



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2021
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that included 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. Vice-Chairman Ken Smith was not present at this meeting. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Byrd led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation By Councilwoman Raquetta Dotley

Councilwoman Dotley made the following proclamation:

Whereas, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

Whereas, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Spain; and

Whereas, although too numerous to recognize individually by name, Hispanic and Latino individuals serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers and so much more; and

Whereas, Hispanics continue their rich tradition of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of not just Chattanooga, but our nation;

Now Therefore,

I, Raquetta Dotley, of the Chattanooga City Council,
do hereby proclaim September 15th – October 15th, 2021 as,

Hispanic Heritage Month

and encourage all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic and Latino communities and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

RAQUETTA DOTLEY
Councilwoman, District 7

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 28, 2021) 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 Byrd,

ORDINANCE #13719

AN ORDINANCE TO SUSPEND THE SECOND DIVISION OF CHATTANOOGA CITY COURT EFFECTIVE THE END OF THE CURRENT TERM AND BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE SECTIONS 12-18 AND 12-19.

The motion carried (7-1) upon roll call vote as follows:

Coonrod	NO	Hester	YES
Byrd	YES	Ledford	YES
Dotley	YES	Hill	YES
Berz	YES	Henderson	YES

YES – Seven (7); NO – One (1)

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE #13720

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II,
CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-2, CURFEW FOR MINORS.**

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve. Councilman Byrd seconded. Councilwoman Coonrod moved to substitute the pending ordinance with the language of T.C.A. 39-17-1702. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion to substitute carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote. **Councilman Coonrod moved** to approve as substituted. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: SUBSTITUTED & SENT BACK TO FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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

2021-04
Derek Taylor
District No. 8

Agenda Item VII(a):

**A RESOLUTION CONSIDERING SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL
APPLICATION NO. 21-STVR-130 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1454
JEFFERSON STREET.**

2021-05
Elaina Smith
District No. 8

Agenda Item VII(b):

**A RESOLUTION CONSIDERING SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL
APPLICATION NO. 21-STVR-150 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1450
JEFFERSON STREET.**

Councilman Byrd moved to defer both resolutions one week to October 12, 2021. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: BOTH RESOLUTIONS
DEFERRED TO OCTOBER 12, 2021**

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #30905

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE CHATTANOOGA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CBID) AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM TREASURER TO COLLECT A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE FOR TAX YEAR 2021.

Councilman Ledford voiced concerns with the lateness of the letter of information received from Mr. Hunt. Upon no further questions or comments, the motion carried (5-3) upon roll call vote as follows:

Coonrod	YES	Hester	NO
Byrd	YES	Ledford	NO
Dotley	YES	Hill	YES
Berz	NO	Henderson	YES

YES – Five (5); NO – Three (3)

ACTION: RESOLUTION 30905 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #30906

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF PARKS AND OUTDOORS TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AQUARIUM PLAZA WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE AQUARIUM, A NON-PROFIT AGENCY, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH, WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF OCTOBER 10, 2030, WITH FULL COMPENSATION, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$322,500.00.

RESOLUTION #30907

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LYNDHURST FOUNDATION TO COVER THE CONTRACTED COSTS FOR AN UPDATE TO CHATTANOOGA’S DOWNTOWN TREE INVENTORY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00.

Councilman Byrd moved to approve. Councilwoman Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30906 & 30907 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

PO# 559158 Purchasing Department, Mayor's Office No money to be added
 Paper Goods
 Lowest/Best Bidder: American Paper & Twine Company
 2134 Amnicola Hwy
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

PO# 559159 Purchasing Department, Mayor's Office No money to be added
 Paper Goods
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Jacobs Paper Company
 1300 Chestnut Street
 Chattanooga, TN 37402

PO# 559161 Purchasing Department, Mayor's Office No money to be added
 Paper Goods
 Lowest/Best Bidder: COS Business Products & Interiors
 P.O. Box 5188
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

REQ105272Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$42,000.00
 Trash Truck Repairs
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Garage Bound, LLC
 2324 Waterhaven Drive
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

REQ103645Community Development \$400,000.00
 Overgrowth and Litter Abatement and Structure Boarding
 Lowest/Best Bidders:
 1. Grass Buster Lawn Maintenance 503 Highbury Lane Hixson, TN 37343; and
 2. Tower Construction Co., Inc. 2520 E. 14th Street Chattanooga, TN 37404.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Ms. Bursch also made the following RFP recommendation:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Economic Development	Request to solicit for proposals for a development and resource center for community businesses and especially disadvantaged businesses to be located in the Kelley Building using the RFP format to (1) allow for the proposals to include use of the Kelley building and (2) to allow for selection of the best offer based on the applicability to the need, the plan for accomplishing the end result, and the qualifications of the proposer, in addition to the cost to the City.	Request for Proposal RFP Development Center at Kelly Building

Councilman Ledford moved to approve issuing the RFP. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ISSUING OF THE RFP APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz
(No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod
(No report)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Hill reported:

- The committee will meet on October 19, 2021 for updates on the Innovation portion.

Equity and Community Development Committee
Councilwoman Dotley
(No report)

Legislative Committee
(Vice-Chairman Smith not present)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford reported:

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

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester reported

- The committee met in open meeting today and will meet again in two weeks (October 19, 2021).

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. Chairman Henderson confirmed with the Clerk that there were no registered speakers on Zoom for tonight's meeting. Therefore, Chairman Henderson recognized the following speakers in the Assembly:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Shawn Nicks	8	Gang violence/economic divide/Social and emotional traumas
• Timothy Dale	(N/A)	Homelessness situation/need for agency assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Dale to speak with Joda Thongnopnua of the Mayor's Office after the meeting.
• Brian Bush	(N/A)	Introduction/Running for Division 1 Court

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Byrd, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL