



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

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 24, 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, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. Councilman Dennis Clark arrived shortly after the call to order.

[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**

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Stormwater: Maria Price, Assistant City Engineer

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Council Office: Kristal Becker, Administrative Assistant and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Noel expressed her gratitude to all participants and those who dressed to represent Black History Month during the final business meeting of the month. She also acknowledged the influential Black women who have contributed to our progress during Black History Month.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Vice Chair Noel** and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (February 17, 2026) were approved as published.

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## DISCUSSION AGENDA

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### ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

**Agenda Item VIII(b) – Public Works (Case No. MR-2025-0156 for 400 block of Maplewood Ave)** Councilman Clark inquired about the property, and Mr. Wood provided details. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

### PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

#### Recommended New Purchases:

- **REQ176028 – Traffic Operations Public Works (Traffic Management System)**

Councilman Elliott inquired about traffic signals and requested a priority list for smart traffic system management, including a catalog and a prioritized list of intersections. Mr. Wood addressed Councilman Elliott's questions and agreed to provide the requested follow-up list. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

### NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (March 3, 2026):

#### ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

**Agenda Item 8(a) – Office of the City Attorney (Relative to Speed on Through Streets)**

Councilman Harvey inquired about the speed limit reduction on this item, to which Attorney Noblett responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(d) – Public Works (Relative to Residential Pond Program)**

Chairwoman Hill asked Ms. Price (Stormwater) to provide a detailed explanation of the Pond Program, including compliance, inspection, and maintenance agreement. Councilman Elliott questioned her about the City's process for handling incidents on private property; Ms. Price responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

**Agenda Item XII(a) – Certificate of Compliance (4886 Bonny Oaks Drive)**

Councilman Clark inquired about the beer and liquor license for the gas station in his district. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Councilman Elliott announced adding a resolution regarding city-wide litter to the March 10<sup>th</sup> agenda. He noted he was waiting on the language from the Attorney's office. Councilwoman Berz inquired about Scenic City Beautiful and if they were still in operation with the city. Councilman Clark inquired about in-house jobs with Public Works and jobs that pick-up litter. Ms. Price addressed Council's questions. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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## MEETING RECESS

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Upon no objections from the Council, at 3:46 p.m., Chairwoman Hill recessed the business meeting until 4:15 p.m.

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**MEETING RECONVENED**

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Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 4:15 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilmembers Henderson, Davis, Clark, Berz, Dotley, and Elliott. Attorney Noblett arrived shortly after the meeting was reconvened. Councilman Harvey arrived during the reading of the resolutions. Ms. Bardoner was also present.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** With no objections from the Council, Chairwoman Hill instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two ordinances for one Council vote:

MR-2025-0130  
Jerrod Blaiser c/o  
Mike Price, MAP Engineers  
District No. 5

**ORDINANCE #14331**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 4200 BLOCK OF BONNY OAKS DRIVE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

MR-2025-0156  
EC Brainerd, LLC  
District No. 5

**ORDINANCE #14332**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 400 BLOCK OF MAPLEWOOD AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**Councilwoman Dotley moved** to approve both ordinances. Councilman Clark seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 14331 & 14332 APPROVED**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**RESOLUTION #32808**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD SLEDGE TO THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE AND WRECKER BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2029.**

*[Councilman Harvey arrived during the reading of the above item.]*

**RESOLUTION #32809**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF DONNA SHEPHERD TO THE TREE COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2030.**

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

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32808 & 32809 ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

**RESOLUTION #32810**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND THE CITY OF COLLEGEDALE WITH REGARD TO ADJUSTING BOUNDARIES IN THE CITY OF COLLEGEDALE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8883 OLD LEE HIGHWAY, OOLTEWAH, TN 37363, FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND PETITION FOR DEANNEXATION BY VERSAILLES LAND AND DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A TO THIS RESOLUTION. (DISTRICT 6)**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Recommended New Purchases**

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

**200880. 3 Wastewater**

\$750,000.00

Sewer Video & Sonar Inspection Services

- Lowest/Best Bidder:
1. Amtec Surveying, Inc 1950 Kramer Way, Marietta, GA 30062
  2. Duke's Root Control, Inc 400 Airport Rd, Suite E, Elgin, IL 60123
  3. Performance Contracting, Inc, 1430 E Weisgarber Rd, Knoxville, TN 37909
  4. Redzone Robotics, Inc, 195 Thorn Hill Rd, Suite 110, Warrendale, PA 15086

**PA100010 Technology Services** \$280,100.00  
Software Consultant Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: KCI Technologies, Inc  
500 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North,  
Suite 290  
Nashville, TN 37203

**REQ176028 Traffic Operations, Public Works** \$400,000.00  
Traffic Management System Catalog  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Cubic ITS, Inc  
522 Gillingham  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

**PUR144735 Parks & Outdoors** \$1,141,842.00  
Rivermont Ballfields & Champions Club  
Tennis Lighting Improvements  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Musco Sports Lighting, LLC  
100 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue W  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

**Vice Chair Noel moved** to approve. Councilman Harvey seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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*Affordable Housing Committee*  
*Budget and Finance Committee*  
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

*Economic Development Committee*  
Councilman Elliott (No report)

*Education 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 will meet next week (March 3<sup>rd</sup>).

*Parks and Public Works Committee*  
Councilman Davis reported:

- The Council's working group on homelessness will meet next Monday, March 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (local time) in the J.B. Collins Conference Room of the City Council Building.

Public Safety Committee  
Councilman Henderson (No report)

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Certificate of Compliance

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Noblett presented the [revised] Certificate of Compliance for ***Certificate of Compliance, 7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a Speedway #42185 (1886), 4886 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, TN. (District 5)***. He advised that Council had approved this certificate previously, but it had to be resubmitted to the TABC due to a formatting issue.

## 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
• Randy Newell	N/A	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Melanie Norwood	N/A	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Josh Branum	N/A	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Olivia Batson	8	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Shirley Moon	9	View <a href="#">here</a>

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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**COUNCIL CHAIR**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**