



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2021

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Raquetta Dotley, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, and Darrin Ledford. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Ledford led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (June 22, 2021) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Alternate Version

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith,

ORDINANCE #13686

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13558, KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATIONS BUDGET”, AMENDING SECTION 6 SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ACTIVITIES FROM THE NARCOTICS FUND RESERVES.

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

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #13687

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 14-75, APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION REQUIRED; CONTENTS; AND QUALIFICATIONS, AND SECTION 14-81, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED, AND CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE I, SECTION.

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

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #30806

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 29142, ADOPTED ON AUGUST 8, 2017, AND ADOPTING NEW RULES OF OPERATION FOR THE CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL.

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

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #30807

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A FIRST 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, 2022.

RESOLUTION #30808

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO RENEW THE EXISTING BLANKET AGREEMENT (PO# 554187) WITH BG STAFFING, INC. FOR TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL MONTHS, BEGINNING MAY 29, 2021, AND ENDING MAY 28, 2022, THE SECOND (2ND) RENEWAL OF TWO (2) OPTIONAL RENEWALS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.1 MILLION EACH.

RESOLUTION #30809

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO EXTEND THE EXISTING BLANKET AGREEMENT (PO# 551492) WITH DATA DRIVEN, LLC, FOR TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL MONTHS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, WITH AN ANNUAL SPEND LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30810

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO RENEW THE CITY'S CONTRACT (549256) WITH SMART HOMES, INC. (D/B/A SMART SYSTEMS), AS PROVIDERS OF SYSTEMS AUTOMATION AND TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR, BEGINNING MAY 16, 2021, THROUGH MAY 15, 2022, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 PER CONTRACT YEAR.

RESOLUTION #30811

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO RENEW THE CITY'S CONTRACT (554393) WITH NUORIGIN SYSTEMS, INC. AS PROVIDERS OF GEOSPATIAL SYSTEMS, GIS FIELD AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR, BEGINNING JUNE 17, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 16, 2022, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 PER CONTRACT YEAR.

Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve the five resolutions. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30807 - 30811 ADOPTED

Agenda Item VII(c):

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONSERVATION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2021-2022 WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FROM JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 TO BE PAID IN FOUR (4) QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS OF \$25,000.00.

Councilman Ledford moved to defer to July 6, 2021. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO JULY 6, 2021

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

RESOLUTION #30812

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RENEW PURCHASE CONTRACT NO. 548221 WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES: ATHLETIC LIABILITY, COMMERCIAL AUTO, OUT OF STATE AUTO, PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS, HEAD START AUTO, FOR THE THIRD OF THREE TWELVE (12) MONTH RENEWAL TERM OPTIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,385.00.

RESOLUTION #30813

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXTEND THE SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRI-COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERM PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, FOR THE CONTINUED FIRE PROTECTION OF THE ANNEXED OOLTEWAH AREA REFERENCED IN ORDINANCE NO. 10966, TO BE PAID IN QUARTERLY INCREMENTS, SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF FIVE (5%) PERCENT, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$454,257.00.

RESOLUTION #30814

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR 2021 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT GRANT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS OFFICE) TO ASSIST AND DEVELOP A PEER SUPPORT TEAM USED FOR OFFICERS RESILIENCE TRAINING, FAMILY RESOURCES, SUICIDE PREVENTION, CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING, AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES, FOR A GRANT PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,360.00.

RESOLUTION #30815

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO REIMBURSE THE HAMILTON COUNTY 911 FOR POLICE SERVICE CENTER SECURITY UPGRADE TO INCLUDE ACCESS CONTROL READER, PLUS CARDS AND FIRE ALARM UPGRADE, FOR A ONE-TIME REIMBURSEMENT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00.

Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve all eight resolutions. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30812 - 30815 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #30816

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR FIRST PLACE FINISH, INC., OF OAK RIDGE, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. R-20-017-201, SUMMIT OF SOFTBALL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE EASTER TORNADO 2020 – DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL, FOR THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$2,614.25, TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$27,213.35.

RESOLUTION #30817

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CLOSE-OUT PROJECT FOR CONTRACT NO. R-20-017-209, SUMMIT OF SOFTBALL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE EASTER TORNADO 2020 – FOUL POLES REPLACEMENT, WITH RIVER CITY ATHLETIC FIELDS, OF SODDY DAISY, TN, TO RELEASE THE CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00, FOR A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$54,400.00.

RESOLUTION #30818

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. S-21-001-201, CANNON AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, TO THOMAS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., OF HIXSON, TN, FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$297,600.00, PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$327,600.00.

RESOLUTION #30819

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 30758, SO AS TO CORRECT THE CONTRACTOR NAME TO REFLECT PORTER ROOFING CONTRACTORS, LLC, OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. E-19-011-202, BLANKET CONTRACT FOR ROOF INSPECTIONS, REPAIRS, AND MAINTENANCE.

RESOLUTION #30820

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-21-001-201, RAISE AND LOWER MANHOLES FOR TN STATE PAVING PROJECTS, TO PROFESSIONAL CONCRETE FINISHING, INC., OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$145,500.00, PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,500.00.

RESOLUTION #30821

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT (JFA) WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO OPERATE SEVEN (7) CONTINUOUS REAL-TIME STREAM GAUGES LOCATED ON NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, CHATTANOOGA CREEK, MOUNTAIN CREEK, WOLFTEVER CREEK, LOOKOUT CREEK, AND FRIARS BRANCH, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2021, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022, WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,875.00 FROM THE USGS AND \$89,625.00 FROM THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$100,500.00.

RESOLUTION #30822

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. S-20-012-101, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA/HAMILTON COUNTY WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROJECT CONTRACT, TO WOOLPERT, INC., OF COLUMBIA, SC, FOR A CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$285,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30823

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-20-002 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH CITYWIDE RESURFACING, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$1,016,100.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$10,383,224.48.

Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30816 - 30823 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief of Staff, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

PO 558091 & 558092	Increase of \$130,000 for a total
Waste Resources Division, Public Works	annual estimated spend of \$260,000
Liquid Oxygen	
Lowest/Best Bidders:	
PO558091 - Matheson Tri-Gas, LLC 2300 Cabot Dr. Ste. 148 Lisle, IL 60532 and	
PO558092 - Airgas 700 Manufacturers Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37405	

PO 561185 Mayor's Office

Non-congregate shelter for vulnerable homeless with underlying medical conditions

Lowest/Best Bidder: Chatt Inn
2000 E 23rd St.
Chattanooga, TN 37404

From May 11, 2021, Council review of Emergency PO, this is a Change Order to increase Chatt Inn PO #561185 by \$5,000 to new amount of \$24,200. This increases total expense from \$36,712 to \$41,712.

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

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Ms. Bursch also requested approval to issue the following two RFPs (Request for Proposals):

The following are recommended for approval as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Office of Mayor Tim Kelly	For RFP 212684 for Chief of Police Executive Search Firm. Since there may be many executive search firms that would compete based on price alone but few that could deliver the best candidate for Chief of Police, the City should look at more than the price. The firms should also compete on the basis of their competence, approach, and qualifications to fill this position.	212684
Office of Mayor Tim Kelly	For RFP 212761 for HR Consultant. There are many consultants with different attributes. To find the consultant that is the best match for the work, the City needs to be able to compare competence, approach, and qualifications, as well as price.	212761

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

Coonrod	Present	Ledford	YES
Byrd	YES	Hill	YES
Dotley	YES	Smith	YES
Berz	YES	Henderson	YES
Hester	YES		

YES – Eight (8); NO – Zero (0); ABSTAIN/PRESENT – One (1)

ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE BOTH RFPs

OTHER BUSINESS: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today in an open work session to revise the Council's Strategic Plan of Work.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to hear about the proposed PUREGraphite PILOT.

Education and Innovation Committee

Councilwoman Hill

(No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Councilwoman Dotley

(No report)

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith

(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will meet next week, July 6, following the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again in two weeks (July 13).

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

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 Henderson recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Joshua Capella	(N/A)	Homeless community needs for water and portable toilets <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chairman Henderson asked him to speak with Joda Thongnopnua (Mayor's Office) after this meeting.
• Brad Vandergriff	(N/A)	Mandatory recycling and homeless community needs <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Councilman Byrd spoke on the work of the Mayor's Homelessness division.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Thongnopnua spoke on the Cash for Trash program, homeless community's access to water, and housing first solution.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvester Harris 	8	City brush service and homeless community mental health needs

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL