



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 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 Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jeff Davis, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. Vice Chair Marvene Noel 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

Mayor's Office: Charita Allen, Senior Advisor for Economic & Workforce Development

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Police: John Chambers, Chief

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator, and Greg Herold, Civil Engineer 2

Parks & Outdoors: April Furth, Administrator

Purchasing: Daniel Harrigan, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Elliott led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last meeting (July 22, 2025) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Agenda Item VII(a) – Legal (Relative to Urban Chickens)

Councilwoman Berz requested that if this item passed on second reading, translations of it be made available in languages other than English. She also stressed the importance of educating [the public] regarding this item; Councilman Henderson affirmed [view discussion [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

Sole Source – Police (Sig P320 Carry Pistols from Accurate Law Enforcement)

Chairwoman Hill requested additional information regarding this item; Chief Chambers responded [view [here](#)]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK’S PROPOSED AGENDA (August 5, 2025)

Agenda Item 8(a) – Public Works – Case No. MR-2025-0066

Chairwoman Hill provided additional information about this item [view [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(b) – Public Works – Case No. MR-2025-0079

Chairwoman Hill requested additional information on this item; Mr. Wood and Attorney Noblett responded [discussion may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety]. Upon the recommendation of the City Attorney and Public Works Department, and upon no objections from Council, a utility easement will be added to this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Item 1(a) – Economic Development (Resolution relative to \$588,809.98 funds transfer to the IDB)

Councilman Elliott and Councilman Clark requested additional information about this item; Ms. Allen and Attorney Noblett responded. The discussion may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chairwoman Hill yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Davis for the Parks & Public Works Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Davis, Committee Chair, called the Parks & Public Works Committee to order at 3:50 p.m., with a quorum of all nine councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last Parks & Public Works Committee meeting (May 13, 2025) were approved as published.

Paving List Presentation:

Mr. Wood introduced Mr. Herold, who presented the Paving List presentation to Council. The presentation may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- The different divisions that comprise the Public Works Department
- An overview of the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) & the considerations that are factored when scoring
- Pavement Priority Targets
- Capital Fund Changes – previous funding vs. current funding
- List of Completed & Planned Work
- Priorities moving forward

Afterwards, the floor was opened to questions and comments from Council, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Requests for:
 - the PCI list broken down by District
 - the list of current projects
 - Strategic [Paving] Plan (3-5 years out)
- Clarification regarding:
 - the list of 'planned projects'
 - what constitutes a 'lane mile'
 - process for adding roads to the PCI list

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

Parks & Outdoors Goals & Vision Presentation:

Ms. Furth presented the Parks & Outdoors Department's goals & vision to the Council, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- The Department's Mission & Responsibilities
- The Department's focus & priorities:
 - Team alignment, talent development, & CAPRA Accreditation
 - Maintaining & advancing the existing parks & facilities
 - Elevating the local Sports economy
- Next Steps:
 - Developing a 3-year work plan
 - Exploring diverse revenue sources
 - Furthering public outreach & engagement

Questions and comments from the Council following the presentation may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

[Councilman Clark stepped out briefly during the above discussion.]

MEETING RECESS

Councilman Davis adjourned the Parks & Public Works Committee at 4:45 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:50 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:50 p.m. A quorum as 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.

Councilwoman Dotley, noting that she would need to leave the meeting before it was adjourned, addressed the residents who were in attendance today regarding the Battle Academy parking matter. She indicated that it was not a Council matter yet. was not yet a “Council” matter. [View her full statement [here](#).]

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Version #10

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14257

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-107 AND CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-145, RELATIVE TO URBAN CHICKENS.

The motion carried, with **Vice Chair Noel and Councilwoman Berz voting “No.”**

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2025-0092

Kimley-Horn c/o Donna Shepherd

District No. 7

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Harvey,

ORDINANCE #14258

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE 200 BLOCK OF W. 27TH STREET, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2025-0095

Clemons Surveying c/o Samuel W. Clemons

District No. 9

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Harvey,

ORDINANCE #14259

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE 600 BLOCK OF N. CREST ROAD, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

2025-0088

Mikhail Livarchuk

Planning Commission Version

District No. 9

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14260

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2105 RANDOLPH STREET, FROM I-H HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONE TO TRN-3 TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32593

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCEPT \$430,500.00 FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TENNESSEE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO AND/OR CIRCULATING LIBRARY MATERIALS IN A VARIETY OF FORMATS PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, TO PROMOTE GENERAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES, TARGETING MATERIALS IN PERSONS HAVING DIFFICULTY USING A LIBRARY, AND TO THE UNDERSERVED.

The motion carried.

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 #32594

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A GREEN GRANTS PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA FOOD CENTER FOR DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A WATER QUALITY RETROFIT PROJECT AT 901 DODDS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,660.00.

RESOLUTION #32595

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 32547, TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FOUR (4) YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACTS FOR DESIGN AND PLAN PRODUCTION SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. S-25-002-101, WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS: (1) WSP USA; (2) BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC.; (3) JACOBS ENGINEERING; (4) CONSOR ENGINEERS, LLC; (5) ALFRED BENESCH & CO.; (6) ARCADIS US, INC.; (7) RAGAN-SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC.; (8) LICHLITER, JAMESON & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC.; (9) KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.; AND (10) CIVIL SITE DESIGN GROUP COMPANY, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ESTIMATED AT \$1.5 MILLION TOTAL, FOR ALL TEN (10) PROFESSIONAL FIRMS, FOR USE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS."

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Davis seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTION 32594 & 32595 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32596

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH REEVES YOUNG, LLC, OF SUGAR HILL, GA, FOR CONTRACT NOS. W-17-023-201 AND W-18-008-201, MBWWTP IMPROVEMENTS – SCHEDULES A AND B, FOR INCORPORATING CRF NOS. 17, 18, 19, 20, AND 21 FOR MATERIAL TESTING, CONCRETE COATINGS, BYPASS PIPING, RE-ROUTING OF WIRING, AND REVISIONS TO THE EIGHTY-FOUR (84") INCH PIPE ALIGNMENT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$1,486,622.69, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$12,426,209.90, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$413,450.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,839,659.90.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32597

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 32381 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE TENNESSEE LAW ENFORCEMENT HIRING, TRAINING, AND RECRUITMENT PROGRAM GRANT PERIOD TO FEBRUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING MARCH 19, 2029, WITH NO CHANGE IN AMOUNT.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [Here](#)]

Mr. Harrigan (Purchasing) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

REQ167912 Police Department \$112,458.22

Ammunition

Lowest/Best Bidder: Precision Delta Corporation
205 W Floyce St
PO Box 128
Ruleville, MS 38771

PA100262 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$65,000.00

Custodial Services for Fleet Management Division Locations

Lowest/Best Bidder: DetailXperts
6121 Heritage Park Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37416

PUR145357 Parks & Outdoors \$1,881,208.14

Synthetic Turf

Lowest/Best Bidder: Astro Turf Corporation
2680 Abutment Road
Dalton, GA 30721

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

Sole Source Purchases

Mr. Harrigan also reported on the following sole source purchases:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION/ OTHER NOTES	COST	DOCUMENTS
7/21/25	Wastewater	Tennessee One Call System Inc 1850 Elm Hill Pike Nashville, TN 37210	Tennessee 811	2025 Member/Database Maintenance for 811 Statewide Notification for the location of Underground Utility Lines "Call Before You Dig"	\$49,391.44	REQ167625
7/23/25	Police	Accurate Law Enforcement 3562 Summer Avenue Memphis, TN 38122	Sig P320 Carry Pistol	Purchase of fifty (50) Sig Sauer P320 Carry Pistols	\$26,000.00	REQ167782

**No Council action required for this report.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[View [Here](#)]

Affordable Housing Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Dotley reported:

- The third budget work session regarding first responder pay took place today.
- The next work session will take place on Tuesday (August 5) at 10:00 a.m.

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott (No report)

Education Committee
Councilman Harvey (No report)

Equity and 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. The Council should have received the list of cases from the RPA.

Parks and Public Works Committee

Councilman Davis reported:

- The committee met today and heard two presentations: the Paving List by Jerramy Wood and the Public Works team, and the Goals and Vision of Parks & Outdoors by April Furth.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

[Vice Chair Noel and Councilwoman Dotley exited the meeting at this time.]

OTHER BUSINESS

Certificate of Compliance

[View [Here](#)]

Attorney Noblett recommended approval of the following: **Certificate of Compliance, 7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a Speedway #42185 (1886), 4862 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416 (District 5)**. He advised that there has been a background investigation for a retail liquor store. This particular location is a wine and grocery store. The applicant has met all the requirements for this particular license and there the location complies with the local ordinance. [The certificate was signed during this open meeting.]

[Councilman Clark exited the meeting at this time.]

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	Links to YouTube Comments
• Andrew Jones	3	View here
• Emily Bland	7	View here
• Andrea Killabrew	(N/A)	View here
• Chelsea McCamus	6	View here
• Joshua David Kapellusch	(N/A)	View here
• Ernest Reid	9	View here
• Curtis Laster	5	View here
• Marie Mott	6	View here
• Rev. Anne Jones Pierre	6	View here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL