



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 04, 2022
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Smith led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (September 27, 2022) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley,

ORDINANCE #13900

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13840, KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATIONS BUDGET," SO AS TO APPROPRIATE \$1,382,573.00 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AMEND SECTIONS 5 AND 5(A) TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS, AMEND SECTION 7 (PAY PLANS) TO CORRECT AN ERROR, AND AMEND SECTION 7(D) TO REALLOCATE POSITIONS.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13841, KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CAPITAL BUDGET", SO AS TO APPROPRIATE \$1,500,000.00 TO CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST CAPITAL PROJECT.

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson voting "no."

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Hill,

ORDINANCE #13901

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SEWERS, MAINS, AND DRAINAGE, SECTION 31-4, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR OF SEWER SERVICE LINES; CHARGE; EXCEPTION AND SECTION 31-14, PRIVATE COMMUNAL SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS, RELATED TO SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #31319

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SURPLUS OF APPROXIMATELY A FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE (14,863) SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 135-016, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE MOCCASIN BEND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT 455 MOCCASIN BEND ROAD, AND BEING ADJACENT TO MOCCASIN BEND GOLF COURSE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31320

A RESOLUTION RENAMING AND DEDICATING THE BRAINERD COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX LOCATED AT 1010 N. MOORE ROAD TO THE “CHRIS L. RAMSEY SR. COMMUNITY CENTER”.

Councilpersons Hester, Coonrod, and Berz made comments about Mr. Ramsey and expressed thanks to those who helped bring forth this dedication. The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The Clerk read the following for **Agenda Item VII(c)**:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED IN THE WESTSIDE EVOLVES PLAN, WITH THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00), FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00).

Vice Chair Dotley moved to approve with the intent to amend. Councilwoman Berz seconded. **Vice Chair Dotley moved** to amend the phrase "...not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000)" by changing it to "...not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000)." Councilwoman Berz seconded. **Vice Chair Dotley moved** to approve as amended. Councilwoman Berz seconded.

As Amended

RESOLUTION #31321

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED IN THE WESTSIDE EVOLVES PLAN, WITH THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00), FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00).

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #31322

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 3933 ST. ELMO AVENUE.

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson abstaining.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #31323

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT FOR RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE (RPR) SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. E-20-011-401, FOR YEAR THREE (3) OF FIVE (5) TO THE TWELVE (12) CONSULTANT FIRMS LISTED THAT SUBMITTED QUALIFICATIONS IN FIVE (5) DIFFERENT

CATEGORIES PER THEIR QUALIFICATION PACKAGE: (1) ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC.; (2) BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC.; (3) CONSOR ENGINEERING, LLC; (4) CTI ENGINEERING, INC.; (5) D. MARTIN & PARTNERS, LLC; (6) FRANKLIN ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, INC.; (7) RAGAN SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC.; (8) S&ME, INC.; (9) SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; (10) THOMPSON ENGINEERING; (11) VOLKERT, INC.; AND (12) WOODS ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00).

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley,

RESOLUTION #31324

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENEW THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT DESIGN SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. W-16-011-101, FOR YEAR THREE (3) OF FIVE (5) TO THE TEN (10) CONSULTANT FIRMS LISTED PER THEIR QUALIFICATIONS PACKAGE: (1) ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC.; (2) BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS; (3) ALFRED BENESCH AND COMPANY; (4) CDM SMITH, INC.; (5) CROY ENGINEERING; (6) HDLA; (7) RAGAN SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC.; (8) ROSS/FOWLER, P.C.; (9) STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.; AND (10) WMWA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,250,000.00).

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #31325

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT A NON-COMPETITIVE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR STORMWATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL PROJECTS AT WET WEATHER PHASE 6 – HIXSON PUMP STATION 1 AND DARTMOUTH/FIVE POINTS WATERSHED STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIFTY-TWO AND 02/100 DOLLARS (\$16,667,052.02).

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

Fleet Management Division, Public Works Increase of \$60,000 for a total annual estimated spend of \$115,000
Fire Apparatus Repair & Maintenance Services
Randall Brackett Fire Truck Repair, LLC
P.O. Box 36
Dallas, GA 30132

Finance ([Documentation](#))

Economic & Workforce Development RFP Awards \$400,000.00
(See documentation above link for awarded agencies)

Community Arts Programming RFP Awards \$450,000.00
(See documentation above link for awarded agencies)

Early Learning Partnership Awards \$500,000.00
(See documentation above link for awarded agencies)

Social Services RFP Awards \$1,220,000.00
(See documentation above link for awarded agencies)

Homeless Support Services RFP Awards \$820,000.00
• Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

RFP Format Recommendation

Mr. Goldberg presented the following for approval as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Department of Economic Development	The Department of Economic Development would like to increase the supply of decent and affordable housing for City residents through production and preservation, by seeking partners to assist in the development of City-owned duplexes.	Document Link

Councilwoman Hill moved to approve issuing the RFP. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE THE RFP

Sole Source Procurement

Mr. Goldberg also reported the following sole source procurement:

Date	Dept	Description	Cost	Supplier	Explanation	Event Type	Documentation Link
9/28/22	RPA	Annual Maintenance & Support for GIS-based software	\$35,000.00	Wood Environmental	Wood Environmental is the original developer and sole source provider with the capability and technical competence to provide the needed services.	Sole Source Purchase	Sole Source Documentation

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Vice Chair Dotley (No report)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Hill reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to review all planning and zoning agenda items.

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and gave an inspirational quote from Frederick Douglas.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

STVR Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Councilman Henderson reminded the Assembly that the STVR Ad Hoc Committee meeting will meet next week, October 11, in the conference room of the Council building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wine Certificate

Attorney O'Donnell presented the following

- **Scenic City Wine, 3933 St. Elmo Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37409 - Certificate of Compliance for new liquor store. (District 7)**

The certificate was signed in this open meeting by at least five councilpersons.

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 Ledford recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Jerry Finkle	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Court matter regarding communal sewer line fines at 1526 Dodds Avenue (District 9)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Councilwoman Berz made comments regarding this matter;○ Councilwoman Coonrod asked the speaker to send his paperwork and information to her since his speaking time had expired.
• Jon Jon	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mixed-use housing supporting third place in-person connections
• Sharon Dragg	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerned with harassment by property manager in the Westside/ Petition regarding property management that has been signed by 243 residents<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Vice Chair Dotley asked to speak with Ms. Dragg after the meeting today.
• Helen Burns Sharp	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Content not attached to TIF policy resolution on agenda/increasing development with the tax base

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the regularly-scheduled time of 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL