



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

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 2, 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 Chip Henderson, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Raquetta Dotley, and Marvene Noel. Councilpersons Jenny Hill and Jenni Berz were 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: Darrin Ledford, Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor for Public Affairs

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Finance: Weston Porter, City Finance Officer

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Administrator

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **Public Hearing – FY27 Budget**

[View [here](#)]

Chairman Davis yielded the chair of the meeting to Councilman Henderson, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, who opened a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operations & Capital Budgets.

Councilman Henderson called the hearing to order at 3:37 p.m. and opened the floor to anyone wanting to address the Council on the proposed budget. He allotted one hour for the hearing and up to two minutes per person to speak. The Councilman recognized the following speakers:

Speaker Name	District / Organization	YouTube Link:
• Charles Frazier	CARTA	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Brian McSween	Chattanooga Ballet	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Jason Brown	SEIU Local 205	View <a href="#">here</a>
• James McKissic	ArtsBuild	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Shelley Armstrong and Kelli Cruse	The Launch Pad	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Shawanda Tucker	(N/A)	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Stephen Russell	District 3	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Stephen West	District 5	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Vincent Oakes	Chattanooga Boys Choir	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Danny Perez	Chattanooga Boys Choir (alumnus)	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Kathleen Nolte	Lyndhurst Foundation	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Kim Jackson	Chattanooga Theatre Centre	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Lyn Rutherford	District 7	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Katie Harbison	Chambliss Center for Children	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Erika Roberts	Artist	View <a href="#">here</a>
• LaToia Smith	[In support of ArtsBuild]	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Monica Ellison	[In support of ArtsBuild]	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Taylynn Boggs	[In support of ArtsBuild]	View <a href="#">here</a>
• Sadaf Khan	[In support of ArtsBuild]	View <a href="#">here</a>

Councilman Henderson confirmed that there were no other persons wishing to address the Council on the proposed budgets. Therefore, he closed the public hearing at 4:13 p.m. and yielded control of the meeting back to Chairman Davis.

## APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chair Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (May 26, 2026) were approved as published.

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## DISCUSSION AGENDA

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### ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

#### Agenda Item VIII(a) – Council Office (Amending City Code relative to [Taxi] Rates of Fare – Schedule)

Vice Chair Elliott provided some additional information for this item. Councilwoman Dotley requested a red-line version of the ordinance and asked that the item be deferred one week [to June 9, 2026] to give the Council time to review. Vice Chair Elliott and Attorney Noblett affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

*[Councilman Harvey briefly left the meeting during the above discussion.]*

## RESOLUTIONS:

### **Agenda Item IX(a) – Community Development (Relative to Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Trajectory Changing Solutions)**

Councilman Clark requested clarification regarding this item; Vice Chair Elliott responded. Mr. Ledford advised that the Administration would be asking to withdraw this item when it came time for a vote. Council affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

*[Councilman Harvey rejoined the meeting after the above discussion.]*

## FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

### **Item 10(b)(iii) – Public Works (Resolution relative to purchase agreement with Shift Transit for charging stations & e-fit bikes at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway and Erlanger Park)**

Councilman Clark requested clarification and additional information regarding this item; Mr. Wood responded [view [here](#)]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

#### **Public Works Items:**

- **10(b)(iv) – Resolution authorizing MOU with Hill City Ventures LLC (dba Overlooked Materials) for continuation of curbside glass recycling pilot program**

- **10(b)(v) – Resolution authorizing a third amendment to the MOU with NewTerra Compost for short-term continuation of the composting kiosks pilot program**

Vice Chair Elliott requested clarification and additional information regarding these two items. Mr. Wood responded and discussion ensued [view [here](#)]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** In the absence of Councilwoman Berz, Council Chairman Davis retained control of the meeting for the Planning & Zoning Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Davis called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 4:34 p.m., with a quorum of seven Councilpersons present. Councilpersons Hill and Berz were not in attendance of this meeting.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice Chair Elliott, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting (May 5, 2026) were approved as published.

### **Items for Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

#### **Ordinances – First Reading:**

### **Agenda Item 8(b) – Text amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 14137 relative to Use Matrix Residential Care Facility**

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

**Agenda Item 8(c) – Case No. 2026-0054 (Rezoning of property at 140 Browns Ferry Road)**

Councilman Henderson asked that someone move to approve this item on his behalf when it comes up for a vote next week, as he will be out of town. Council affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(d) – Case No. 2026-0069 (Amend conditions from Ordinance Nos. 13875 & 14144 for properties located at 7514 and 7518 Standifer Gap Road)**

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item at Councilman Harvey’s request. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(e) – Case No. 2026-0056 (Rezoning of property at 2836 Anderson Terrace)**

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

**Agenda Item 8(f) – Case No. 2026-0060 (Rezoning of property at 7777 East Brainerd Road)**

*[Note: This item was mistakenly listed as Case No. 2025-0060 on the agenda.]*

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

**Agenda Item 8(h) – Case No. 2026-0073 (Rezoning of properties at 1601 & 1603 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street)**

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Afterwards, Councilwoman Dotley advised she had received phone calls from residents in opposition to this request and that she would be making a motion to deny when this item came up for a vote. The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#) in their entirety. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon no objections from Council, Chairman Davis adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee at 4:48 p.m.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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Chairman Davis recognized Vice Chair Elliott, who then informed Council that his proposal to change the existing committee structure(s) had been added to the June 16<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**MEETING RECESS**

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Upon no objections from Council, at 4:49 p.m., Chairman Davis recessed the business meeting until 5:30 p.m.

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**MEETING RECONVENED**

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Chairman Davis reconvened the business meeting at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Elliott and Councilpersons Henderson, Harvey, Clark, Dotley, and Noel. Councilpersons Jenny Hill and Jenni Berz were not in attendance of this meeting.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Harvey,

**ORDINANCE #14368**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 14239 AND THEREAFTER AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14271, KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATIONS BUDGET,” TO AMEND ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND REVENUE BY THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000.00); AMEND SECTIONS 5 AND 5(A) SO AS TO APPROPRIATE THE SAME AMOUNT FROM GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Henderson	YES
Harvey	YES
Clark	YES
Dotley	NO
Noel	NO
Elliott	YES
Davis	YES

**YES – Five (5); NO – Two (2)**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

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

**ORDINANCE #14369**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 14272, KNOWN AS “THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET,” APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING, OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL BUDGET BY THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS FOR RACCOON MOUNTAIN WATER SERVICE PROJECT.**

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Noel	NO
Dotley	NO
Clark	YES
Harvey	YES
Henderson	YES
Elliott	YES
Davis	YES

**YES – Five (5); NO – Two (2)**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**2026-0047**  
**Allen Jones c/o Stone Creek Consulting**  
**Alternate Version**  
**District No. 6**

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

**ORDINANCE #14370**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PARTS OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 6210, 6212, 6214, 6216, AND 6218 VANCE ROAD, FROM RN-1-6 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE, I-H INDUSTRIAL HEAVY ZONE AND I-L INDUSTRIAL LIGHT ZONE TO RN-1-6 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE AND I-L INDUSTRIAL LIGHT ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**2026-0049**  
**Heidi Hefferlin**  
**Alternate Version**  
**District No. 8**

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

**ORDINANCE #14371**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1128 EAST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET, FROM RN-3 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-1 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**Agenda Item VIII(a):**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 35, SECTION 35-26, RATES OF FARE – SCHEDULE.**

**Vice Chair Elliott moved to defer to June 9<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.**

**ACTION: DEFERRED TO JUNE 9, 2026**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Agenda Item IX(a):**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH TO EXECUTE AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRAJECTORY CHANGING SOLUTIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00.**

**Councilwoman Dotley moved** to withdraw. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: WITHDRAWN**

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

**RESOLUTION #32897**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN OPTION EXTENSION AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE VOLKSWAGEN OPTION PROPERTY.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #32898**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF DAVID JOHNSON AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PARKS & OUTDOORS DEPARTMENT.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

**RESOLUTION #32899**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF ERICA COLLINS AS CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

Dream Liquor, Inc.  
District No. 6

Agenda Item IX(e):

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 7703 LEE HIGHWAY.**

Attorney Noblett requested a one week deferral since not all information has been received for this permit request. He noted it would need to be passed by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Councilwoman Dotley moved** to defer one week. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: DEFERRED TO JUNE 9, 2026**

Townsend Street, LLC  
District No. 9

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

**RESOLUTION #32900**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 2409 E. MAIN STREET.**

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson and Councilman Harvey voting "No."

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #32901**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELAINE PULLIAM AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, STORMWATER DIVISION, TO PERFORM DUTIES EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES AS A WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #32902**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO THE TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION KNOWN AS SETWORKS TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,816.96, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$63,316.96.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Recommended New Purchases**

[View [here](#)]

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

**REQ180432 Wastewater** \$902,435.15

Biosolids Handling

Lowest/Best Bidder: Synagro South, LLC  
435 Williams Court, Suite 100  
Baltimore, MD 21220

**PA100427 Wastewater** \$735,000.00

Sewer Line Cleaning Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: Sweeping Corp of America Inc  
PO Box 74028  
Cleveland, OH 44194

**PA100552 PA100553 Wastewater** \$155,000.00

Rental Equipment

Lowest/Best Bidders:

- 1) Herc Rentals – 1913 E 24<sup>th</sup> St Place, Chattanooga, TN 37404
- 2) Stowers Rental – PO Box 896453, Charlotte, NC 28289

**REQ180111 Head Start/Early Learning** \$52,979.25

Classroom Materials & Supplies for James A. Henry Head Start

Lowest/Best Bidder: Kaplan Early Learning Company  
1310 Lewisville-Clemmons Road  
Lewisville, NC 27023

**REQ179030 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$97,211.37

UTV Off Road Vehicles

Lowest/Best Bidder: Power X Powersports  
6101 Mountain View Road  
Ooltewah, TN 37363

**PA100684 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** \$422,100.00

Tires for Heavy Duty Vehicles & Service, Recapping

Lowest/Best Bidder: Best One Tire  
2348 Rossville Blvd  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

**200942 Fire Department** \$125,000.00

Firefighter Protective Leather Boots

Lowest/Best Bidder: North America Fire Equipment Co  
1515 W Moulton  
Decatur, AL 35602

**Vice Chair Elliott moved** to approve. Councilman Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

[View [here](#)]

### *Affordable Housing Committee*

#### *Community Development Committee*

Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

- She noted that she had visited all of the community centers in the city and would present a formal report after the budget season.

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The committee met earlier that day to conduct the public hearing on the FY27 budget ordinances.
- The first reading for the FY27 budget ordinances will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and the second reading will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### *Economic Development Committee*

Councilwoman Hill (Not present)

### *Education & Innovation Committee*

Councilman Clark reported:

- The Budget & Finance committee conducted its first budget town hall at the Downtown Public Library and announced several more budget town halls, including one on Thursday at the Dr. Carol Berz Family Justice Center and one on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hixson Community Center.
- There will be a Historic Preservation Town Hall Meeting [tomorrow] to discuss historic African-American neighborhoods and landmarks.

### *Legislative Committee*

Vice Chair Elliott (No report)

- He took a moment to welcome and congratulate School Board Member-elect Thessala White, who was present in the Assembly.

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilwoman Berz (Not present)

### *Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee*

Councilman Harvey (No report)

- He took this time to welcome the new Parks Director.

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilwoman Noel (No report)

*[Councilwoman Dotley exited the meeting at this time.]*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Certificate of Compliance**

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Noblett provided the following updates regarding three Certificates of Compliance:

- 1) **Dream Liquor Inc. (7703 Lee Highway, District 6)**: The attorney requested that this certificate be **deferred for one week** until June 9<sup>th</sup> because the applicants had not yet provided all the necessary information for their application. He also noted that the Council is required to act on this item before June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) **Towns and Street LLC DBA Towns and Street Wine (2409 East Main Street, District 9)**: This establishment complied with all zoning ordinance requirements, provided all necessary information, and the applicants were found to have no disqualifications. The certificate of compliance and background investigation for this location were approved.
- 3) **Council Fire Club**: A certificate of good moral character for an alcoholic beverage and private club was approved for the Council Fire Club, with Franklin H. Proctor listed as the holder.

**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	Link to YouTube Comments
Anna Golladay	8	View <a href="#">here</a>
Joshua Bynum	GCAR	View <a href="#">here</a>
Jackson Dooley	4	View <a href="#">here</a>
Tyler Golson	Raccoon Mountain	View <a href="#">here</a>
Eric Atkins	Unity Group	View <a href="#">here</a>
Marie Mott	6	View <a href="#">here</a>
Rev. Ann Jones Pierre	NAACP	View <a href="#">here</a>

*Editor's Note:* Vice Chair Elliott [view [here](#)] made comments in response to the Juneteenth concerns voiced by speakers tonight. Councilwoman Noel [view [here](#)] made comments in response to Council rules and procedures during tonight's public comments section.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilman Harvey**, Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

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**COUNCIL CHAIR**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**