



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 30, 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, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Councilman Russell Gilbert joined the meeting prior to the reading of the first resolution. Video of this meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Byrd led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (June 23, 2020) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

### **ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

#### **ORDINANCE #13575**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 13473, HEREINAFTER ALSO KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 OPERATIONS BUDGET", PROVIDING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, AND THE TIME TAXES AND PRIVILEGES ARE DUE, HOW THEY SHALL BE PAID, WHEN THEY SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES; AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-267, RELATIVE TO PAID LEAVE FOR ACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING AND TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTIONS 31-36, 31-37, 31-41, AND 31-43, SECTIONS 31-322 AND 31-354.**

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

*[Councilman Gilbert joined the meeting at this time.]*

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Agenda Item VII(a):**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM TREASURER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH E-GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CITY WIDE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX BILLING AND COLLECTION SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, PLUS TWO (2) ONE YEAR EXTENSIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,800.00.**

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to table, seconded by Councilman Oglesby. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: TABLED**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #30403**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, TO ACCEPT THE FY2021 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL WELLNESS GRANTS PROGRAM FOR A ONE (1) YEAR, NON-RENEWABLE INITIATIVE TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, FOR UP TO \$100,000.00.**

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 read the next three resolutions for one Council vote.

**RESOLUTION #30404**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-20-011-201 JDH COMPANY, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, REPLACEMENT ROOFING SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE BUILDINGS AT MBWWTP, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$311,848.00, PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$32,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$343,848.00.**

**RESOLUTION #30405**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR TRI-STATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS, LLC OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. M-18-002-201, THE REPLACEMENT ROOFING SYSTEM FOR THE BESSIE SMITH CENTER, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$96,294.50, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$395,839.30, PLUS A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$425,839.30.

**RESOLUTION #30406**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. E-20-010-201 TO JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., DISASTER RECOVERY MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR YEAR ONE (1) OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BLANKET CONTRACT, FOR A CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$261,214.00.

Councilman Mitchell moved to approve the group of resolutions. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30403-30406 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Proposed Purchases**

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

**PO# 548113 City Wide Services Division, Public Works** **\$125,000.00**

Front End Loader & Refuse Pickup Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Waste Services of Tennessee, LLC  
1387 Wisdom Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

**R198798 City Wide Services Division, Public Works** **\$35,000.00**

Chainsaw Parts & Supplies  
Lowest/Best Bidder:  
1. Roll-Aid Industrial Supply P.O. Box 2346 Chattanooga, TN 37409  
2. Chattanooga Tractor & Equipment 2034 Polymer Drive E. Chattanooga, TN 37421

**R198654 City Wide Services Division, Public Works** **\$45,000.00**

Hand Tools for Local Pickup  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Roll-Aid Industrial Supply  
P.O. 2346  
Chattanooga, TN 37409

**R198783 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$85,000.00  
 Elgin Street Sweeper & Vactor Sewer Cleaner OEM Parts & Service  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Sansom Equipment Company  
 1225 Vanderbilt Road  
 Birmingham, AL 35254

**R199952 Traffic Operations, Department of Transportation** \$32,450.00  
 Stalker DSR 2X Radar System Package  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Applied Concepts, Inc  
 855 East Collins Blvd  
 Richardson, TX 75081

**Councilman Gilbert moved** to separate PO#548113 from consideration with the other purchases. There was no second. Chairman Henderson ruled that the motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion ensued with Justin Holland, Public Works Administrator, who followed up with responses to two questions Councilman Gilbert had in a previous meeting about the refuse service contract.

**Councilman Oglesby moved** to approve, seconded by Councilman Ledford. The motion carried unanimously (8-1) upon roll call vote as follows:

<b>Oglesby</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Byrd</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Mitchell</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Berz</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Ledford</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Gilbert</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Henderson</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Coonrod</b>	<b>YES</b>		

YES – Eight (8); NO – One (1)
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<b>ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED</b>
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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Youth Highlight**

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that Troy Rogers (Public Safety) and “Uncle Joe” (YFD) had fostered relationships with Brainerd student named Eric Moses, who had lost his parents in 2011 due to gun violence. She spoke on how the young man was going down the wrong path until he met Uncle Joe. She reported that the young man eventually turned around his own life, got accepted into the honor society, and now has a full ride scholarship to Tuskegee. She emphasized the need to hear positive stories about youth and those working in the city to assist youth.

**Pandemic Lessons**

Councilwoman Coonrod commented on learning political lessons related to the pandemic health response. She commented on pandemic responses by the Hamilton County government that affect

the City Council and Mayor. She encouraged residents to wear a mask and adhere to all other CDC guidelines at this time. Councilman Gilbert echoed Councilwoman Coonrod's warnings about wearing masks for the protection of others.

### **Juneteenth Salute**

Councilman Byrd commended Cempa Community Care and LaDarius Price for making this year's Juneteenth a paid holiday for Cempa employees. He thanked his colleagues for the Juneteenth legislation passed weeks ago. He, too, warned residents to take COVID-19 serious.

### **COVID-19 News**

Chairman Henderson informed everyone that there were COVID-19 exposures this past Saturday at two high school graduations: Central High and Hixson High. He encouraged everyone who attended those graduations to get tested.

### **Pending Appointment**

Chairman Henderson informed everyone about that a resolution on next week's agenda, July 7, regarding his appointment of Dee Viser to the Police Advisory and Review Committee.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilwoman Berz

(No report)

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Oglesby

(No report)

### *Human Resources Committee*

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will meet next week, July 7, where they have a presentation on the Historic River-to-Ridge Plan. A public hearing will take place on July 14 regarding the plan.
- Rezoning hearings will take place at the Council meeting on July 14.

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Byrd reported:

- The committee met today to discuss changes to the Police Advisory and Review Committee ordinance. The ordinance will be added to the July 14 agenda.

### *Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee will meet next week, July 7, following the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session

*Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee will meet on July 14 [after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session]. During that meeting, she would like to discuss sports funding now that the season has been interrupted by COVID-19 and whether funds may be used in other areas.

*Legislative Committee*

Vice-Chairman Smith reported:

- The committee met today to discuss three resolutions that will be added to upcoming Council agendas: Equality resolution, July 14<sup>th</sup> agenda; Voting resolution, July 14<sup>th</sup> agenda; and Racism as a Public Health Crisis resolution on July 7<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

(Listen by clicking [here](#))

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Name	District	Primary Topic:
1. <a href="#">Christopher Miller</a>	9	Council looking at alternatives proposed by orgs.
2. <a href="#">Martha Hunter</a>	7	Amending FY21 budget and reallocating funds
3. <a href="#">Courtenay Cholovich</a>	6	Relationship between Council and constituents
4. <a href="#">Jeffrey Meldahl</a>	7	Re-evaluating police training center project
5. <a href="#">Kaitti Keel</a>	2	Chattanooga D.S.A. ordinance recommendations
6. <a href="#">Casey Crook</a>	3	Amending FY21 budget/scrutinizing resources
7. <a href="#">Katelyn Johnson</a>	2	More efficient use of city funds

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Byrd, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**