



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2023

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order. A quorum of eight was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present at this meeting. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Noel led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Councilman Henderson asked the Assembly in joining him to honor Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, on his 30th birthday. He also gave Mr. Thongnopnua two gifts: a cap and a pin.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (January 17, 2022) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

2022-0247

Kali & Kali, LLC

Planning Commission Version

District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13944

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1622 BRADT STREET, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2022-0261
Jelani Henry
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13946

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 612 DODSON AVENUE AND AN UNADDRESSED PARCEL IN THE 600 BLOCK OF DODSON AVENUE, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Hill moved to defer both ordinances for two weeks until February 7, 2023. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 13944 & 13946
DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2022-0237
Landon Kennedy
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

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

ORDINANCE #13949

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 420 THRU 422 EAST 16TH STREET, FROM THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE PROPERTY TO U-RM-3 AND THE NORTHERN PART TO U-CX-3.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Henderson

RESOLUTION #31438

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A REVISED AND RESTATED VERSION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 26, 2020, BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND THE TIVOLI FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE TIVOLI THEATRE AND THE SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, INCLUDING THE ROBERT KIRK WALKER COMMUNITY THEATRE, SO AS TO REVISE AND REPLACE SECTION 9 OF SAID LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LANGUAGE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM FIRST ATTACHED, AND WITH THE ENTIRETY OF SAID REVISED AND RESTATED LEASE AGREEMENT BEING IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ALSO ATTACHED.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31439

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$40,000.00 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AT 543 WEST 37TH STREET FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

RESOLUTION #31440

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$40,000.00 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AT 243 CANARY CIRCLE FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

RESOLUTION #31441

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$40,000.00 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AT 3431 KIRKLAND AVENUE FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

Vice Chair Dotley moved to approve the three resolutions. **Councilwoman Berz seconded.** The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31439 – 31441 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31442

A RESOLUTION FOR THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS LIVING WITHIN HAMILTON COUNTY, FOR A GRANT PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31443

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PARK RENTAL FEES FOR FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL IN SUPPORT OF RIVERFRONT NIGHTS FOR THE DATES OF JULY 15, 22 AND 29, AND AUGUST 5, 12, 19, AND 26, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000.00).

Attorney Noblett confirmed the dates listed in the resolution and affirmed that the revision discussed during a previous meeting today are currently listed on the Council's agenda. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilman Hester,

RESOLUTION #31444

A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & OUTDOORS "PARKS ANIMATION AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT" (PACE) PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACTIVITY IN OUR COMMUNITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES BY ESTABLISHING NEW CRITERIA, PROCESSES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES FOR THE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31445

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT TO RENEW BLANKET CONTRACT NO. W-20-010-201, PAVING AND CONCRETE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, FOR YEAR THREE (3) OF FOUR (4) YEARS, WITH PRI OF EAST TENNESSEE, INC., OF KNOXVILLE, TN, AND TNT CONCRETE, LLC, OF CALHOUN, TN, FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.5 MILLION.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

200385-2 Wastewater Department \$500,000.00

Locating & Marking Services for Underground Utilities

Lowest/Best Bidder: USIC Locating Services, LLC.

9045 N River Rd Ste 200

Indianapolis, IN 46240

REQ126334 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$137,634.00

Volvo ECR50F Compact Excavators (2)

Lowest/Best Bidder: Ascendum Machinery, Inc

7829 Lee Hwy

Chattanooga, TN 37421

20419-2 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$61,441.46

BMW R 1250 RT-P Motorcycles

Lowest/Best Bidder: Pandora's European Motorsports

5337 Ringgold Road

Chattanooga, TN 37412

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

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

RFP Format Recommendation

Ms. Satterfield also recommended the following item for approval as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Mayor's Office	Airport Inn Developer & Supportive Services - The property located at 7725 Lee Hwy is owned by the City of Chattanooga and the City intends for the property to be converted into permanent supportive housing and we are seeking proposals from developers to achieve that objective, including a proposal on how supportive services will be provided.	RFP Format Determination and RFP Scope of Work

Councilwoman Berz asked Ms. Satterfield if the final conditions agreed to by Administration were included in the RFP currently presented. Ms. Satterfield yielded to Mr. Thongnopnua, who advised that the final conditions had been emailed to the Council, but not incorporated in the RFP as currently presented. Councilwoman Berz informed the Council of the following three conditions added Administration has agreed to add to the final version of the RFP:

- Bifurcation notice at the beginning of RFP process;
- Creation of an oversight committee appointed by each of the nine councilpersons; and
- Clawback material in two pieces: (1) physical - by the a reversionary clause, and (2) the service clawback - by reduced payment due to lack of performance.

Chairman Ledford ruled to treat these conditions as an amendment to the current RFP. Therefore, **Councilman Henderson moved** to approve issuing the RFP to get the matter on the floor. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to amend based upon the amended criteria read into the record. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Henderson second. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVAL TO ISSUE THE RFP AS AMENDED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (Not present)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Vice Chair Dotley (No report)

Legislative Committee

Councilman Smith reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to continue discussions on the STVR ordinance.
- The committee will met again next week (January 31) to continue the discussion on the STVR ordinance.

Chairman Ledford informed the Assembly that the STVR Work Session would take place at 2:00 p.m. next week in the Council’s conference room.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Hill (No report)

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting. He thanked the presenter for all the work that was done.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Listen and view on YouTube [here](#))

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

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Antoine Sharpley	7	His trailer for Doug’s BBQ was damaged by the City./Hasn’t heard back on his submitted claim. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman Ledford referred Mr. Sharpley to Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer.
• Gerald Rampersad	4	City employee concerned with EIG changes regarding dress code and logos./EIG needing more time for employee review
• Gerald Webb	(N/A)	Thanked the City for the work it does/Informed the Council about a developer visiting the city

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, January 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL