



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes
Chattanooga, Tennessee

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 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.. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Coonrod led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (June 30, 2020) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

RESOLUTION #30407

A RESOLUTION DECLARING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA.

Councilwoman Coonrod and Councilman Oglesby made comments prior to their motion. A discussion ensued, with Vice-Chairman Smith and Councilman Ledford also making comments

prior to the vote. Upon roll call vote, there were five “yes” votes, two “No” votes, one “sure” vote that will be recorded as “yes,” and one “present” vote that will be recorded as an abstention. Chairman Henderson announced that the motion carried by six “Yes” votes.

Oglesby	YES
Mitchell	YES
Ledford	NO
Gilbert	YES
Coonrod	YES
Byrd	YES
Berz	SURE (counted as “YES”)
Smith	NO
Henderson	PRESENT (counted as “ABSTAIN”)

YES – Six (6); NO – Two (2) – ABSTAIN – One (1)

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #30408

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF DEE VISSER TO THE POLICE ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT 1.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #30409

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT 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 A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

RESOLUTION #30410

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO WAIVE THE REVIEW FEE FOR WATERWAYS, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, TO IMPROVE THE STREAM HYDROLOGY AND BUFFER ZONE AND TO PROTECT AND RESTORE WATER RESOURCES AT OR NEAR 4216 MOUNTAIN CREEK ROAD, CHATTANOOGA, TN, AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,375.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

Facilities Management Division, Public Works	\$26,058.00
Installing Controls for New Cooling Tower	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Electronic Controls, Inc	
4129 South Creek Road	
Chattanooga, TN 37406	

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

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Avondale YFD Center Damage

Councilman Byrd informed the Council about a car hitting the front of the Avondale YFD Center this weekend. He discussed the concerns that he and the community had about the center being close to the street, a large pedestrian presence in the area, and the traffic study. He discussed the urban design and loading/unloading that takes place in the back parking lot. Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, joined the panel to discuss the bid process for repairing the center. She also discussed the "Road Diet" that will take place.

Paid Holiday Request

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the process of adding Juneteenth as a paid city holiday. Attorney Noblett informed the Council that adding a holiday would require a budget amendment, adding to the HR plan, and legislation from the Council. He indicated that he would need the numbers from the Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer, and Ms. Sullivan in order to draft legislation. Chairman Henderson asked Councilwoman Coonrod to work with Ms. Madison on this request.

Mask Mandate

Councilwoman Coonrod discussed the mask mandate by the Hamilton County Mayor. She asked people to imagine how people felt living with "Colored only" signage in history. She then commented on pushing for changes for black, brown, Latino, and poor white communities.

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 met today in open meeting to hear a presentation on the Historic River to Ridge Plan. The ordinance for the plan will be placed on the July 28, 2020 Council agenda. A public hearing about the plan will take place on next Tuesday, July 14, during the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting.
- The committee also heard a presentation on vegetation landscape in relations to steep slopes.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee
Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again in two weeks (July 21).

Youth and Family Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee will meet next week (July 14, via electronic means) to discuss Lexia and increasing access.

Legislative Committee
Vice-Chairman Smith
(No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
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Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Name (Street, City, District):	District	Primary Topic:
1. Katie Keel	n/a	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
2. Dr. Everlena Holmes	9	Historic River to Ridge Area Plan
3. Marie Mott	8	Community needs and expectations of Council
4. Katherine Burke	2	Amending police budget and investing
5. Ryan Sooley	1	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
6. Noah Weaver	8	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
7. Emme Woodward	1	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
8. Sara Cantor	8	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
9. Martha Hunter	7	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments

10. Gabrielle Chevalier	9	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
11. Casey Crook	3	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
12. Karley Dodson	6	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
13. James Hammond	1	Black Lives Matter movement
14. Christopher Dahl	8	Chronic overflow breaching consent decree
15. Kaitti Johnson	2	Chattanooga DSA proposed amendments
16. Chelsea DeWaters	9	Racism as a health crisis resolution

During the public comments section at the end of this meeting, Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that she had sent an email asking when the Council could address the proposed budget amendments from the Chattanooga Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). She requested to add the amendments to an upcoming Strategic Planning agenda. Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to add the topic to the Council's Strategic Planning agenda. Councilwoman Coonrod will provide the amendments for distribution to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Byrd, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL