



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2025
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilmembers Jeff Davis, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel, and Ron Elliott.

[Editor's Note: This was a recessed meeting and was live streamed on YouTube. View prior to the recess [here](#) and after the recess [here](#).]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Mayor's Office: Tim Kelly, Mayor, and Kevin Roig; DCOS & Senior Advisor for Public Affairs

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Fire: Rick Boatwright, Deputy Fire Chief

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Community Development: Nicole Heyman, Chief Housing Officer, and Sandra Gober; Manager

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Finance: Weston Porter, Deputy Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Council Office: Kristal Becker, Administrative Assistant, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

Arts Build: James McKissic, President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Harvey led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

"Arts Week Proclamation"

By Mayor Tim Kelly

[View [here](#)]

In celebration of the arts in Chattanooga, Mayor Tim Kelly read a proclamation and spoke on the importance of the arts in the city. He declared the week of April 21-26 as "Chattanooga Arts Week." Mr. McKissic (Arts Build) accepted the proclamation, expressing his gratitude for Arts Week 2025. He discussed the significance of the arts in Chattanooga and acknowledged the arts advocates in attendance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last business meeting (April 8, 2025) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(c) – Planning – Case No. 2025-0043

Councilman Clark advised that he planned to defer this item for two weeks until April 29th, 2025. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed

Agenda item VIII(d) – Planning – Case No. 2024-0193

Councilman Clark advised that he would like to table this item due to applicant request. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed

Agenda item VIII(e) – Planning – Case No. 2025-0037

Councilman Clark advised that he planned to defer this item for two weeks until April 29th, 2025. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed

Agenda item VIII(f) – Planning – Case No. 2025-0036

Councilman Elliot advised his intent to defer this item for two weeks until April 29th, 2025. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (April 22, 2025)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda item 8(a) – Fire (Relative to Emergency Powers of Chattanooga Fire Department)

Chairman Henderson asked Chief Boatwright about the expanded emergency powers and its effect. Chief Boatwright elaborated on the amendment and how it would help the Fire Departments collaborate with other departments within the city. Vice Chair Hill wanted more clarity about the Emergency Powers, to which Mr. Noblett clarified the ordinance and how it complies with State codes. Upon no further comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item 9(a) – Economic Development (Relative to Habitat to Humanity Donation Agreement)

Councilman Elliot asked the administration for a brief overview of the agenda item. Discussion ensued, with Ms. Gober providing further information on the item. Ms. Heyman joined the discussion to address questions and elaborate on the Affordable Housing Initiative. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed.

PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Henderson called the Parks and Public Works Committee to order at 3:58 p.m., with a quorum of nine Councilmembers present. [View the committee [here.](#)]

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Councilman Elliot and second by Councilwoman Noel, the minutes of the last Parks and Public Works Committee meeting (April 1, 2025) were approved as published.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Introduction of Women in Public Works
By Jerramy Wood

Mr. Wood expressed thanks for the Women in Public Works for their service and all they do. They were acknowledged by the Assembly with multiple rounds of applause. Mr. Woods elaborated on the Women in Public Works Committee, their roles, and how its 75 members contribute to the city. Chairman Henderson recognized Women in Public Works president, Kimberly Strong, who was not in attendance, for her contributions and leadership of the committee. Upon no further comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed. [View [here](#)].

COMMITTEE AGENDA: After the presentation, Chairman Henderson instructed the clerk to read the ordinances and resolutions on the committee [agenda](#). Discussion ensued about two items on the agenda.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda item VIII(b) – Transportation – Case No. MR-2025-00001

Vice Chair Hill advised the Council that a Conservation Easement was almost closing. Therefore, she advised her intent to request to defer this item one week until April 22nd. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(c) – Public Works (Relative to amending Resolution No. 31738)

Councilman Clark requested clarification from administrators regarding the widening project and the need for the increase. Mr. Wood discussed the purpose of the amendment and the reason for the increase. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT: Being there no further business for the Parks and Public Works Committee, Chairman Henderson adjourned the committee meeting at 4:10 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

Chairman Henderson recessed until business meeting from 4:10 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Henderson reconvened the business meeting at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilmembers Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, Dotley, Noel, and Elliott. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

COUNCIL ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2025-2026

Outgoing chairman Chip Henderson opened the floor for the election of the Council's Chair and Vice Chair for 2025-2026.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councilwoman Dotley nominated Marvene Noel for Vice Chair; Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Dotley move to close the nomination by acclamation. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried. **Council Vice Chair 2025-2026: Marvene Noel (District 8)**

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councilwoman Dotley nominated Jenny Hill for Chair; Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to close the nomination by acclamation. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried. **Council Chair 2025-2026: Jenny Hill (District 2)**

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Councilman Henderson yielded the chair for the remainder of the meeting to newly-elected Chairwoman Hill.

[Editor's note: Due to the change in leadership, the names "Councilman Henderson," "Chairwoman Hill," and "Vice Chair Noel" will be used from this point forward in these minutes.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: After some discussion with the Council, Chairwoman Hill instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two ordinances for one Council Vote.

2025-0044
SFSI, LLC
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

ORDINANCE #14220

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1000 WEST 19TH STREET, FROM I-H INDUSTRIAL HEAVY ZONE TO C-CX-12 CHESTNUT STREET COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE ZONE.

ORDINANCE #14222

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, THE CHATTANOOGA ZONING ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, TO CORRECT REFERENCES AND UNCLEAR WORDING, ALLOW CERTAIN DWELLINGS AS A PERMITTED USE IF REZONED C-MU1 AND C-MU2 WITH THE NEW ZONING MAP, AND CLARIFY CONDITIONAL USE LANGUAGE.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve both resolutions. Vice Chair Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14220 - 14221 APPROVED

ORDINANCE #14221

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CORRECTIONS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AS REFERENCED BELOW.

Councilwoman Berz was made aware of the Tennessee Children’s Baptist Home being included in a certain section of this ordinance and advised concerns about the inclusion [view [here](#)]. Therefore, she asked Ms. Rennich (Regional Planning) to clarify which section of the ordinance includes the address of the children’s home. Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve with the intent to amend. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to amend to strike Section 3. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried. Councilman Henderson called a *Point of Order* to ask for a vote on the amendment. Chairwoman Hill confirmed with the Clerk that a vote did not take place on the amendment itself. Chairwoman Hill asked Councilwoman Berz to state the motion to amend. The motion carried on the amendment. After which, Chairwoman Hill ruled that the previous motion carried to approve as amended.

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14223

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11-456, DEFINITIONS, QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2025-0001
Clifton McCormick and Tracy Culver
District No. 2

Agenda item VIII(b):

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 700 BLOCK OF WOODLAND AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS.

Vice Chair Noel moved to defer to April 22nd. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. Chairwoman Hill voiced no objection to the District 2 deferral. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 22, 2025

2025-0043
Scenic City Homebuilders, LLC
Planning Commission Version
District No. 5

Agenda Item VIII(c):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4281 WEBB ROAD, FROM RN-1-6 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO RN-1-5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

Councilman Clark moved to defer to April 29th. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 29, 2025

2024-0193
Miken Development c/o Michael Kenner
Planning Commission Version
District No. 5

Agenda Item VIII(d):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3854 BONNY OAKS DRIVE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO TRN-3 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

Councilman Clark moved to table. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: TABLED

2025-0037
Duangpratum Jordan
Planning Commission Version
District No. 5

Agenda Item VIII(e):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4326 BONNY OAKS DRIVE AND PARTS OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4314 AND 4320 BONNY OAKS DRIVE, FROM RN-1-6 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO C-N COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

Councilman Clark moved to defer to April 29th. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 29, 2025

2025-0036
Lee Helena
Planning Commission Version
District No. 9

Agenda Item VIII(f):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 EAST 14TH STREET, FROM RN-1-5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-3 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

Councilman Elliott moved to defer to April 29th. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 29, 2025

RESOLUTIONS:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairwoman Hill instructed the Clerk to group and read the following four resolutions for one Council Vote.

RESOLUTION #32469

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT WITH LOOKOUT VALLEY RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 370 WARREN PLACE, TAX MAP NO. 144J-B-008, FOR THE TERM OF FEBRUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029, AT THE ANNUAL FEE OF \$1.00.

RESOLUTION #32470

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF CASSIE COURTNEY TO THE HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 16, 2025, AND ENDING ON APRIL 15, 2030.

RESOLUTION #32471

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 31738 TO SPECIFY “CHANGE ORDER 2 WITH ALFRED BENESCH & COMPANY TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONTRACT NO. T-15-024-101 SHALLOWFORD ROAD (AIRPORT ROAD TO JERSEY PIKE) WIDENING PROJECT” AND INCLUDE FUNDING, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$472,520.52, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,797,704.68.

RESOLUTION #32472

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN VOUCHERS, REQUISITIONS, AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Henderson moved to approve all four resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32469 - 32472 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

Ms. Talley (Purchasing) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

REQ162420 Technology Services

DCS 5 Professional Fingerprint Capture System	\$81,073.87
Lowest/Best Bidder: Foster + Freeman USA Inc	
20145 Ashbrook Place #190	
Ashburn, VA 20147	

200766,1 Fleet Management Division, Public Works

Ford F-550 4x4 Crew Chassis with ER Steel Skirted	\$83,450.00
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford of Dalton	
925 Shugart Road	
Dalton, GA 30720	

PA100444 Fleet Management Division, Public Works

Alamo Mower OEM Parts & Service	\$830,550.00
Lowest/Best Bidder: CMI Equipment Sales Inc	
P.O. Box 78098	
Nashville, TN 37207	

PA100140 Citywide Services Division, Public Works \$61,000.00
 Bags of Ice
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Tennessee Valley Ice Company
 4116 S. Creek Road
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

200759-2 Traffic Operations \$675,000.00
 On-Call Electrical Services for Traffic Operations
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Nabco Electric Company Inc
 2800 2nd Avenue
 Chattanooga, TN 37407

PA100740 Wastewater \$385,000.00
 Valve Actuator Service
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Industrial Valve Sales & Service, Inc
 PO Box 1468
 Cleveland, TN 37364

PA100754 Chattanooga Fire Department \$260,000.00
 Firefighter's Protective Leather Boots
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC
 3502 Dickerson Pike
 Nashville, TN 37207

PA100460 PW City Wide Services/Traffic Ops \$83,000.00
 Traffic Sign Posts
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan Inc. Signs/Aluminum
 P. O. Box 1850
 Foley, AL 36536

Councilman Henderson moved to approve. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

RFP FORMAT RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Tally recommended 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
Public Works	Stormwater is seeking easement acquisition and site assessment for stream restoration.	REQ162361

Councilman Henderson moved to approve issuing the RFP. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: REQ162361 APPROVED FOR ISSUING

SOLE SOURCE PURCHASES*

Ms. Tally also reported on the following sole source purchases:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION	COST	DOCUMENTS
4/2/25	Technology Services	Magnet Forensics, LLC 931 Monroe Drive NE Suite A102-340 Atlanta, GA 30308	Magnetic GrayKey License for the Chattanooga Police Department	Mobile Forensics Tool.	\$35,425.00	REQ162416
3/28/25	Fleet Management Division, Public Works	Stringfellow Inc 2710 Locust Street Nashville, TN 37207	Lubecore Python Autocar ACX64 Lube Kit for Garbage Truck	Three (3) Lubecore Python Lube Kits.	\$21,849.00	REQ162172
4/8/2025	Chattanooga Police Department	CyberNational, Inc. 1512 Sarah Court Murfreesboro, TN 37129	Portable Retrieval - All Shoot Trailer	Portable Retrieval-All Shoot Trailer.	\$40,570.00	REQ162425

* No Council action was required for this report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS*:

Affordable Housing Committee
(No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
(No report)

Economic Development Committee
(No report)

Education Committee
(No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
(No report)

Legislative Committee
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
(No report)

Parks and Public Works Committee

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The committee met today and heard a presentation recognizing Women in Public Works. He thanked the women for their service to the city.
- The committee also reviewed items on this and next week’s agenda.

Public Safety Committee

(No report)

** New committee chair assignments pending.*

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

[View [here](#)]

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

Speaker Name	District	YouTube Links:
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	Individual comments available here
• Antonio Boston	9	Individual comments available here
• Freddie Brooks	(N/A)	Individual comments available here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Harvey, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL