



Chattanooga City Council
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 June 6, 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 Carol Berz, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Darrin Ledford, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, 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

FY2023-24 Budget Public Hearing
 (View the video [here](#))

Chair Dotley opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. and asked Attorney Noblett to read the rules of procedure for addressing the Council. After which, Chair Dotley opened the floor and recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Jason Brown	(N/A)	SEIU organizer/Supports budget, including step plan
• Lyn Rutherford	7	SEIU member/Supports budget for her team
• Stephen Russell	3	SEIU member/Supports step plan included in the budget
• Robert Ledford	(N/A)	SEIU Chief Steward/Support of budget/thanks for pay increases
• Jack Thompson	(N/A)	Firefighter Association/Supports apparatus replacements in the budget
• Keith Liles	(N/A)	Firefighter Association/Thanks for new station and hiring new firefighters

Seeing no further persons wishing to address the Council, Chair Dotley closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (May 23, 2023) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

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

ORDINANCE #13985

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-137, ABATEMENT BY CITY AND LIEN FOR COSTS THEREOF; NOTICE; HEARING; APPEAL, SUBSECTION (C), RELATING TO SERVICE OF NOTICE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13986

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 17-3, 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 912.3.1 AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 17-43, REQUIRING STRUCTURES TO HAVE A KEY LOCK BOX INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSES.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2023-0037
Pierce Hardy
Alternate Version
District No. 6

ORDINANCE #13987

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2844 EBLEN DRIVE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Attorney Noblett confirmed the condition of the Type A buffer, to which the Applicant agreed during this meeting. Therefore, **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALTERNATE VERSION PASSED ON FIRST READING

2023-0049
Charles Ford
Alternate Version
District No. 8

On motion of Councilman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13982

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2701 BENTON AVENUE, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Attorney Noblett read the following condition of the Alternate Version: *No more than two (2) single-family detached dwellings with Accessory Dwelling Units (the Accessory Dwelling Unit is not required)*. Councilwoman Noel confirmed with the Applicant that this condition was acceptable. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALTERNATE VERSION PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2023-0032
Andrew Hodgson, Esq. Husch Blackwell LLP
c/o SEB, LLC and SEB2, LLC
District No. 7

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #13988

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN AN ALLEY LOCATED IN THE 3800 BLOCK OF ST. ELMO AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2023-0039
Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise c/o Justin Tirsun
District No. 9

Agenda Item VI(f):

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 2500 BLOCK OF CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Since Councilwoman Coonrod was not present, **Councilman Hester moved** to defer two weeks. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO JUNE 20, 2023

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #31626

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NADIA KAIN TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR DISTRICT 6, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 6, 2029.

RESOLUTION #31627

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GERTHA LEE-SHARP TO THE SOUTH REGION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DISTRICT 7, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 6, 2024.

RESOLUTION #31628

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAISY MADISON TO THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31629

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRETT SMALLEY TO THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 30, 2026.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve the four resolutions. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31626 – 31629 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Hester,

RESOLUTION #31630

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN OFFICE LEASE WITH HAMILTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF 368 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AT 5705 UPTAIN ROAD, IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NO. 157M-A-012, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1, 2023, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS WITH ANNUAL RENT OF \$1.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31631

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, A COPY OF WHICH IS IN THE FORM SUBSTANTIALLY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31632

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FROM THE KNOX COMPANY TO BE USED TO REQUIRE ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION TO INSTALL KEY LOCK BOXES ON THE EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS AND LOCKING FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION (FDC) CAPS, WHICH INCLUDES THE KEY SECURE 6 SYSTEM, MOUNTING BRACKETS, EKEYS, SOFTWARE, DOCKING STATIONS, AND FDC WRENCHES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,924.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31633

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MALLEN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, WITH A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 6, 2027, PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 21-236.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31634

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE HEYMAN TO THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 2, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 1, 2028.

RESOLUTION #31635

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF DEACON HICKS ARMOR AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CARTER STREET CORPORATION, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 17, 2023, AND ENDING ON JANUARY 5, 2027.

RESOLUTION #31636

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF RONALD PARSON TO THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 6, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31637

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF BROOKLYN LUCAS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGION 1 (LOOKOUT VALLEY), WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 6, 2024.

RESOLUTION #31638

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF AMANDA WAGNER TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGION 1 (LOOKOUT VALLEY), WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 7, 2023, AND ENDING ON JUNE 6, 2024.

RESOLUTION #31639

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF MARK HEINZER AS THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Henderson moved to approve the six resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31634 – 31639 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #31640

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MOUNTAIN CREEK CORRIDOR STUDY.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31641

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATCHRINA SHAVERS, AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER DIVISION, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN AS WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

RESOLUTION #31642

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WYATT STUTTS, AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER DIVISION, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN AS WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST 2, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

RESOLUTION #31643

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER PALMER, AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN AS LANDSCAPE INSPECTOR, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

RESOLUTION #31644

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEVI WITT, AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN AS CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR II, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

RESOLUTION #31645

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$25 MILLION.

RESOLUTION #31646

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT AN INFLATION REDUCTION ACT - URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE (FS) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM, FOR A FIVE-YEAR GRANT PERIOD, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15 MILLION.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31641 – 31646 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31647

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE H-GAC BUY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #31648

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CAPITAL WASTE SERVICES FOR RHEA COUNTY LANDFILL AND TO REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR BRADLEY COUNTY LANDFILL FOR THREE (3) YEARS FOR BRADLEY COUNTY OR RHEA COUNTY LANDFILL DISPOSAL OF BIOSOLID SLUDGE AND OTHER SPECIAL WASTE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

200473-5 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$250,000.00
John Deere Agriculture Tractor OEM Parts & Service	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ag-Pro Companies	
3529 APD 40 SW	
Cleveland, TN 37311	

PO# 561584 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works	\$65,000.00
Masonry Materials for Local Pickup	
Lowest/Best Bidder: T T Wilson Company	
P.O. Box 967	
Chattanooga, TN 37401	

PA100106 Wastewater	Increase of \$500K for a total annual estimated spend of \$650K
Bypass Pumping Rental Equipment	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc.	
84 Floodgate Rd	
Bridgeport, NJ 08014	

Solicitation 200488 - CDOT/Dept. of Public Works

\$500,000.00

Concrete Sidewalk Grinding Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: We Fix Sidewalks

3268 West 165th

Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED****RFP Format Recommendation**

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

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Human Resources	Dental insurance RFP: Human Resources would like to issue an RFP to obtain a variety of options. This gives the department the ability to properly evaluate and link to our current health care system.	RFP Format Determination

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve issuing the RFP. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.**ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE THE RFP****Emergency Purchase**

Ms. Bursch reported the following emergency purchase:

Date	Dept	Description	Cost	Supplier	Explanation	Event Type
5/22/23	Economic and Community Development	Bio Hazard Clean Up of Veteran's Bridge	\$77,620.04	ServPro	Bio Hazardous and Fire Hazardous Environment due to Homeless Encampment located under the Veteran's Bridge.	Emergency

[No Council action was required for this report.]

Sole Source Purchase

Ms. Bursch reported the following sole source purchase:

Date	Dept	Description	Cost	Supplier	Explanation	Documentation
5/31/23	Wastewater	Spreading equipment for biosolids at the Crossville Mine Site	\$37,930.00	Synagro 435 Williams Court, Ste. 100 Baltimore, MD 21220	Synagro is the City's contracted vendor for biosolids transport and spreading. The additional resources being requested are not provided for under the blanket contract; this sole source request is a one-time provision to accommodate difficult working conditions at this particular worksite.	Sole Source Documentation

[No Council action was required for this report.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Vice Chair Hill (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz:

- The FY24 budget public hearing took place at the beginning of this meeting. The first reading of the budgets will take place next week, June 13th.

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (Not present)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)
She announced the following:

- Community Haven has a jobs training program and will sponsor the “Hang Time: A Community Cookout.” They are also hiring for the summer, so anyone needing a job may contact Bro. Kevin Muhammed (www.communityhavenchattanooga.org).
- Thanks to 3-1-1 for the quick follow-up in taking care of an issue in her district.

Equity and Community Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (Not present)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee met today to review all planning and zoning items.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester (No report)

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, Chair Dotley opened the floor and recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Joshua Kapellusch	(N/A)	Humbling ourselves/showing modesty/extending grace

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL