



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

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 22, 2024  
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 Councilpersons Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill was not in attendance of this meeting.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube in two parts. Part 1 of this meeting (prior to the recess) is available [here](#). Part 2 of this meeting (after the recess) is available [here](#).]

### **OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Chief of Staff; Kevin Roig, Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor for Public Affairs; and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives

Fire Department: Phil Hyman, Fire Chief, and Damien Vinson, Fire Captain

Police Department: John Chambers, Chief, and Jason Wood, Sergeant, CPD Regulatory Unit

Transportation: Carmen Harvey, City Transportation Engineer

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

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

TDOT: Chris Smith, Safety Manager, Region 2

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Henderson led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation before taking a moment to recognize Tennessee Senator Todd Gardenhire, who was in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (October 15, 2024) were approved as published.

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## DISCUSSION AGENDA

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### RESOLUTIONS

**Agenda Item IX(f) – Parks & Outdoors (Relative to amending Resolution No. 32207 regarding RiverCity Company and the “Evolving Our Riverfront Parks” framework)**

Chairman Henderson questioned whether this item needed to be deferred [one week]. Mr. Freeman affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

### NEXT WEEK’S PROPOSED AGENDA (October 29, 2024)

**Item 8(a) – Mayor’s Office (Ordinance amendment relative to Alcoholic Beverages)**

Councilman Smith requested additional information regarding this item. Mr. Anderson gave a brief presentation, which may be viewed [here](#), along with the discussion that followed. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** Chairman Henderson yielded control of the meeting to Councilwoman Dotley for the Public Safety Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilwoman Dotley, Committee Chair, called the Public Safety Committee to order at 3:39 p.m., with a quorum of eight present. Vice Chair Hill was not in attendance of this meeting.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** On motion of Councilman Smith and second by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last Public Safety Committee meeting (September 17, 2024) were approved as published.

Councilwoman Dotley instructed the clerk to read both resolutions on the committee agenda. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issues were closed.

### **Presentation: Ballot Initiative**

Mr. Freeman (Mayor’s Office) introduced Police Chief Chambers and Fire Chief Hyman for a joint presentation [view [here](#)] centered on the geographical boundary issues experienced by CPD and CFD in the hiring process, due to the City Charter’s current residency requirement for sworn employees. Mr. Roig (Mayor’s Office) also stepped in to recap the key dates and timeline needed for this proposed charter amendment.

After the presentation, Councilwoman Dotley recognized and thanked the Police and Firefighters in attendance, before opening the floor to questions and comments from Council [view [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

### **I-24 E Shutdown On October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Councilwoman Dotley turned over this portion of the committee to Chairman Henderson, who showed a few slides and videos [view [here](#)] of traffic conditions on the date of the accident and

discussed the impact these types of situations have on Lookout Valley and the surrounding areas. Chairman Henderson recognized Chief Chamber, who gave a [presentation](#) on the accident timeline and a synopsis of the event, as well as opportunities for improvement. At the end of Chief Chambers' presentation, Ms. Harvey (Transportation) outlined some of the ongoing & future Transportation Department projects that they anticipate will help alleviate traffic related issues in the affected area(s) [view [here](#)].

Afterwards, Chief Chambers, Ms. Harvey, and Mr. Smith (Transportation) addressed questions and concerns from the Council. Sgt. Wood (CPD) also answered questions about the towing and recovery procedures. [The ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety.]

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

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### RECESS

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Councilwoman Dotley adjourned the Public Safety Committee at 4:47 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:15 p.m.

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### MEETING RECONVENED

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Chairman Henderson reconvened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Dotley, Noel, and Coonrod. Vice Chair Hill was not present. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS

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**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**ORDINANCE #14165**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 4, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS “THE CHATTANOOGA AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE”, BY REMOVING “AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE” PROVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF THE MOST CURRENT OF VARIOUS FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HOUSEKEEPING PROVISIONS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED AT FIRST READING**

MR-2024-0151  
Catalyst Design Group c/o Chris Akers  
District No. 9

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**ORDINANCE #14166**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SANITARY SEWER AND EASEMENT IN THE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH LYERLY STREET, BEGINNING AT MH# S146K024 THENCE NORTHWEST SOME FIVE HUNDRED FOUR (504') FEET TO A POINT OF TEN (10') FEET, BEFORE MH# S146K033, TAX MAP NO. 146K-L-048, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED AT FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**RESOLUTION #32276**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JIM FLOYD TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR DISTRICT 3, FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 23, 2024, AND ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2030.**

**RESOLUTION #32277**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO BE USED FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO CHRONICALLY HOMELESS RESIDENTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$444,466.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32278**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO BE USED FOR RAPID RE-HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HOMELESS RESIDENTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$374,752.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32279**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO BE USED FOR RAPID RE-HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HOMELESS YOUTH AND FAMILIES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$763,732.00.**

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve all four resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32276 – 32279 ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

**RESOLUTION #32280**

**A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE COOLIDGE PARK CAROUSEL BUILDING NAME, LOCATED AT 150 RIVER STREET, TO THE “ELLIS CAROUSEL” IN HONOR OF BUD AND JOHNNIE ELLIS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOLIDGE PARK CAROUSEL, A CHATTANOOGA FIXTURE.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**Agenda Item IX(f):**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 32207 TO STATE THAT RIVERCITY COMPANY WILL BE THE COMPANY THAT PROVIDES THE SERVICE FOR THE “EVOLVING OUR RIVERFRONTS PARKS” FRAMEWORK TO DESIGN A DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RIVERCITY COMPANY, THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE COST OF \$1.2 MILLION.**

Councilwoman Dotley advised that a request had been made by Administration to defer this item. Therefore, **Councilwoman Dotley moved** to defer to October 29, 2024. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: DEFERRED TO OCTOBER 29, 2024**

**LAKOD G.P**  
**District No. 6**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

**RESOLUTION #32281**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR AN EXISTING LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 5940 HIGHWAY 58.**

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson voting “No.”

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #32282**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 31533 TO INCREASE THE PLANNING NEXT FUNDS BY \$328,435.00 TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE PLAN CHATTANOOGA PROJECT TO DEVELOP A REGIONAL LONG-TERM VISION FOR TRANSIT.**

**RESOLUTION #32283**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (THSO) ENFORCEMENT OF TENNESSEE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE LAWS GRANT TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION, WHICH WILL INCLUDE OVERTIME, SUPPLIES, TRAINING/TRAVEL, AND EQUIPMENT, FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320,000.00.**

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

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32283 & 32284 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

[View [Here](#)]

**Recommended New Purchases**

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

**REQ154725 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works** \$246,651.47

MowerMax Prime Mower  
Lowest/Best Bidder: ATMAX Equipment Company  
6902 East 7th Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33619

**PA100345 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$63,500.00

Federal Signal Police Lighting Equipment & Installation  
Lowest/Best Bidder: On-Duty Depot  
2090 Reliable Pkwy  
Chicago, IL 60686

**REQ155645 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$144,905.00

Xtreme Vac DCL800SM20HLCMI  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Equipment Sales, Inc  
P.O. Box 1528  
Goodlettsville, TN 37070

**REQ155478 Technology Services** \$5,500,000.00  
Technology Products & Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: CDW Government Inc  
230 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

**REQ155408 Technology Services** \$285,590.00  
ArcGIS Small Business Subscription, Done2Map,  
Business Analyst & Advantage Program  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc (ERSI)  
380 New York Street  
Redlands, CA 92373

**200705,1 Forestry Division, Public Works** \$95,000.00  
Tree Planting & Young Tree Care Services  
Lowest/Best Bidders:  
1. CityGreen Services - 206 Merriman Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37415  
2. Hardin Valley Lawn and Landscape LLC - 156 Midway Lane Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
3. Scenic City Arborists LLC - 600 Spears Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37405

**RFP200655,1 Department of Parks and Outdoors/  
Recreation Division** \$96,480.00  
Consulting Services for Citywide Recreation Program Plan  
Lowest/Best Bidder: PROS Consulting, Inc.  
35 Whittington Dr. Suite 300  
Brownsburg, IN 46112

**PA100368 Wastewater** Increase of \$50,000.00 for a  
MSA Safety Parts new annual amount of  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Gexpro \$265,000.00  
2800 Amnicola Hwy  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Affordable Housing Committee*  
Vice Chair Hill (Not present)

*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*  
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

*Legislative Committee*  
Councilman Smith (No report)

*Planning and Zoning Committee*  
Councilman Ledford (No report)

*Parks and Public Works*  
Councilman Hester (Not present)

*Public Safety Committee*  
Councilwoman Dotley reported:

- The committee met today regarding a ballot initiative coming to the Council's agenda on November 5<sup>th</sup> and the recent I-24 accident.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Attorney Noblett presented the Certificate of Compliance for **Nana 826 LLC d/b/a Harrison Wine and Spirits, 5940 Hwy. 58, Suite 1, Harrison, TN 37341 (District 6)** due to a change in the principal owner. He advised that signatures from five councilpersons had been secured, as required, for the certificate.

## **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, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

<b>Speaker Name</b>	<b>District Number</b>	<b>Primary Topics:</b>
• <a href="#">Monty Bell</a>	(N/A)	Their 2017 case filed with Circuit Court/Comments about a former CPD chief

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilwoman Dotley**, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

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**COUNCIL CHAIR**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**