



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2026
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Jeff Davis called the business meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Council Vice Chair Ron Elliott and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Marvene Noel. Councilman Chip Henderson was not in attendance of this meeting.

[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: Kevin Roig, Chief of Staff; Darrin Ledford, Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor for Public Affairs; and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Finance: Weston Porter, City Finance Officer

Public Works: Bill Payne, City Engineer

Economic Development: Richard Beeland, Administrator

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Executive Director, and Bryan Shults, Director of Development Services

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Elliott led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the families affected by recent tragedies in and around the community.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (3)

Wolfsburg, Germany Sister Cities Trip

Councilman Harvey was joined by other members of the Chattanooga Sister Cities delegation for a presentation on their recent trip to Germany for the 15th Anniversary of our Sister Cities partnership [view [here](#)]. Following the presentation, commemorative plaques from the City of Wolfsburg were presented to Chairman Davis and Mr. Ledford, accepting on behalf of the Mayor's Office.

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Ms. Rennich (Regional Planning) presented the Plan to Council, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- The history of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- The goal of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)
- The principles and objectives of the 'Vision Zero' and Safe System Approach
- The City of Chattanooga's current and future work towards 'Vision Zero'
- Next steps

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

Public Hearing – Franchise Ordinance for Pipe Properties **Case No. MR-2026-0053**

At 4:11 p.m., Chairman Davis called the public hearing to order [view [here](#)] on the proposed franchise ordinance for Pipe Properties. He then turned it over to Mr. Payne (Public Works), who gave a presentation that may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Background and basics of franchises (in general)
- Similar existing franchises within the City of Chattanooga
- Overview of the specific franchise being discussed today
- Maintenance and liability responsibilities
- Recommendations

[Councilwoman Noel briefly stepped out during the above presentation.]

Following the presentation, Chairman Davis opened the public hearing and invited public comment on the proposed franchise ordinance. Seeing none, Chairman Davis closed the public hearing at 4:27 p.m. and opened the floor to questions and comments from the Council, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Clarification on who is liable for the sidewalk(s)
- Insurance at the site
- What happens if Council votes against granting the franchise

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

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (June 23, 2026) were approved as published. *[Editor's Note: There was no Council meeting on June 30, 2026.]*

DISCUSSION AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(b) – Mayor’s Office (Relative to Love Your Block Fellows project)

Councilwoman Hill requested clarification and additional information regarding this item. Mr. Ledford and Mr. Roig (Mayor’s Office) responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(c) – Mayor’s Office (Relative to Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County for the Metropolitan Planning Organization)

Councilwoman Hill requested clarification and additional information regarding this item. Mr. Ledford responded and discussion ensued [view [here](#)]. Councilwoman Hill noted a clerical correction needed for this item; Attorney Noblett affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Item 1(a) – Economic Development (Resolution relative to Notice of Limitation of Use with the National Park Service for property at 1816 Gray Road / Tax Map No. 159B-A-003)

Councilman Harvey requested clarification regarding this item; Mr. Beeland responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Item 3(a) – Finance (Resolution revising the City’s purchasing policy, relative to RFP or RFQ selection committees)

Vice Chair Elliott requested clarification and additional information regarding this item; Mr. Porter and Mr. Anderson responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Council Chairman Davis 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 4:48 p.m., with a quorum of eight Councilpersons present. Councilman Henderson was not in attendance of this meeting.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Vice Chair Elliott, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting (June 2, 2026) were approved as published.

Items for Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(a) – Case No. 2026-0086 (Rezoning of property at 518 East Manning Street)

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here](#)]. Councilwoman Hill requested confirmation on the language and conditions; Ms. Rennich responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(b) – Case No. 2026-0084 (Rezoning of property at 6340 Middle Valley Road)

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here](#)]. Council Chairman Davis requested clarification on the plan and conditions; Ms. Rennich responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(c) – Case No. 2026-0080 (Rezoning of properties at 3714 Saint Elmo Avenue and 3717 Tennessee Avenue)

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here](#)]. Councilwoman Dotley advised her intent to approve the staff version of this item when it comes up for a vote next week. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

[Councilwoman Dotley briefly stepped out after the above discussion.]

Other Business:

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING (for today, July 7, 2026)

• Agenda Item VIII(c) – Wastewater (Case No. MR-2026-0065 closing and abandoning a sewer main and subject easement located at 6400 block of Middle Valley Road / Tax Map No. 091M-C-008)

This item was not discussed during the committee meeting.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING (for Tuesday, July 21, 2026)

• Case No. 2026-0057 (Rezoning of property at 6808 Connor Lane)

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item at Councilwoman Berz's request [view [here](#)]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

REVIEW OF THE ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT (ADU) ORDINANCE

Ms. Rennich recognized Mr. Schults (Regional Planning), who presented the ADU ordinance review to Council. The presentation may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- History of ADUs in Chattanooga and a map of where they are currently located
- Development trends and a breakdown of ADU distribution by Council District
- Examples of constructed ADUs around the city

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

- Updated usage survey
- Statistics on how property owners are utilizing ADUs
- Concerns over vague language in the ordinance
- Importance of public right-of-ways & alleyways in accessing ADUs
- Clarification on side yard setbacks
- Request for Impervious Surface and Drainage Studies

Councilwoman Berz requested the RPA compile the Council's feedback and return with a follow-up presentation; Mr. Shults affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

MEETING RECESS

Upon no objections from Council, Councilwoman Berz adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee at 5:34 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 6:15 p.m.

As announced during the open meeting, the Council met during the recess for a closed session with the City Attorney.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Davis reconvened the business meeting at 6:15 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Elliott and Councilpersons Hill, Harvey, Clark, Berz, Dotley, and Noel. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Clerk Nicole Gwyn were also present. Councilman Henderson was not present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

ORDINANCE #14381

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 26, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS, SECTION 26-17, OTHER ACTS PROHIBITED.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Vice Chair Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14382

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING UNTO PIPE PROPERTIES, LLC, A TENNESSEE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A ROADWAY THAT ENTERS THROUGH THE EXISTING BUILDING LOCATED AT 2501 CHESTNUT STREET IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AND ANY ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE #14383

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS, ARTICLE III, TECHNOLOGY AND CREDIT CARD FEES, SECTION 10-31(A) THROUGH (E).

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2026-0065

Jay Floyd, Pape-Dawson

District No. 3

On motion of Vice Chair Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14384

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN EIGHT (8") INCH PVC SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND SUBJECT EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 6400 BLOCK OF MIDDLE VALLEY ROAD, BEGINNING ZERO (0) FEET FROM MANHOLE #S1091M611 AND ENDING AT ZERO (0) FEET FROM MANHOLE #091M050 FOR A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED THREE (103') LINEAR FEET ON TAX MAP NO. 091M-C-008, SUBJECT TO CONTINUITY OF FLOW FOR ANY EXISTING SERVICE LINES SERVING OTHER PROPERTIES.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Noel,

RESOLUTION #32928

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$40,000.00 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AT 2211 DAVENPORT STREET FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Vice Chair Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32929

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT AN AWARD FOR FUNDING THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND VOLUNTEER-LED MINI-GRANT PROJECTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00, AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING TO SUPPORT UP TO TWO (2) LOVE YOUR BLOCK FELLOWS TO ADDRESS YOUTH-INVOLVED VIOLENT CRIME, INFRASTRUCTURE DECAY, AND A LACK OF SAFE RECREATIONAL SPACES ROOTED IN HISTORICAL DISENFRANCHISEMENT WITHIN THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PARK FOOTPRINT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilwoman Noel,

RESOLUTION #32930

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR KELLY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WHICH DEFINES THE FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHES THE FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

The motion carried. Attorney Noblett noted a clerical correction will be made to remove gendered pronouns in paragraph 4 of the agreement. He advised that no amendment was needed.

ACTION: ADOPTED

SnapDragon Ventures, LLC d/b/a Unc's
District No. 8

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32931

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 3208 AMNICOLA HWY., SUITE B.

Councilwoman Noel asked Attorney Noblett if he could provide some clarification for an email that had been received regarding the special exceptions permit. Attorney Noblett explained that the proposed liquor store had met all distance restrictions and business requirements under the city's ordinance. He noted that the distance restrictions are met and that the applicants have complied with all local laws and resolutions adopted by the city. He also noted that the RPA certified that the establishment meets the necessary code requirements for that location. The motion carried, with **Councilman Harvey voting "No."**

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Vice Chair Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32932

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. R-25-006-201, RIVERSIDE DRIVE SOIL SLOPE TO KANE INDUSTRIES, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,570.00, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,577.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$171,127.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32933

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 2027, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32934

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW CONSENT DECREE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR YEAR FIVE (5) OF FIVE (5) TO JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, WITH CONTRACT BEING READVERTISED FOR NEXT YEAR.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32935

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT TO AWARD AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK (CMAR) PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO BRASFIELD & GORRIE, LLC RELATIVE TO PROJECT NO. W-22-007-201, SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Elliott and seconded by Councilman Harvey,

RESOLUTION #32936

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE FY26 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) TO AWARD A FOUR-YEAR GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2030, TO THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,999.00 TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, AND TO AWARD THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED NOT TO EXCEED \$169,999.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

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

REQ176420 Public Works/Facilities Maintenance Division \$350,000.00

Elevator & Lift Maintenance, Inspection, Testing,
and Repair Services

Lowest/Best Bidders: United Elevator Services LLC
PO Box 1301
Knoxville, TN 37901

200944-2 Parks and Outdoors/Golf Course Division \$150,000.00

Turf Maintenance Chemicals & Fertilizers for Golf Course

Lowest/Best Bidders: Harrell's
3127 Landview Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37128

PA100943 Public Works/Citywide Services Division \$65,417.50

Grounds Maintenance for City Right-of-Ways, Area 3 (CWS)

Lowest/Best Bidders: Jamesworks
6314 Fisk Ave
Apt B
Chattanooga, TN 37421

PUR145580 DTS

Specialized Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) \$406,750.00

and Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Technology Design,
Development, and Testing

Lowest/Best Bidders: Leidos, Inc.
1750 Presidents Street
Reston, VA 20190

Vice Chair Elliott moved to approve. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[View [here](#)]

Affordable Housing Committee

Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget & Finance Committee

Councilman Henderson (Not present)

Community Development Committee

Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Hill reported:

- The committee will meet next week, July 14, for a presentation on the progress of the storefront program.

Education & Innovation Committee

Councilman Clark (No report)

Legislative Committee

Vice Chair Elliott (No report)

- He used this time to thank the city's firefighters for their response to a recent multiple-alarm fire at the Shepard Apartments in District 9.
- Chairman Davis also expressed thanks to the city's firefighters for their response to a multiple-alarm fire at the Integra Vistas Apartments in District 1.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today and had a discussion regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). She noted that Regional Planning Agency will be bringing back recommendations on how to strengthen and improve the ordinance.
- The committee is scheduled to meet again in a month.

Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee

Councilman Harvey (No report)

- He used this time to express gratitude for representing Chattanooga during a recent Sister Cities trip to Wolfsburg, Germany.

Public Safety Committee

Councilwoman Noel (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS (2)

[View [here](#)]

Settlement

Attorney Noblett informed the Council about a settlement resolved this week in the Hamilton County Circuit Court: Donna Snell and Bill Snell, case no. 24-C-104. The case was settled for \$175,000.00.

Certificate of Compliance

Attorney Noblett presented the following for Council signature: ***Certificate of Compliance, SnapDragon Ventures, LLC d/b/a Unc's, 3208 Amnicola Hwy., Suite B, Chattanooga, TN (District 8)***. He also added that the liquor store will be located in District 8 and meets all requirements for a liquor store under Tennessee law, in accordance with the rules of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

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 Davis recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District/Organization	YouTube Comments
Cheyenne Bedell	(N/A) / Hamilton County 911	View Here
Krista Gillian Vice Chair Elliott made comments to the Hamilton County employees.	(N/A) / Hamilton County 911	View Here
Jeff Carney Chairman Davis opened the floor for him to speak on behalf of the Hamilton County Emergency Communications District.	(N/A)/Hamilton County Emergency Communications District	View Here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Elliott, Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL