



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2025
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairwoman Jenny Hill called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Marvene Noel, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jeff Davis, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. Councilwoman Jenni Berz was not in attendance of 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

Mayor's Office: Kevin Roig, Chief of Staff

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Vice Chair Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (May 20, 2025) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Finance (Regarding “the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operations Budget”)
Councilman Henderson advised his intent to amend this item; Attorney Noblett affirmed he would be reading the amendment into the record before the vote took place. [View discussion [here](#)].
Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VIII(b) – Finance (Regarding the Capital Improvements Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026)

Chairwoman Hill advised that the voting for this item, as well as the previous one, would be done via roll call vote. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(a) – Council Office (Relative to rental fees waiver at the East Chattanooga Community Center gym)

Chairwoman Hill requested additional information regarding this item and expressed concern about possible precedents being set. Councilpersons Clark, Elliott, and Henderson responded. Vice Chair Noel advised she would be moving to amend this item, to remove the language “*to include all future dates and times to be approved by the Administrator*”. [View discussion [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(e) – Finance (Relative to adopting five-year Capital Improvement Plan) & Agenda Item IX(e) – Finance (Relative to issuing bonds relating to Public Works projects)

Chairwoman Hill advised that the voting for both items would be done via roll call vote. Upon no further comments or questions, the issues were closed.

PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

Recommended New Purchases

Councilman Elliott requested clarification regarding the Canon USA Inc new blanket contract; Ms. Talley responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK’S PROPOSED AGENDA (June 10, 2025)

6. Committee or Department Reports: Legislative Committee

Vice Chair Noel announced that the Legislative Committee originally scheduled for next week would be postponed. Afterwards, discussion ensued, which may be viewed [here](#), and confirmed the following rescheduled committee dates:

- Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – to discuss the single-stair reform ordinance
- Tuesday, July 1, 2025 – to discuss legislation regarding urban chickens

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

Agenda Item 9(a) – Early Learning – Head Start (Resolution relative to continued use of non-contracted vendor, Keys Carpet, for flooring replacement at Avondale Head Start)

Chairwoman Hill requested additional information on this item; Mr. Roig affirmed he would have an answer next week. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Items 9(c-j) – Mayor’s Office (Resolutions relative to the awards of unallocated and accrued interest of American Rescue Plan funds & authorizing various Recipient Agmts.)

Councilman Elliott requested clarification about how the agencies that receive ARP allocations are chosen; Mr. Roig responded. Councilman Clark requested additional information about the amount of interest accrued, multiple sources of funding for the agencies awarded, and how ‘unallocated funds’ were defined; Mr. Roig responded. [The entire discussion may be viewed [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issues were closed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: In the absence of Councilwoman Berz, Chairwoman Hill retained control of the meeting for the Planning & Zoning Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Hill called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 4:02 p.m., with a quorum of eight councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting (May 6, 2025) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(c) – Regarding a correction to the official zoning map

Councilman Harvey requested additional information about this item; Ms. Rennich responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Next Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(c) – Case No. 2025-0086

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Afterward, Councilwoman Dotley requested clarification regarding the current developer for this property and Councilman Clark requested clarification on how increased density without increased height would be possible. Ms. Rennich responded. [The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(d) – Case No. 2025-0075

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

MEETING RECESS

Chairwoman Hill adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee at 4:17 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:15 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilpersons Henderson, Davis, Harvey, Clark, Dotley, and Elliott. Councilwoman Berz was not present at this meeting. Attorney Noble and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

2025-0036
Lee Helena
Alternate Version
District No. 9

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14237

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 EAST 14TH STREET, FROM RN-1-5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-3 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE #14239

[View [here](#)]

AN ORDINANCE, HEREINAFTER ALSO KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATIONS BUDGET”, PROVIDING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, AND THE TIME TAXES AND PRIVILEGES ARE DUE, HOW THEY SHALL BE PAID WHEN THEY SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES; AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-267, RELATIVE TO PAID LEAVE FOR ACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING AND TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTIONS 31-36, 31-37, 31-41, AND 31-43, SECTIONS 31-322 AND 31-354.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve. Councilman Henderson seconded, with the intent to amend. Councilman **Henderson moved** to amend by adding Sections 1 (Amendment of Section 5(a) GENERAL GOVERNMENT & SUPPORTING AGENCIES) and Section 2 (Instructions for earnest money deposit). Per Councilman Henderson’s request, Attorney Noblett read both sections of the amendment [see *attached*]. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion to amend carried upon roll call vote as follows.

Henderson	YES
Davis	YES
Harvey	YES
Clark	YES

Dotley	YES
Elliott	YES
Noel	YES
Hill	YES

YES-Eight (8); NO-Zero (0)

Councilmembers Elliot made comments in support of the amendment. Councilman Clark expressed his support and asked questions about what could be done to close the gap and ask for the additional funding desired. Councilman Henderson responded to his questions. Chairwoman Hill questioned Mr. Roig about the commitment of Administration for finding the additional funding. Upon no further questions or comments, **Councilwoman Dotley moved** to approve as amended. Vice Chair Noel seconded. The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Elliott	YES	Davis	YES
Dotley	YES	Henderson	YES
Clark	YES	Noel	YES
Harvey	YES	Hill	YES

YES-Eight (8); NO-Zero (0)

ACTION: ORD. #14239 PASSED AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE #14240

[View [here](#)]

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING, OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

The motion carried as follows:

Henderson	YES	Dotley	YES
Davis	YES	Elliott	YES
Harvey	YES	Noel	YES
Clark	YES	Hill	YES

YES-Eight (8); NO-Zero (0)

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14238

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

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #32522

[View [here](#)]

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL FEES FOR THE USE OF THE EAST CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CENTER GYM FOR EIGHT (8) WEDNESDAYS/DATES: (5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2) FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. TO CHATTANOOGA BANDITS ELITES FOR AAU BASKETBALL PRACTICE AT A VALUE OF \$1,600.00.

Councilman Clark moved to approve with the intent to amend. Councilman Elliott seconded. **Councilman Clark moved** to amend by strike [the following] wording after the \$1,600 [from the original resolution]: *TO INCLUDE ALL FUTURE DATES AND TIMES TO BE APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR*. Councilman Henderson seconded. **Councilman Clark moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried. [Editor's Note: The caption above reflects the final wording after the amendment.]

ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

RESOLUTION #32523

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT WITH RIVERMONT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS AND BUILDINGS LOCATED ON A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL NO. 118K-A-009 AT 3325 DIXIE DRIVE, FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS, WITH AN ANNUAL RENT OF ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR.

RESOLUTION #32524

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT WITH LAKESIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND BUILDINGS LOCATED ON SWAN ROAD, TAX PARCEL NO. 129C-A-018, FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS, WITH AN ANNUAL RENT OF ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR.

RESOLUTION #32525

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW WITH CHATTANOOGA FLYING DISC CLUB, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR DISC GOLF COURSES AT SPECIFIC CITY PUBLIC PARKS FOR DAILY USE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FOR THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, AND TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO STANDARD PREMISES USE AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO UPDATE THE NOTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR THE TENANT.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve all three resolutions. Vice Chair Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32523-32525 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32526

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2030, SUBJECT TO FUTURE REVISION; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Henderson	YES	Dotley	YES
Davis	YES	Elliott	YES
Harvey	YES	Noel	YES
Clark	YES	Hill	YES

YES-Eight (8); NO-Zero (0)

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32527

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ISSUE BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF INDEBTEDNESS RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS OF THE CITY WITH THE PROCEEDS OR BONDS OR OTHER DEBT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Elliott	YES	Davis	YES
Dotley	YES	Henderson	YES
Clark	YES	Noel	YES
Harvey	YES	Hill	YES

YES-Eight (8); NO-Zero (0)

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32528

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-21-012-103, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OF THE CONSENT DECREE IMPLEMENTATION, TO JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., FOR YEAR FOUR (4) OF FIVE (5), WITH ONE (1) ANNUAL RENEWAL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3.3 MILLION.

RESOLUTION #32529

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER TO ENTER INTO A FOUR (4) YEAR BLANKET CONTRACT WITH TNT CONCRETE, LLC, OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR PAVING AND CONCRETE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, CONTRACT NO. W-24-029-201, FOR THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION ANNUALLY.

Councilman Elliott moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32528 & 32529 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

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

REQ165103 Purchasing **\$500,000.00**

Canon Multi-Function Devices
Lowest/Best Bidder: Canon USA Inc
14904 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

REQ164452 Library **\$131,713.99**

Patron Point Marketing Automation System for the Library
Lowest/Best Bidder: Springshare LLC
801 Brickell Avenue Floor 8
Miami, FL 33131

PA100690 Fleet Management Division, Public Works **\$208,000.00**

Service Repairs for All Medium & Heavy Duty Vehicles
Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith Inc
2600 8th Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37407

557937 Fleet Management Division, Public Works

No Money Added

Vehicle Rental

Lowest/Best Bidder: Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Tennessee
209 Seaboard Lane
Franklin, TN 37067

REQ160422 Wastewater

\$66,220.00

Trench and Shorelite Lite Boxes

Lowest/Best Bidder: Iron Lot, LLC
2731 Huffman Mill Road
Burlington, NC 27215

REQ164008 Wastewater

\$100,697.50

Pumps & Pump Maintenance

Lowest/Best Bidder: Duperon Corporation
1200 Leon Scott Court
Saginaw, MI 48601

561691 Human Resources

\$615,000.00

Stop Loss Insurance

Lowest/Best Bidder: Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Tenn
1 Cameron Hill Cir Ste 0009
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:*Affordable Housing Committee*

Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Dotley reported:

- The first reading of the FY25 budget passed today. The second reading will be next week.

Economic Development Committee

Councilman Elliott (No report)

Education Committee

Councilman Harvey (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Councilman Clark reported:

- The committee will meet next week, June 10.

Legislative Committee

Vice Chair Noel reported:

- The Legislative Committee will meet on June 17 and July 1, 2025.

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Berz (Not present)

Parks and Public Works Committee
Councilman Davis (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS

City Attorney Settlement

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Noblett announced a settlement of a dispute between the City and Reeves Young regarding any claims as to contracts W17-021-0201 and W182-008-201 for the Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements and the EQUINOX improvements project, subject to a settlement agreement that has been approved by the department. He continued: That settlement agreement will result in a payment at this point in time of the remaining balances under the contract for \$2,300,000.00, but no additional amounts.

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, Chairwoman Hill recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	YouTube Links to Comments:
• Monty Bell	8	Click here
• Lee Helena	(N/A)	Click here
• Miller Brown	6	Click here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Harvey, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attachment:
Amendment to FY26 Operations Budget

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section S(a) GENERAL GOVERNMENT & SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

Section 5(a) GENERAL GOVERNMENT & SUPPORTING AGENCIES of "THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATIONS BUDGET" ordinance, FY26 Proposed amounts for "Contingency Fund Appropriation" and "Renewal & Replacement" are hereby struck and amended to read as follows:

	FY26
	Proposed
Contingency Fund Appropriation	<u>\$4,960,156</u>
Renewal & Replacement	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
Contingency Fund Appropriation	\$950,156
Renewal & Replacement	\$1,000,000

SECTION 2. Instructions for earnest money deposit.

The City of Chattanooga Department of Finance shall set this five million dollar earnest money deposit resulting from the Contingency Fund Replacement reductions into a new budget line called "Earnest Money for Sworn Fire & Police Compensation" until the City Council passes a separate ordinance amending 'THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATIONS BUDGET" to address compensation for police and fire, at which time these monies shall be incorporated into the financing structure for sworn police and and fire pay raises and this new budget line item dissolved.