



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2025
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Mayor's Office: Kevin Roig, Chief of Staff, and Mande Green, Chief Operating Officer

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Equity & Community Engagement: Anthony O. Sammons, Chief Equity Officer

Finance: Weston Porter, Deputy Administrator

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Dotley led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayoral Proclamation – Older Adults Month **By Anthony Sammons**

Mr. Sammons read the following proclamation from Mayor Kelly:

Whereas: Mayor's Council on Livability and Aging (MCLA) had its inception in 2018 as a council whose focus is improving the exposure to and increasing access to resources of Chattanooga's aging population; and

Whereas: Chattanooga’s population of Older Adults is growing because of the migration of older adults from across the United States seeking a beautiful, livable, and energetic place to retire; and

Whereas: Older Adults make up 17.16 percent of Chattanooga’s current population, this number is expected to rise to over 20 percent by 2030; and

Whereas: Chattanooga, being an AARP Livable Community, and our Mayor’s initiative, promotes a city with communities where you can comfortably age-in-place; and

Whereas: Chattanooga’s Older Adult population is actively engaged, resourceful, and involved; and is a valuable asset to the city of Chattanooga’s government, citizenry, commercial and private businesses, participate in community functions, and overall growth of the city.

Now Therefore,

We, Tim Kelly, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, and the Chattanooga City Council do hereby proclaim May 2025 to be

Chattanooga Older Adults Month

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this 6th day of May, 2025.

Jenny Hill, Chairwoman
Chattanooga City Council

Tim Kelly, Mayor
City of Chattanooga

Mr. Sammons then asked members of the Mayor’s Council on Livability and Aging (MCLA) to stand for recognition. [The full presentation may be viewed [here](#).]

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last meeting (April 29, 2025) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

NEXT WEEK’S PROPOSED AGENDA (May 13, 2025)

6. Committee or Department Reports: Equity & Community Development Committee
Councilman Clark announced that the Equity & Community Development Committee originally scheduled for next week would be postponed until June 10, 2025. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Item 1(a) – Economic Development (Resolution relative to interlocal agreement with CARTA regarding the parking lot under the Olgiati Bridge)

Councilwoman Dotley requested that information be sent to her on how this item would / may impact the One Riverfront Plan. She also requested the Economic Development team get in touch with River City Company regarding this item, if they had not already done so. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Elliott announced he planned on *remove from the table* Planning Case No. 2025-0036 so that it could be placed on next week's agenda (May 13, 2025).

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chairwoman Hill yielded control of the meeting to Councilwoman Dotley for the Budget & Finance Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Dotley, Committee Chair, called the Budget & Finance Committee to order at 3:41 p.m., with a quorum of all nine councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last Budget & Finance Committee meeting (January 21, 2025) were approved as published.

PRESENTATION:

FY26 Operations and Capital Budget

Mr. Roig, Ms. Green, and Mr. Porter gave the FY26 Budget Presentation to Council, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- A recap of the actions taken roughly three months ago regarding the General Fund Reserves
- The administration's strategic focus areas & the indicators of progress in those areas
- The challenges and opportunities present for FY26
- An overview of the Operations Budget, broken down by department
- The Operational Priorities in FY26
- The ways in which the administration is maximizing the effectiveness of the budget
- An overview of the Capital Budget, broken down by the calibrated capital investments / projects
- A list of the outside agencies being funded with non-recurring revenue
- An overview of the General Fund Revenues, broken down by source
- An overview of the General Fund Expenditures, broken down by department and expenditure type

- An overview of the revenues & expenditures from the city's other funds
- The Capital Budget Summary
- A reminder of the remaining FY26 Budget Schedule / Timeline

Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Councilwoman Dotley adjourned the Budget & Finance Committee at 4:08 p.m., and yielded control of the meeting to Councilwoman Berz for the Planning & Zoning Committee. [View the committee [here.](#)]

CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Berz, Committee Chair, called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 4:09 p.m., with a quorum of all nine councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: **On motion of Councilman Harvey** and seconded by Chairwoman Hill, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting (April 1, 2025) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Agenda Item VII(b) – Case No. 2025-0043

Councilman Clark reminded Council that conditions were present for this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(j) – Relative to waiving fees for the charging of electric vehicles at the 217 E. 10th Street parking lots C & D

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Next Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(a) – Case No. 2025-0053

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Chairwoman Hill requested clarification on the set-back allowances for TRN-3; Ms. Rennich responded. The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

[Councilman Elliott stepped out briefly during discussion of the above item.]

Agenda Item 8(b) – Case No. 2025-0067

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(c) – Case No. 2025-0063

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(d) – Case No. 2025-0065

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(e) – Relative to text amendments for Zoning Ordinance No. 14137

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Afterwards, Chairwoman Hill requested clarification on the language for this item; Ms. Renich affirmed there was a typo in the caption [it should read *cannot exceed* instead of *can exceed*]. Chairwoman Hill also requested clarification on multi-unit developments vs. horizontal property regimes; Ms. Rennich responded. The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

[Councilman Henderson left the meeting during this discussion.]

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Berz informed Council that Ms. Rennich/the RPA would be sending them copies of the general classification zoning, the land use table, the equivalency table, and the set-back table via email but that hard copies could be provided as well upon request. Ms. Rennich affirmed.

MEETING RECESS

Councilwoman Berz adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee at 4:39 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:10 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:10 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilpersons Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, Dotley, and Elliott. Councilman Henderson was not present after the recess. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ITEM PULLED FROM TABLE

Case No. 2025-0036

The following item (Case no. 2025-0036) had been tabled at the April 29d, 2025, Council business meeting:

2025-0036 Lee Helena (RN-1-5 Residential Neighborhood Zone to TRN-3 Traditional Residential Neighborhood Zone). 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. **(District 9) (Recommended for approval by Planning Commission and Staff) (Deferred from 04-01-2025 & 04-15-2025)**

Councilman Elliott moved to pull case no. 2025-0036 from the table. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: CASE NO. 2025-0036 WILL BE ADDED TO THE MAY 13, 2025, AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14228

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 24-502, SCHEDULE II – SPEED ON THROUGH STREETS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairwoman Hill instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two ordinances for one Council vote.

2025-0043
Scenic City Homebuilders, LLC
Planning Version #2
District No. 5

ORDINANCE #14229

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, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

ORDINANCE #14230

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 approve both resolutions. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14229 – 14230 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14231

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 31-314, PRIVATE PROPERTY RESPONSIBILITY.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14232

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-136, OVERGROWTH.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14233

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 31-37, MINIMUM SERVICE CHARGES.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32486

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE SIMPSON TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: BUSHTOWN-GLENWOOD (REGION 6), REPRESENTING DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 9, 2025, AND ENDING ON MARCH 8, 2028.

RESOLUTION #32487

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ADAM COWAN TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHALLOWFORD REGION), REPRESENTING DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 23, 2025, AND ENDING ON MARCH 22, 2028.

Councilman Elliott moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32486 & 32487 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32488

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S FIVE-YEAR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND COMPONENTS FOR 2025-2029.

RESOLUTION #32489

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT FUNDS (HOME) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND PROGRAM INCOME, ALL TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$2,495,000.00, AS SHOWN MORE FULLY HEREINBELOW.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Elliott seconded. **Chairwoman Hill abstained.** The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32488 & 32489 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32490

A NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 22629 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, ELECTRIC SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2025, AUTHORIZING UP TO \$160 MILLION SERIES 2025 BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER TO SIGN THE BOND ISSUANCE DOCUMENTS AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THIS TRANSACTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32491

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF ALMA SMITH TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 9 (STANDIFER GAP), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 7, 2025, AND ENDING ON MAY 6, 2028.

RESOLUTION #32492

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF ONEIL MATHEWS TO THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 7, 2025, AND ENDING ON MAY 6, 2028.

RESOLUTION #32493

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MEGAN PLOCH TO THE PARKS AND OUTDOORS COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2028.

Councilman Harvey moved to approve the three resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32491 - 32493 ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32494

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR J. BRENNON CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF DALTON, GA, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. E-23-017-201, CITY HALL ANNEX IMPROVEMENTS, FOR MODIFICATIONS AND UPGRADES TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, ADDITIONAL CEILING TILE REPLACEMENT, MODIFICATION TO THE VENT STACK AND DOWNSPOUTS, PARAPET WALL REMEDIATION, AND CHANGES TO INCORPORATE THE NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER ON THE THIRD FLOOR, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$269,021.96, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,961,157.39, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00, FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,061,157.48.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32495

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE CHARGING OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES AT THE CHARGING STATIONS AT THE 217 E. 10TH STREET PARKING LOTS C & D (TAX MAP NO. 145D-Y-010).

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32496

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT 2025 POLICE REFORM AND EQUITABLE JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM BY THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS TO BE USED FOR THE CRISIS CO-RESPONSE UNIT (CCRU) TO OBTAIN A CENTRAL HUB DATABASE THAT COULD BE USED FOR BETTER FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATION, ADDRESSING GAPS IN ACCESS, AND IDENTIFY SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ALSO BE USED FOR SENSORY KITS FOR DE-ESCALATION, HOSTING CIT SCHOOLS, SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR CCRU MEMBERS, TRAVEL, INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL ABOUT RESOURCES, AND A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE FOR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, FOR A GRANT PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

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

REQ163260 Chattanooga Fire Department	\$59,400.38
CAT LP Pneumatic Tire Fork Lift	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Bailey Equipment & Intralogistics	
1815 Allin Street	
Chattanooga, TN 37406	

PA100367 Facilities Division, Public Works	\$732,000.00
HVAC Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: W J O'Neil Company	
500A W 26th Street	
Chattanooga, TN 37408	

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Dotley reported:

- The committee met today for the FY26 budget presentation.
- The committee will hold the first budget education session next week (May 13) at 9:00 a.m. [in the J.B. Collins Conference Room].

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott (No report)

Education Committee
Councilwoman Harvey (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Councilman Clark reported:

- The committee meeting scheduled for next week will be postponed until June 10, 2025.

Legislative Committee
Vice Chair Noel (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Berz reported:
The committee met today.

Parks and Public Works Committee
Councilman Davis reported:

- The committee will meet next week (May 13).
- [Editor's Note: See [here](#) National Public Works Week Proclamation for May 13th committee.]

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (Not present)

OTHER REPORT

Strategic Planning Meeting

Chairwoman Hill reported that the Council held a Strategic Planning meeting today. She thanked her colleagues for their participation and quality of ideas.

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	Comments Available on YouTube
• Tim Moreland	9	View here
• Dan Dufour	7	View here
• Aaron Welch	2	View here
• Anna Golladay	8	View here
• Edward Green, Jr.	9	View here
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	View here
• Josh Branum (GCAR)	(N/A)	View here
• Gacomo Gunneson (GCAR)	(N/A)	View here
• Lee Randall	(N/A)	View here

Councilmen Elliott [view [here](#)] and Clark [view [here](#)] both made comments in response to the city employees who addressed the Council during the public comments section.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Berz, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL