to Council on behalf of Olivet Baptist Church
• Renee Crockett <i>(Head Start employee)</i>	(N/A)	Gratitude for city employee raises/support for Early Learning
• Stephen Russell <i>(Wastewater employee and SEIU steward)</i>	3	Gratitude for improving work conditions and pay for city employees
• Lynn Rutherford <i>(Parks & Outdoors employee and SEIU member)</i>	(N/A)	Support for implementation of the step plan to retain employees
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	Decrease in kid’s reading levels/June 21, 2022 case dismissed against him
• Stacy Smith <i>(Asst. Chief Steward of SEIU and city employee)</i>	(N/A)	Gratitude regarding the step plan
• Brad Rayson <i>(President of SEIU Local 205)</i>	(N/A)	Gratitude for the step plan and helping employees’ transition
• Mahmood Abdullah	7	District 7 residents needing work/Concerns for District 7 needs

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council **until Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL