



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that also included Chairman Darrin Ledford and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of this 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

Proclamation Honoring Randi Haynes
By Mayor Tim Kelly and Chairman Darrin Ledford

Mayor Kelly and Chairman Ledford invited Randi Haynes to the podium and presented her with the following joint proclamation:

- WHEREAS,** Randi Haynes is the operations manager for the Downtown Chattanooga Alliance, a nonprofit organization that keeps downtown Chattanooga safe, clean and welcoming for all, whose staff serve as ambassadors for the city; and
- WHEREAS,** On March 10, at 10 a.m., Haynes was outside her office preparing her team for cleanup efforts expected to commence after an expected storm cleared the area; and
- WHEREAS,** Haynes, who is also an experienced midwife, suddenly heard a frantic voice call for help from a nearby car, and upon investigation discovered that the voice belonged to a woman who was in the final stages of labor, and given the circumstances would be unable to make it to the hospital in time for the birth; and
- WHEREAS,** Haynes introduced herself, received permission from the mother to help, and guided the mother through the delivery process, and after the delivery provided a sternum rub to stimulate the baby's breathing process, then placed the healthy baby girl on her mother's chest; and

WHEREAS, Soon after, an ambulance arrived and took the mother and daughter to Erlanger, where both were found to be in good health; and

WHEREAS, Haynes went home to clean up and returned to work that same day to ensure that her team was safe ahead of the expected storm, and after the storm passed led her team's cleanup efforts, including reporting fallen traffic lights, removing debris, and preparing for the upcoming Chattanooga Marathon; and

WHEREAS, Haynes demonstrated responsible and heroic leadership in the face of multiple crises, showing dedication and pride in her work, and should be recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty, serving as an example that all should follow;

Now Therefore,

I, Tim Kelly, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga,
and the Chattanooga City Council
do hereby Proclaim Wednesday
March 22nd, 2023, as

Randi Haynes Day

Ms. Haynes expressed her thanks to the Mayor and Council and gave her sentiments on serving to help others in her job. Chairman Ledford also recognized her family and colleagues at DCA.

Public Hearing (Chattanooga Climate Action Plan)

Vice Chair Dotley yielded the chair of the meeting to Chairman Ledford. He announced the opening of the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. and gave the following time limits: 30 minutes total with 2 minutes per speaker.

Discussion ensued regarding the total length of time allotted for the hearing. Councilman Henderson recommended granting 30 minutes for those who are for the plan and 30 minutes for those who are against it. After polling by Chairman Ledford, there was no consensus for that recommendation.

Councilwoman Hill asked Chairman Ledford to confirm that there were no speakers present for other items on the business agenda. Chairman Ledford confirmed that there were no persons wishing to address the Council regarding other items on tonight's business agenda.

Chairman Ledford recommended hearing speakers until 6:45 p.m., then checking back with the Council on whether more time would be allotted for the hearing. There were no objections to that recommendation.

Due to the large number of persons still wishing to address the Council at 6:45 p.m., Chairman Ledford extended the hearing until 7:30 p.m. with consensus of the Council.

Below are the speakers who addressed the Council during the full hearing:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics
<u>Carol Eimers</u>	Hamilton Co.	Pro Action Plan (TVA)
<u>Justin Groenert</u>	District 9	PRO Plan - Strategic transportation & growing the economy (Chatt. Chamber)
<u>Elizabeth Hammitt</u>	District 2	PRO Action Plan - (EPB)
<u>Nick Wilkinson</u>	District 7	PRO Action Plan - (Tivoli)
<u>Jim Johnson</u>	District 2	PRO Action Plan
<u>Glenda Pappu</u>	Hamilton Co.	ANTI Action Plan
<u>Ethan Collier</u>	District 1	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Rick Walser</u>	District 4	ANTI Climate Action - wants citizen votes
<u>Harriette Reid</u>	District 4	ANTI Climate Action - wants citizen votes
<u>Jamie Hall</u>	Hamilton Co.	ANTI Climate Action - wants citizen votes
<u>Tanya Miller</u>	Hamilton Co.	ANTI Climate Action - wants citizen votes
<u>Dave Dennis</u>	District 7	ANTI Climate Action - New World Order, weather weaponization, and social scoring
<u>Melanie Mayo</u>	Hamilton Co.	Requested additional language in the plan regarding local food systems
<u>Allie Beukema</u>	District 2	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Pat Smith</u>	Hamilton Co.	PRO Climate Action
<u>Rachel Campbell</u>	District 3	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Michael Walton</u>	District 8	PRO Climate Action Plan (Green Spaces)
<u>Rebecca Day</u>	Hamilton Co.	ANTI Climate Action Plan
<u>Aaron Berry?</u>	District 3	ANTI Climate Action Plan - does NOT want cameras
<u>Sadie McElrath</u>	District 5	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Shalom (minor)</u>	District 5	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Evelyn Axelrod</u>	District 4	ANTI Climate Action Plan

<u>Babs Rymer</u>	District 3	ANTI Climate Action - afraid it would create "15-minute city"
<u>Sandy Kurtz</u>	District 7	PRO Climate Action Plan - part of the Climate Chattanooga Coalition
<u>David Hoot</u>	District 7	PRO Climate Action Plan (Sierra Club)
<u>Dean McGant</u>	Soddy Daisy	ANTI Climate Action Plan - thinks it's "New World Order"
<u>Johan De Nysschen</u>	Hamilton Co.	PRO Climate Action Plan - CARTA
<u>Dr. Keith Dressler</u>	District 6	EMF of radiation - concentrate on contamination of metals, not climate
<u>Dan Meehan</u>	Apison	ANTI Climate Action Plan - let the citizens vote
<u>Annalise (minor)</u>	District 2	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Alan Reed</u>	District 8	Decouple climate action plan from globalist agenda of surveillance
<u>Angela Henry</u>	District 2	PRO Climate Action Plan?
<u>Kevin Osteen</u>	District 7	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Adam Calabrese</u>	Signal Mountain	More research needs to be done - scrub equity
<u>Ed Howard</u>	(N/A)	ANTI Climate Action Plan
<u>Zack (no last name)</u>	District 5	PRO Plan (zero waste) Landfill capacity
<u>Madison Rollings</u>	District 2	PRO Climate Plan
<u>Tim Gilley</u>	District 1	Accountability for Mayor Kelly's plan
<u>Dr. Dawn Ford</u>	Hamilton Co.	PRO Climate Action Plan
<u>Brittnee Henderson</u>	District 2	ANTI Climate Action Plan - against cameras
<u>Freddie Lee Linson</u>	(N/A)	Wants a schedule of the court hearings for City Council/Notice for hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Noblett advised that this public hearing is not a court hearing.

Chairman Ledford closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (March 14, 2023) 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 three ordinances for one Council vote.

2023-0026
Grant Ellis
Planning Commission Version
District No. 1

ORDINANCE #13963

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 335 BROWNS FERRY ROAD, FROM R-5 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3MD MODERATE DENSITY ZONE.

2023-0022
EA Homes, LP
Planning Commission Version
District No. 4

ORDINANCE #13964

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7671 GOODWIN ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2023-0024
1211 5th MU, LLC.
Planning Commission Version
District No. 8

ORDINANCE #13965

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1601 SOUTH HOLTZCLAW AVENUE, FROM UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE (PRE 8/30/2022) TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE (POST 8/30/2022), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Hill moved to approve all three ordinances. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 13963 - 13965 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #31529

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADAM COWEN TO THE SHALLOWFORD REGION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 22, 2023, AND ENDING ON MARCH 22, 2025.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31530

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THDA), FOR AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$134,375.00.

RESOLUTION #31531

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 30674 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO UTILIZE \$400,000.00 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CARES ACT FUNDING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE LANDLORDS WITH VACANT UNITS TO COMPLETE MAINTENANCE AND MINOR REPAIRS, WITH AN INCREASE OF \$100,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31530 – 31531 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Hester,

RESOLUTION #31532

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF BEVERLY BELL TO THE FORM-BASED CODE COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2023, AND ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2026.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilman Hester,

RESOLUTION #31533

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PLANNING/CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PLANNING NEXT TO PREPARE AREA PLANS FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,119,000.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$111,900.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,230,900.00.

Councilwoman Hill confirmed the contingency amount read into the record. After which, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

PUR121381 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Volkswagen ID.4 PRO S Electric Vehicles (2) Lowest/Best Bidder: Village VW of Chattanooga 6001 International Drive Chattanooga, TN 37421	Increase of \$4,622 for a new total of \$104,491 for this one-time purchase.
REQ130508 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Isuzu 19,500 LB. GVWR Cab & Chassis with Urbanliner 120 Roadway Painting Equipment Lowest/Best Bidder: Aebi Schmitt North America dba M-B Companies Inc 1615 Wisconsin Avenue New Holstein, WI 53061	\$383,900.17
PA100134 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Setina Products for Police SUVs Lowest/Best Bidder: On-Duty Depot, Inc 2090 Reliable Way Chicago, IL 60686	Increase of \$10,000 for a new total estimated annual spend of \$125,000 for Year 2
REQ130555 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Alamo Mower OEM Parts & Services Lowest/Best Bidder: CMI Equipment Sales, Inc P.O. Box 78098 Nashville, TN 37207	\$700,000.00
200443-2 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works Collection & Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste Lowest/Best Bidder: MXI Environmental Service LLC 26319 Old Trail Road Abingdon, VA 24210	\$85,000.00

PO# 560796 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works

Washed & Crushed Stone

Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan Materials Company
6142 Shallowford Road Suite 101
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Increase of \$100,000 for a new total estimated annual spend of \$850,000 for 2nd & Final Renewal

PO 557253 Chattanooga Police Department

Crime Scene Supplies

Lowest/Best Bidder: National Law Enforcement Supply
8770 Trade Street
Leland, NC 28451

\$30,000.00

200439-2 Wastewater Department

Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite

Lowest/Best Bidder: Olin Corporation
PO Box 248
Charleston, TN 37310

\$6,500,000.00

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. Councilwoman Berz had questions about a City Court software renewal that had been provided for informational purposes, but not required for reporting in this meeting. Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Tyson Morris, Chief Information Technology Officer, responded to her questions. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Emergency Purchases

Ms. Satterfield also reported the following emergency purchase:

Date	Dept	Description	Cost	Supplier	Explanation
3/14/23	DTS	MBIS Latent Expert Workstation with Illumination Station/Digital Camera, including: Two complete stations including all of the following: Latent Expert Software for latent capture encoding and searching Reviewer Software Latent Digital Camera Control Computer, dual Monitors, Keyboard Flatbed Scanner Installation and On-site Training Warranty: 1 Year On-site Advantage Solution warranty, 9X5, Next day on-site response and parts replacement Freight	\$68,800	Idemia 296 Concord Rd, Ste 300 Billerica, MA 01821	On behalf of the Chattanooga Police Department, Technology Services requested an emergency purchase approval for Idemia Livescan equipment required for the TBI / TNCRIM upgrade. The executed agreement, order form and PO have to be received by Idemia as soon as possible to have Chattanooga placed on the installation list in preparation for the April 14th go live date.

There was no Council action required for the emergency purchase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session to hear about education.

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

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Hill (No report)

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again in two weeks (April 4).

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:
• Rev. Ann Jones Pierre	(N/A)	NAACP asking for support of Little Leagues/Concerns about removal of black teams in the league. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chairman Ledford asked Joda Thongnopnua to follow-up with Ms. Pierre. He agreed.○ Councilwoman Coonrod and Councilman Henderson commented on behalf of the city-sponsored RBI.
• Rev. Charlotte Williams	9	Women's HERstory month/Historical moments for black women
• Tiffany Rankins	8	Women disrespecting other women/Councilpersons representing constituents with their actions

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL