



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2026
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 Council Vice Chair Marvene Noel and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jeff Davis, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, and Ron Elliott. Councilwoman Raquetta Dotley arrived after the call to order [*as noted on page 2.*]

[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: Darrin Ledford, Deputy Chief of Staff; Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiates; and Ellis Smith, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Regional Planning Agency: Karen Rennich, Administrator

Finance: Weston Porter, Chief Financial Officer

Council Office: Kristal Becker, Administrative Assistant and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

CARTA: Brent Matthews, Director of Parking

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Jenni Berz led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairwoman Hill provided an overview of the business meeting structure. She also announced the business meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, will begin at 2:00 PM. Additionally, the Community Development Committee meeting for April 14th has been canceled.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Henderson, the minutes of the last meeting (March 31, 2026) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) – City Attorney Office (Relative to Booting and Immobilization of Vehicles)

Councilman Clark distributed a redlined version of the proposed amendment to the repayment plan. Discussion ensued [view [here](#)] and touched upon the following:

- Councilman Henderson requested clarification of the redline amendment.
- Councilwoman Berz requested a review of the enforcement timeframe.
- Councilman Elliott made comments in support of this ordinance.
- Chairwoman Hill inquired about the payment plan requirement, sustainability by CARTA, and the amnesty period. Mr. Matthews (CARTA) joined the discussion at this point [view [here](#)].
- Councilwoman Berz questioned the timeline for changes.
- Chairwoman Hill formally noted for the minutes that a special presentation from CARTA would be scheduled in six months (October 2026).
- Attorney Noblett read the redlined version (Version 11) for the record.
- Councilman Clark moved to amend the ordinance, which will be on next week's agenda for a final reading. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

[Councilwoman Dotley joined the meeting during the above discussion.]

Agenda Item IX(e-g) – Mayor's Office (Relative to Metropolitan Airport Authority resolutions)

Councilman Elliott questioned Mr. Smith (Mayor's Office) about these appointments. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (April 14, 2026):

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item 9(e) – Council Office (Relative to Resolution for waiver for Park fee rentals)

Chairwoman Hill requested a correction for this item, suggesting a range of 22-30%. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Item 1(a) – Economic Development (Resolution relative to 1009 Reads Lake Road)

Discussion ensued with Mr. Smith, which touched upon the following:

- Councilman Clark inquired about the original listing price.
- Councilman Elliott inquired about the park's maintenance.
- Councilman Henderson requested a revisit to the preservation plan.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Berz, Committee Chair, called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 4:00 p.m., with a quorum of nine Councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last committee meeting (March 3, 2026) were approved as published.

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(b) – Case No. 2026-0032 (Rezoning of residential Planned Unit Development)

Discussion ensued with Ms. Rennich (Regional Planning), which touched upon the following:

- Chairwoman Hill inquired about the PUD, its construction, creation, and uncompleted amenities. Ms. Rennich addressed the Council regarding the PUD.
- Councilman Davis raised concerns regarding the dilapidated vacant land and vacant lots used by the HOA.
- Attorney Noblett asked about the retention pond and abandonment. Ms. Rennich agreed to provide details at next week's business meeting.

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

Agenda Item 8(c) – Case No. 2026-0019 (Relative to property at 1107 North Moore Road)

Councilman Clark inquired about the additional conditions related to site plans and landscape buffering, to which Ms. Rennich. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(e) – Case No. 2026-0018 (Rezoning of 4300 Dodds Avenue)

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Dotley requested this item be deferred until the next Planning and Zoning committee meeting on May 5th. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(f) – Case No. 2026-0020 (Rezoning of 100 Block of Lynchburg Street)

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Discussion ensued. During which, Councilwoman Dotley requested this item be deferred until the next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on May 5. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(g) – Case No. 2026-0027 (Rezoning of 3404 7th Avenue)

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

Councilwoman Berz, Committee Chairwoman, asked to review the Plan Chattanooga Plan and requested Ms. Rennich to give a presentation at the next Strategic meeting on April 21st. Afterwards, she adjourned the Planning and Zoning Committee to pass the floor to Councilman Elliott, Economic Development Committee Chair.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Councilwoman Berz yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Elliott, Economic Development Committee Chairman [View the committee [here.](#)]

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Elliott, Committee Chair, called the Economic Development Committee to order at 4:28 p.m., with a quorum of all nine Councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: **On motion of Councilwoman Dotley** and seconded by Councilman Henderson, the minutes of the last Economic Development Committee meeting (March 24, 2026) were approved as published.

Urban Story Ventures Update on The Bend Project

Councilman Elliott advised the Council that a presentation from Urban Story Ventures regarding an update on the Bend Project had been scheduled; however, no representatives from Urban Story Ventures were present to deliver the presentation, and therefore, the Council was unable to proceed with discussion of the topic at this juncture.

Discussion ensued, with comments, recommendations, and suggestions from Councilpersons Dotley, Hill, Clark, and Elliott. During which, Councilman Clark and Councilman Elliott questioned the Council's subpoena powers, to which Attorney Noblett responded. Councilman Harvey inquired about the quorum for the IDB meetings.

Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed. With no objections from the Council, Councilman Elliott adjourned the Economic Development meeting at 4:30 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

At 4:30 p.m., Chairwoman Hill recessed the business meeting until 5:10 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:10 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilpersons Henderson, Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, Dotley, and Elliott. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Alt. Version #11

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #14347

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-337, AND CREATE A NEW ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO BOOTING AND IMMOBILIZATION OF VEHICLES.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ALT. VERSION #11 PASSED FIRST READING

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

MR-2026-0023

Todd Leamon c/o Hamilton County Public Works
District No. 5

On motion of Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14348

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 4000 BLOCK OF CROMWELL ROAD, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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 #32846

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER GREGORY TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR DISTRICT 6, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 8, 2026, AND ENDING ON APRIL 7, 2029.

RESOLUTION #32847

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTY RASHED TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR DISTRICT 7, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 8, 2026, AND ENDING ON APRIL 7, 2029.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried, with Councilman Clark abstaining.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32846 & 32847 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32848

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS EAST TENNESSEE TO IMPLEMENT THE BUILDERS BLUE PRINT PROGRAM, A CONSTRUCTION TRADE AND BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32849

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A CONTINUATION GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS LIVING WITHIN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA/HAMILTON COUNTY, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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 #32850

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SANTOSH SANKAR TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 29, 2028.

RESOLUTION #32851

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS SUGDEN TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 29, 2028.

RESOLUTION #32852

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF HARRIETTE STOKES TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2026, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2029.

The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32850 – 32852 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32853

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY HAVEN INCORPORATED TO EXPAND ITS COMMUNITY PATROL, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES TARGETING JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH IN CHATTANOOGA TO REDUCE CRIME AND INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32854

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. R-24-004-201, JOHN A. PATTEN BALLFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, TO J. BRENNON CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF DALTON, GA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$812,140.71, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,400.29, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$825,541.00.

RESOLUTION #32855

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. S-25-017-201, SUMMIT LANDFILL FENCE REPLACEMENT, TO KING DEVELOPMENT GROUP, OF KNOXVILLE, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$269,100.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,900.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$296,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32856

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CHATTANOOGA HISTORIC GUIDELINES FOR USE IN ALL EXISTING HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS, INCLUDING ST. ELMO HISTORIC DISTRICT, FERGER PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT, FORT WOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT, BATTERY PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT, AND LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT SHAVIN HOUSE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE NOS. 9333 (FORT WOOD); 9542 (BATTERY PLACE); 9560 (FERGER PLACE); 9714 (ST. ELMO); AND 20511 (SHAVIN HOUSE).

RESOLUTION #32857

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. M-23-007-201, DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS, TO BJB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., OF BRENTWOOD, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,230.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,230.00.

RESOLUTION #32858

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO PA100443 WITH DETAIL XPERTS FOR CUSTODIAL CLEANING OF THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS BUILDINGS BY \$264,392.00, FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$679,392.00 TO RECONCILE ORACLE PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNTS, EXTEND THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY SIXTY (60) DAYS WHILE A NEW CONTRACT IS BID AND AWARDED, AND PROVIDE FUNDING THROUGH THE EXTENSION PERIOD.

Councilman Henderson moved to approve all five resolutions. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32854 – 32858 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

Mr. Porter (Finance) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

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| 200905 Citywide Services, Public Works | \$586,000.00 |
| Equipment Maintenance & Repair Services | |
| Lowest/Best Bidders: | |
| 1. Stowers Machinery Corporation - 4066 South Access Road, Chattanooga, TN 37406 | |
| 2. Power Equipment Company - 4295 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406 | |
| 3. Kubota of Chattanooga - 2628 Rossville Blvd, Chattanooga, TN 37404 | |
| 4. Chattanooga Tractor & Equipment Inc - 2034 E, Polymer Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421 | |
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| 200899-2 Citywide Services, Public Works | \$50,000.00 |
| Bags of Ice | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Tennessee Valley Ice Company | |
| 4116 S. Creek Road | |
| Chattanooga, TN 37406 | |
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| 200897,3 Citywide Services, Public Works | \$156,000.00 |
| Grounds Maintenance for City Right of Ways | |
| Lowest/Best Bidders: | |
| 1. CityGreen Services - 206 Merriman Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37415 | |
| 2. Excellent Lawn Care - P.O. Box 23203, Chattanooga, TN 37422 | |

200893-2 Wastewater	\$6,382,448.00
Biosolids Handling	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Elite Enterprises, LLC PO Box 633 Soddy Daisy, TN 37384	
REQ178023 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$215,100.00
Ford F550 Bucket Truck	
Lowest/Best Bidder: National Auto Fleet Group 490 Auto Center Drive Watsonville, CA 95076	
REQ176680 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$389,013.35
Ford F 550 Truck with CCTV Capabilities	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Cues Inc 3600 Rio Vista Avenue Orlando, FL 32805	
200903-2 Wastewater	\$895,000.00
Peracetic Acid	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Bar Environmental 100 Winners Circle N Suite 420 Brentwood, TN 37027	

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[View here]

Affordable Housing Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott reported:

- The committee was supposed to receive an update today from Urban Story Ventures regarding the Bend development, but the presenters did not attend. He will reschedule the presentation after the upcoming leadership elections.

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilman Harvey (No report)

Community Development Committee
Councilman Clark (No report)

Legislative Committee
Vice Chair Noel (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee reviewed several cases scheduled for next week's agenda.
- Two District 7 cases, items 2026-0018 and 2026-0020, will be moved to the May 5 agenda for their first reading; and
- The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on April 13.

Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee

Councilman Davis (No report)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

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	Link to YouTube Comments
• Montrell Beasley	7	View here
• Shirley (distributed pictures)	(N/A)	View here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councilman Elliott advised her to file a report with CPD.
<i>[Councilwoman Dotley exited the meeting at this time]</i>		
• Janice Gooden	8	View here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL