



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2026
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Jeff Davis called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Council Vice Chair Ron Elliott and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Dennis Clark, Jenny Hill, Jenni Berz, and Marvene Noel. Councilpersons Raquetta Dotley and Cody Harvey were not in attendance at 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, and Mande Green, Chief Operating Officer

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Finance: Weston Porter, City Finance Officer

CPD: John Chambers, Chief of Police

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

Dam Whiskey: Darrell Jones, Owner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Noel led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Davis provided an overview of the business meeting structure and announced that the City Council meeting next week, June 30, 2026, was cancelled in observance of the upcoming holiday.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chair Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Hill, the minutes of the last meeting (June 16, 2026) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(f) – Planning (Special Exemptions Permit for Dam Whiskey Distillery)

Attorney Noblett reviewed the alternate version, which includes the addition of the distillery name, "Dam Whiskey." Councilwoman Hill inquired about the limited partnership and the business name. Councilman Clark invited the applicant to the podium, where Mr. Jones addressed the Council regarding the distillery. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(g) – Police (Relative to Office for Victims of Crime Grant)

Chairman Davis elaborated on the alternative version of this item and the additional language that has been included. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

Recommended New Purchases:

200912-2 – Human Resources (ComPsych Employee Assistance)

During the meeting, Councilman Clark invited Ms. Greene to the podium to discuss the ComPsych program and how it differs from the current Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Item 6(a) – Public Works (Resolution for Comprehensive Safety Action Plan)

Councilwoman Hill inquired about how this plan aligns with the overall litter action plan and the need for new positions; Mr. Ledford (Mayor's Office) replied. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Item 16(a) – Mayor's Office (Resolution for Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County)

Councilman Clark inquired about the interlocal agreement framework now that the City and County are no longer joint entities with overlapping jurisdictional responsibilities; Mr. Ledford responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

MEETING RECESS

Upon no objections from Council, at 3:49 p.m., Chairman Davis recessed the business meeting until 4:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Davis reconvened the business meeting at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Elliott and Councilpersons Henderson, Hill, Clark, Berz, and Noel. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Clerk Nicole Gwyn were also present. Councilpersons Harvey and Dotley were not present at this meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

ORDINANCE #14379

AN ORDINANCE HEREINAFTER ALSO KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 OPERATIONS BUDGET”, PROVIDING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, AND THE TIME TAXES AND PRIVILEGES ARE DUE, HOW THEY SHALL BE PAID, WHEN THEY SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES; AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-267, RELATIVE TO PAID LEAVE FOR ACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING AND TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTIONS 31-36, 31-37, 31-41, AND 31-43, SECTIONS 31-322 AND 31-354.

The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote as follows:

Henderson	YES
Hill	YES
Clark	YES
Berz	YES
Noel	YES
Elliott	YES
Davis	YES

ACTION: APPROVED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Noel,

ORDINANCE #14380

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote as follows:

Noel	YES
Berz	YES
Clark	YES
Hill	YES
Henderson	YES
Elliott	YES
Davis	YES

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST 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: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32921

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW WITH CHATTANOOGA FLYING DISC CLUB, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR DISC GOLF COURSES AT SPECIFIC CITY PUBLIC PARKS FOR DAILY USE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FOR THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32922

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 32533 AS FOLLOWS: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE AWARD OF UNALLOCATED AND ACCRUED INTEREST OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS AS PART OF THE CHATTANOOGA RELIEF AND RECOVERY ALLOCATION PLAN TO THE OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING FOR JAMES A. HENRY OPERATIONAL COSTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.”

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32923

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF JON LAW TO THE BEER BOARD FOR DISTRICT 1, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JUNE 24, 2026, AND ENDING ON JUNE 23, 2029.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #32924

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD THE CONTINUING ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES BLANKET CONTRACT NO. E-26-010-901, WITH THE FOLLOWING NINE CONSULTANT FIRMS: (1) ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC.; (2) CANNON & CANNON, LLC; (3) CROY ENGINEERING, LLC; (4) EARTHWORX, LLC; (5) JOHNSON MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON, INC.; (6) LABELLA ASSOCIATES; (7) LDA ENGINEERING; (8) LJA SURVEYING, INC.; (9) PAPE-DAWSON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLC, BASED UPON THEIR QUALIFICATIONS WITHIN THE IDENTIFIED SERVICE CATEGORIES, FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$1 MILLION, FOR USE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32925

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. S-20-012-101, CITY OF CHATTANOOGA/HAMILTON COUNTY WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROJECT, WITH WOOLPERT, INC., TO ADD SIX (6) AUTOMATED WATER QUALITY SAMPLERS, PROVIDE CONTINUED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND TELEMETRY SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEARS, AND CREATE VISUALIZATION TOOLS FOR REGULATORY REPORTING, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$334,849.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$919,849.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

Chaudhari Family Limited Partnership
% Darrell Jones
Alternate Version
District No. 7

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

RESOLUTION #32926

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DAM WHISKEY CORPORATION TO OPERATE AN INTOXICATING LIQUORS MANUFACTURING PLANT AND APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR AN ALCOHOL DISTILLERY, SMALL AT 1437 MARKET STREET.

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson voting “No.”

ACTION: ADOPTED

Alternate Version

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

RESOLUTION #32927

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC) FY26 SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO FUND ONE FULL-TIME VICTIM SERVICES SPECIALIST, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CRIME VICTIMS, AND TRAINING, FOR A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2029, FOR AN AWARD AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

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

200943-2,1 Solid Waste Division, Public Works \$50,000.00

Composting Services at Recycle & Refuse Centers

Lowest/Best Bidder: NewTerra Compost
109 Hummingbird Lane
Wildwood, GA 30757

PA100458 Wastewater \$370,000.00

Remote Monitoring Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: Solutionwerks, Inc
74 Sail Away Ln
Moneta, VA 24121

PUR160438 Wastewater \$3,150.00
 Odor Control Fan
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Eco-Tech, Inc
 PO Box 956
 Holly Springs, GA 30142

200912-2 Human Resources \$55,000.00
 Employee Assistance Programs/Work Life Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: ComPsych Employee Assistance
 455 N Cityfront Plaza Drive
 Chicago, IL 60611

PA100769 Human Resources \$910,756.00
 Stop Loss Insurance for City of Chattanooga
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee
 1 Cameron Hill Circle, Suite 0009
 Chattanooga, TN 37402

REQ182338 Mayor's Office \$100,000.00
 Economic Development Organizational Review
 Lowest/Best Bidder: PFM Group Consulting LLC
 1735 Market Street, 42nd Floor
 Philadelphia, PA 19103

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

Sole Source Purchase

[View [here](#)]

Mr. Porter also reported the following sole source purchase*:

SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE					
DATE	DEPT.	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	DOCUMENTS
6/9/26	Police Department	Primer Development Group 13046 Race Track Rd Suite #257 Tampa, FL 33626	Leadership and Organizational Development Training	\$47,250.00	REQ181898
EXPLANATION/OTHER NOTES: Training consists of a series of professional development workshops that are uniquely designed to impart strategic thinking and operational problem solving, building elite and player-led teams, organizational design, and leaders' planning and decision-making processes.					

**No Council action was required for this report.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[View [here](#)]

Affordable Housing Committee
Community Development Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (Not present)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Hill (No report)

Education & Innovation Committee
Councilman Clark (No report)

Legislative Committee
Vice Chair Elliott (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee will meet on July 7th and will review Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) during that meeting. She also shared information about an upcoming CARTA town hall meeting regarding public transportation and economic development along the Brainerd Road corridor.

Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee
Councilman Harvey (Not present)

Public Safety Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)

- She used this time to highlight new door wrappings at the Avondale Community Center and to praise the start of the summer camps in District 8.

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	YouTube Comments
Jamarcus Williams	(N/A)	View Here
Morgan Jatton	(N/A)	View Here
Cheyenne Bedell	(N/A)	View Here
Brittney Rice	(N/A)	View Here
Jacqueline Lewis	(N/A)	View Here

Hamilton County 911

In response to the Hamilton County employees and their family members who addressed the Council during the public comments section, discussion ensued [view [here](#)] with Chief Chambers (CPD), Ms. Green, and Mr. Porter on the multi-year pay proposal by the Hamilton County 911 Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chair Elliott, Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL