



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Ledford led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chair Dotley expressed thanks to the departing Chief of Staff, Joda Thongnopnua, on his final Council meeting with the City of Chattanooga.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (April 28, 2023) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

MR-2023-0030
Angel Franky Martinez
District No. 9

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

ORDINANCE #13971

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 1800 BLOCK OF RIDGEWOOD DRIVE, BEGINNING AT MH#S156F093, THENCE SOUTHWEST 120 FEET TO MH#S156F016, TAX MAP NO. 156F-M-003, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #13974

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-5, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 481 SHURLOCK ROAD, TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BRAINERD ROAD FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARY, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the next five resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31588

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$10,358.64 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHTING AROUND THE JOHN A. PATTON COMMUNITY CENTER WALKING TRACK.

RESOLUTION #31589

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$15,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO CHATTANOOGA UNITE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FREE DENTAL CARE SERVICES AND TREATMENT TO QUALIFYING VETERANS IN CHATTANOOGA.

RESOLUTION #31590

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$7,500.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO THE WORD EMPOWERMENT CHURCH FOR THE PURPOSES OF INCREASING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF THEIR DAYCARE CENTER.

RESOLUTION #31591

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ALLOCATE \$18,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND TWO (2) YEARS OF SERVICING OF A LIBRARY LOCKER LOCATED AT THE EASTDALE COMMUNITY CENTER.

RESOLUTION #31592

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NATHANIEL DOSS, III TO THE SHALLOWFORD REGION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 3, 2023, AND ENDING MAY 3, 2025.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31588 - 31592 ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the next two resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31593

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO CONVEY THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FIFTY (50%) PERCENT INTEREST IN THE DELINQUENT TAX PARCEL AT 7700 BASSWOOD DRIVE, FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NO. 129L-D-024.02, TO HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

RESOLUTION #31594

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000.00 DISTRIBUTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO THE CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY HOUSING ORGANIZATION (CHODO) FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31593 & 31594 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

PA100385 Finance \$110,000.00

Financial Advisory Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: PFM Financial Advisors LLC
1735 Market Street
42nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

REQ132956 DTS \$150,000.00

Software - Homeless Management Information
System Software ClientTrack

Lowest/Best Bidder: Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition
600 N Holtzclaw Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Councilman Henderson moved to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee

Vice Chair Hill:

- The committee will meet next week, May 9, after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session to hear about the Market Value Analysis.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz (Not present)

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting for a public hearing on the Kordsa PILOT.

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 reported:

- The committee met today to review all planning and zoning items on the agenda. The committee also heard a presentation on the STVR ordinance.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again in two weeks (May 16).

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
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Attorney Malueg read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chair Dotley recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Joshua Kapellusch	(N/A)	Helping unsheltered persons/sacrificing to help others
• Steven Bates	7	His work ethic and business goals
• Rick Walser	4	Climate Action Plan/Smart Cities/World Economic Forum
• Harriette Reid	4	Impossible goals of the Climate Action Plan/Other means for achieving equality
• Micah Chapman	5	Thanks for ARP Funding awarded to Word Empowerment Church
• Robert Bartol	(N/A)	Former city employee/discrimination claim

MEETING ADJOURNED & RECONVENED

Councilman Henderson moved to adjourn. Chair Dotley gaveled to end the meeting. Three members of the Council (Henderson, Ledford, and Smith) exited the meeting. However, Chair Dotley allowed Councilwoman Coonrod to take a point of privilege to invite Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer, to the podium. She questioned him about seeing three new city employees in the Assembly tonight. Mr. Ewalt named the three employees she had referenced and agreed to speak with Councilwoman Coonrod at another time about internal hiring processes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL