



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 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 Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Raquetta Dotley, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilmembers Jenni Berz and Marvene Noel were not in attendance at this meeting.

[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

Office of City Attorney (OCA): Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Fire: Mark Coffman, Senior Firefighter

Purchasing: Daniel Harrigan, Deputy Procurement Officer

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

Moccasin Bend Chapter DAR: Susie Dailey, Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal

Chairman Henderson invited Ms. Dailey to the podium for the award presentation. Ms. Dailey spoke about the purpose of the award and Senior Firefighter Coffman's achievements [view [here](#)] before presenting him with the Distinguished Citizen Medal. The award presentation and Senior Firefighter Coffman's acceptance speech may be viewed [here](#).

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Planning – Case No. 2025-0037

Councilman Hester advised he would be seeking to defer this item one week [until April 15, 2025]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VIII(c) – Planning – Case No. 2025-0046

Councilwoman Dotley advised she would be seeking to defer this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(a) – Council Office (Relative to waiving Greenway Farm Park fees for Scenic City Shakespeare)

Agenda Item IX(c) – Council Office (Relative to awarding ARPA Funds to Friends of Hixson Organization)

Councilman Smith offered additional information about both items. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(i) – Office of the City Attorney (Relative to revised public records policy)

Councilman Ledford requested additional information regarding this item; Attorney Noblett responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Item 8(a) – Fire (Ordinance amendment relative to Emergency Powers of the CFD)

Chairman Henderson advised that additional information regarding this item would be requested at next week's meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

RECESS

Upon no objections from the Council, at 3:43 p.m., Chairman Henderson recessed the business meeting until 4:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Henderson reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilmembers Smith, Ledford, Hester, Dotley, and Coonrod. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present. Councilmembers Berz and Noel were not present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

Alternate Version #4

ORDINANCE #14216

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTERS 3A AND 3B, OFF-PREMISE ADVERTISING AND ON-PREMISE ADVERTISING.

Alternate Version

ORDINANCE #14217

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 32, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS: ARTICLE XIII, CHATTANOOGA TREE ORDINANCE.

Councilman Ledford moved to approve the two ordinances. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14216 & 14217 APPROVED

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

MR-2025-0012

26 Partners, LLC c/o Eric Cummings

District No. 7

ORDINANCE #14218

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 2600 BLOCK OF WILLIAMS STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MR-2025-0019

Samuel W. Clemons, Sr.

District No. 7

ORDINANCE #14219

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN PART OF THE UNOPENED 5500 BLOCK OF FLORIDA AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve the two ordinances. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14218 & 14219 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

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

Agenda Item VIII(a):

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 Hester moved to defer to April 15th. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 15, 2025

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

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

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.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2025-0046
Jason Scott
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

Agenda Item VIII(c):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5281 USHER DRIVE, FROM RN-1-5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO RN-2 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to defer to April 22nd instead of April 22nd, as mentioned prior to the recess. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 22, 2025

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Vice Chair Hill,

ORDINANCE #14221

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

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

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.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32460

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FEES FOR USE OF GREENWAY FARM PARK, BY SCENIC CITY SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK FOR PERFORMANCES AND PRACTICES USING THE HISTORIC SNITEMAN CABIN AREA, FOR 3:00 PM SET-UP AND EVENINGS AT 7:30 PM FOR SHOWS AND/OR PRACTICES, BEGINNING ON MONDAY MAY 5, 2025, AND ENDING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025, WITH REGARD TO THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

RESOLUTION #32461

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ZELMA LANSFORD TO THE PARKS AND OUTDOORS COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT 7, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2028.

RESOLUTION #32462

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$29,618.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO PARTNER WITH THE FRIENDS OF HIXSON ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN SCHOOLS.

RESOLUTION #32463

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$4,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO PARTNER WITH THE BILLS YOUTH ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT THEIR PROGRAMMING FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT.

RESOLUTION #32464

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$2,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO SUPPORT GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS TROOP 40260'S END OF YEAR CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL TOUR.

RESOLUTION #32465

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$6,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY HAVEN'S CAMP HAVEN, A SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS THAT ENCOURAGES GROWTH IN LEADERSHIP SKILLS, EMOTIONAL REGULATION, AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.

RESOLUTION #32466

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$6,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY FORWARD PROGRAMMING AT ORCHARD KNOB ELEMENTARY AND ORCHARD KNOB MIDDLE SCHOOL.

RESOLUTION #32467

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MATT PATTERSON TO THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON AUGUST 10, 2024, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 9, 2026.

Councilman Smith moved to approve all eight resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32460 - 32467 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Vice Chair Hill,

RESOLUTION #32468

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 30075 ADOPTING A REVISED PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY TO INCLUDE UPDATES AND REVISIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH TENN. CODE ANN. § 10-7-504(A) AND TO INCLUDE REVISED FORMS ATTACHED TO SAID POLICY.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

Mr. Harrigan (Purchasing) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

- PA100341 Early Learning** \$55,000.00
 Nonprofit Agency Contracted Services for Social Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Signal Center
 109 N Germantown Road
 Chattanooga, TN 37411

- REQ161940 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$511,532.00
 2025 Autocar ACX64 with Heil 26 Cubic Yard Durapack
 Python CNG Side Loading Body
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Stringfellow Inc
 2710 Locust Street
 Nashville, TN 37207

- REQ161941 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$1,065,947.80
 (2) 2025 Autocar ACX64 with Labrie 27 Cubic Yard
 with Labrie Arm CNG Side Loading Body
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Environmental Products Group Inc
 325 Westlake Parkway SW
 Atlanta, GA 30336

- PUR146093 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$112,400.00
 Crime Scene Van Uplift
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Moxie Van Company
 1040 Stuart Street
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

Councilman Ledford moved to approve. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

RFP Format Recommendation

Mr. Harrigan (Purchasing) recommended the following as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Human Resources	Human Resources is seeking Medicare-eligible health Care Plan Administration, including access to Medicare plans.	REQ162068

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve issuing the RFP. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: REQ162068 APPROVED FOR ISSUING

Renewals

Mr. Harrigan presented the following contract renewals for approval:

DEPARTMENT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIER LOWEST/BEST BIDDER	SUMMARY	FUND NAME	ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Finance	Debt Collection Services	Nationwide Recovery Service 5655 Peachtree Parkway Suite 211 Norcross, GA 30092	Final Renewal	-----	\$220,000.00	PO# 561159

Councilman Ledford moved to approve the renewals. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PO#561159 APPROVED FOR RENEWAL

Sole Source Purchases*

Lastly, Mr. Harrigan reported the following sole source purchases to the Council:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION	COST	DOCUMENTS
3/26/25	Technology Services	Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) 380 New York Street Redlands, CA 92373	ArcGIS Desktop Maintenance	ArcGIS Maintenance Renewal.	\$27,161.00	REQ162061

*No Council action was required for this report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[Editor's Note: The meeting held today marked the conclusion of the current Council term. Remarks made during the subsequent Committee Reports reflected the end of the 2021-2025 term.]

Affordable Housing Committee

Vice Chair Hill (No report)

- [View [here](#) for full comments]

Budget and Finance Committee

Legislative Committee

Councilman Ken Smith (No report)

- [View [here](#) for full comments]

Education Committee

Councilwoman Noel (Not present)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Economic Development Committee

Human Resources Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

- [View [here](#) for full comments]

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford (No report)

- [View [here](#) for full comments]

Parks and Public Works Committee

Councilman Hester (No report)

- [View [here](#) full comments]

Public Safety Committee

Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

- [View [here](#) for full comments]

Chair Henderson (No Report)

- [View [here](#) for full comments.]

OTHER BUSINESS

Certificate of Compliance

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Noblett presented the following: **Certificate of Compliance, K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. d/b/a Food City #735, 6651 Lee Highway, Chattanooga, TN** (District 6). He informed the Council that the Applicants had satisfied all requirements stipulated by the ordinance and City Code. Additionally, he attested that six Councilmembers had signed the certificate during this open meeting.

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:

Speaker Name	District	Link to Comments:
• Jon Jon	9	[View here for full comments]
• Anthony Gladden	9	[View here for full comments]
• Vince Butler	3	[View here for full comments]
• Grace Crosslet	N/A	[View here for full comments]

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL