



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024

3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilpersons Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not in attendance of this meeting.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed in two separate videos on YouTube. Part 1 video is available [here](#). Part 2 video is available [here](#).]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Tim Kelly, Mayor, and Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Parks & Outdoors: Scott Martin, Administrator

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

Chattanooga Design Studio: Eric Myers, Executive Director

Chattanooga Fire & Police Pension Fund: Chris Hopkins, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Hill led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (June 11, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

Agenda Item IX(g) – Mayor's Office (Relative to amending various previous resolution nos.)

Councilman Ledford offered additional information on this item, which may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(n) – Parks & Outdoors (Relative to Planning and Design Services Agreement with Chattanooga Design Studio RE: Montague Park)

Councilwoman Noel requested additional information regarding this item. Mr. Martin and Mr. Myers gave a brief presentation and afterwards, Chairman Henderson opened the floor for comments and questions from the Council. The presentation and subsequent discussion may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Item 8(a) – Public Safety: Fire (Ordinance amendment relative to 2018 National Fire Protection Association & Code regarding sprinklers)

Vice Chair Hill offered additional information about this item, which may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Item 10(a) – Parks (Resolution relative to Conservation Services Agreement with the Trust for Public Land)

Councilman Ledford requested clarification regarding the monetary amounts for this item [view [here](#)]. Mr. Martin affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Henderson reminded the Assembly that there would be no meetings of the Council on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, due to observance of the Independence Day holiday.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE & POLICE PENSION FUND REPORT

Mr. Hopkins presented the pension fund report to the Council. At the conclusion, Chairman Henderson opened the floor for questions or comments from Council. The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

RECESS

Upon no objections, at 4:11 p.m., Chairman Henderson recessed the business meeting until 4:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Henderson reconvened the business meeting at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Dotley, and Noel. Councilwoman Coonrod was not present. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

ORDINANCE #14118

AN ORDINANCE, HEREINAFTER ALSO KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 OPERATIONS BUDGET", PROVIDING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON 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.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Noel	YES	Ledford	YES
Dotley	YES	Smith	YES
Berz	YES	Hill	YES
Hester	YES	Henderson	YES

YES – Eight (8); NO – Zero (0)

ACTION: APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE #14119

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

The motion carried upon roll call vote.

Smith	YES	Dotley	YES
Ledford	YES	Noel	YES
Hester	YES	Hill	YES
Berz	YES	Henderson	YES

YES – Eight (8); NO – Zero (0)

ACTION: APPROVED

Mayor's Comments to the Council

Chairman Henderson opened the floor to Mayor Kelly, who spoke on the approval of the FY25 Operations and Capital budgets. View the mayor's full comments [here](#). Councilpersons Ledford, Berz, Henderson, and Hester followed with remarks to the Mayor and city staff.

2024-0068

Francisco Daniel Zamora Hernandez

Planning Commission Version

District No. 8

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #14120

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2708 BLISS AVENUE, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

ACTION: APPROVED

2024-0074

Stone Creek Consulting, LLC c/o Allen Jones

Planning Commission Version

District No. 8

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #14121

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1709 NORTH ORCHARD KNOB AVENUE, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO M-3 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

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

MR-2024-0075

March Adams & Associates % Joseph Parks, PE

District No. 7

ORDINANCE #14122

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF A PUBLIC SEWER EASEMENT IN THE 1900 BLOCK OF CENTRAL AVENUE, BEGINNING AT A POINT SOME 112 FEET SOUTHEAST OF MH# S145M079

THENCE SOUTHEAST 126 FEET TO MH# S155D010; ABANDONMENT OF A SEWER EASEMENT BEGINNING AT MH# S155D010 THENCE SOUTHEAST SOME 24 FEET TO MH# S155D011; AND ABANDONMENT OF A SEWER EASEMENT BEGINNING AT MH# S155D010 THENCE NORTHEAST SOME 75 FEET ENDING SOME 256 FEET FROM MH# S145M080, TAX MAP NO. 145M-V-011, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MR-2024-0072

Hannah-Claire Boggess % Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel

District No. 8

ORDINANCE #14123

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT IN THE 400 BLOCK OF NORTH HOLTZCLAW AVENUE, BEGINNING AT MH# S146G032 THENCE NORTHEAST 286 FEET TO A DEAD END, TAX MAP NO. 146B-P-004, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14122 & 14123 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32121

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HOPE CITY CHURCH, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE PREMISES AT 7 N. TUXEDO AVENUE, IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NO. 157G-B-001, TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE CITY'S HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM, FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF THIRTEEN (13) MONTHS, AND THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH, WITH RENT FOR THE INITIAL TERM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 PER MONTH.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32122

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL JACOBSON TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32123

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID LITTLEJOHN TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2024, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32124

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD MCKENNEY TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 19, 2024, AND ENDING ON JUNE 18, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32125

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF EDNA VARNER TO THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON MAY 31, 2029.

RESOLUTION #32126

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ADAM KINSEY TO THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON MAY 31, 2029.

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

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32127

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VARIOUS RESOLUTION NOS. 31197, 31199, 31200, 31201, 31203, 31205, 31206, 31207, 31208, 31210, 31211, 31212, 31213, 31214, 31215, 31216, 31217, 31218, 31219, 31220, 31222, 31224, 31225, 31226, 31279, 31314, 31315, 31553, 31784 TO BE AMENDED REGARDING THE AGREEMENT TYPE FROM A FEDERAL SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT TO A CITY OF CHATTANOOGA RECIPIENT AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION #32128

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE AWARD OF UNALLOCATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS AS PART OF THE CHATTANOOGA RELIEF AND RECOVERY ALLOCATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS WITH: (1) CHATTANOOGA 2.0 FOR THE CHILD SAVINGS ACCOUNT INITIATIVE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00; (2) ELECTRIC POWER BOARD (EPB) FOR THE HOME ENERGY UPLIFT PROGRAM, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00; AND (3) CHATTANOOGA KIWANIS YOUTH FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE HARVEST

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$375,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32129

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31197 WITH THE AIM CENTER, INC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT TYPE FROM A FEDERAL SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT TO A CITY OF CHATTANOOGA RECIPIENT AGREEMENT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$500,000.00, FOR A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION.

RESOLUTION #32130

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31200 WITH CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE FOR AN EXPANSION OF A PURCHASE-REHAB-RESALE PROGRAM TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT TYPE FROM A FEDERAL SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT TO A CITY OF CHATTANOOGA RECIPIENT AGREEMENT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$500,000.00, FOR A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.5 MILLION.

RESOLUTION #32131

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31203 WITH COMMUNITY HAVEN FOR A VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION INITIATIVE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT TYPE FROM A FEDERAL SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT TO A CITY OF CHATTANOOGA RECIPIENT AGREEMENT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$750,000.00, FOR A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32132

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31784 WITH LEGAL AID OF EAST TENNESSEE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE EVICTION PREVENTION INITIATIVE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT TYPE FROM A FEDERAL SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT TO A CITY OF CHATTANOOGA RECIPIENT AGREEMENT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$326,245.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$892,245.00.

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve the six resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32127 - 32132 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32133

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A PLAYCORE NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION GRANT FOR AN IN-KIND GIFT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WASHINGTON HILLS, VALUED AT \$75,000.00, WITH \$75,000.00 IN MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32134

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2024-2025 WITH THE CHATTANOOGA DESIGN STUDIO, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FROM JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, WITH \$70,000.00 TO BE PAID FOR GENERAL PARK SYSTEM PLANNING IN FOUR (4) QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS OF \$17,500.00, PLUS INVOICE REIMBURSEMENT UP TO \$900,000.00 FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE CREATION OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND PLANS FOR MONTAGUE PARK, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$970,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32135

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR KELLY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY FOR THE COURTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TO SCHEDULE WORKERS TO CONDUCT LITTER PICKUP ON CITY STREETS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve the three resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32133 – 32135 ADOPTED

2024-0055
Ziegler GP
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #32136

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 7529 AND 7611 ZIEGLER ROAD, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilman Ledford confirmed that the Applicant had submitted a site plan to Attorney Noblett. Upon no further questions or comments, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #32137

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO HEAR AND RULE ON VARIANCES TO OVERLAY ZONING STANDARDS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #32138

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY NUTRITION EDUCATION SESSIONS, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,632.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

Ms. Bursch (Mayor's Office) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

PA100186 Wastewater Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Services Lowest/Best Bidder: RMJ Consulting P O Box 475 Ooltewah, TN 37363	\$2,300,000.00
PA100649 Wastewater Supplemental Supply of Liquid Oxygen Lowest/Best Bidder: NexAir, LLC 2501 East 23rd Street Chattanooga, TN 37407	Increase of \$250,000.00 for a new total estimated spend of \$525,000.00
REQ145862 Wastewater S & C Switch Replacements Lowest/Best Bidder: IRBY 1875 Polk Street Chattanooga, TN 37408	\$405, 872.00

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Vice Chair Hill (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

- She gave kudos to her colleagues for their work on the budget.

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (Not present)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (Not present)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford (No report)

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Raquetta Dotley (No report)

- She wished everyone a happy Juneteenth holiday.

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, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Raymond Santo	(N/A)	Political refugee/being in jail three weeks with injuries/acts of righteousness
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	Ouster proceedings/Claims against the City of Chattanooga

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Berz, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL