



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 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 Vice Chair Marvene Noel, and Councilpersons Jeff Davis, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. 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; Steve Wilson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; and Charita Allen, Senior Advisor for Economic & Workforce Development

Office of City Attorney: Valerie Malueg, Deputy City Attorney

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Vice Chair Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (June 17, 2025) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(h) – Mayor's Office (Relative to Confirming April Furth)

Councilman Elliott stated his belief that the city administration would be able to make the right choice when it came to selecting the next Parks and Outdoors Administrator. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(i) – Mayor’s Office (Relative to Interlocal Agreement with UTC)

Councilwoman Dotley requested a cost estimate for the interlocal agreement. Mr. Roig responded by outlining the details of the associated grants and framework. He stated that no costs are associated with the agreement. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(k) – Planning (Relative to Special Exemptions Permit for HWY 58)

Councilman Clark stated his intent to request a deferral of this matter until July 1, as he is awaiting further development of this matter from RPA. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

Recommended New Purchases

Councilman Harvey inquired as to what a water-free cooler was, and Mr. Roig explained what it was and why it was necessary for the department to have one. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK’S PROPOSED AGENDA (July 1, 2025)

Agenda Item 9(a) – Public Works (Relative to Hickory Valley Road Bridge Repair)

Councilwoman Berz questioned Mr. Woods for a timeline for the completion of the project. Mr. Woods said he didn't have one at that time. Councilwoman Berz then asked him to provide that information to her as soon as possible. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairwoman Hill asked Mr. Wilson to address the council to give an update about the new Fire Chief. Mr. Wilson spoke to the Council and provided an update on the interview process, the candidate pool, and scenarios for candidates, and explained that there would be two rounds of interviews. Councilwoman Berz asked about whether the Council would be able to have one-on-ones with candidates. Mr. Wilson responded that the committee chair would be able to handle that, but that he would need more information about Council input being part of the interview process. Councilman Clark asked whether applicants were internal or external. Mr. Wilson responded that all candidates were internal. Chairwoman Hill then advised the Council to send questions to the committee chair, Councilman Henderson, regarding applicants. Discussion ensued. [See full conversation [here.](#)]

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chairwoman Hill yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Elliott for the Economic Development Committee. [View the committee [here.](#)]

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Elliott, Committee Chair, called the Economic Development Committee to order at 3:50 p.m., with a quorum of eight councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Councilman Clark and seconded by Vice Chair Noel, the minutes of the last Economic Development Committee meeting (February 11, 2025) were approved as published.

Presentation: Economic Development Overview

Councilman Elliott opened the floor to Ms. Allen, who presented an overview of the Annual Report of Funded Economic Programs and Incentives, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Start-Ups/ Home-based
- Neighborhood Businesses
- Growing Businesses
- Workforce Development
- Large Capital Projects
- Business Toolkit
- Roadmap for Economic Development Tools
- Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Innovation grants
- Job Training grants
- Tax increment financing

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

- Councilwoman Dotley asked for an emailed copy of the presentation for Council.
- Chairwoman Hill asked about jobs and claw back processes.
- Councilman Davis had questions about Unum location.
- Councilman Clark asked about claw back exemption processes.

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

MEETING RECESS

Councilman Elliott adjourned the Economic Development Committee at 4:28 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:15 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. A quorum of eight was present, which also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilpersons Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, Dotley, and Elliott. Councilman Henderson was not in attendance of this meeting. Attorney Malueg and Ms. Bardoner were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

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

ORDINANCE #14247

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CORRECTIONS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AS REFERENCED BELOW.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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 #32555

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW WITH HIXSON YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS LOCATED ON TAX MAP NOS. 100J-A-006, 100J-A-007.01, 100J-A-002.01, AND 100J-A-005, FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029, WITH CONTINUED ANNUAL RENT OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00).

RESOLUTION #32556

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA CAPITAL FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR THE WALNUT STREET BRIDGE RENOVATION, TO THE CHATTANOOGA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO BE USED FOR SMALL BUSINESS MITIGATION DURING THE RENOVATION, TO INCLUDE A FIVE (5%) PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE TO THE CHAMBER, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve both resolutions. Vice Chair Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32555 & 32556 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32557

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE FY25 OVW GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO SUPPORT A HIGH-RISK INTERVENTION

**TEAM INITIATIVE ACROSS HAMILTON AND MARION COUNTIES TO
ENHANCE THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER'S SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.00.**

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #32558

**A RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF
JERELE NEED AS CHIEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER.**

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32559

**A RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF
KARITSA JONES AS THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EARLY LEARNING.**

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32560

**A RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING THE JOINT APPOINTMENTS OF MAYOR
KELLY AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILLIP A. NOBLETT AS CITY
ATTORNEY.**

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

AGENDA ITEM IX(g):

**A RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF
CAROL HUNTER AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

Councilman Clark moved to approve. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

ACTION: FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND

On motion of Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32561

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF APRIL FURTH AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & OUTDOORS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32562

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA, AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THAT ESTABLISHES A FRAMEWORK FOR FORMULATING AND MANAGING AGREEMENTS AND SHARING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO EXISTING AND FUTURE COLLABORATIVE FEDERAL RESEARCH AWARDS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32563

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. T-25-012-201, FY25 ROADWAY REBUILD, TO APAC-ATLANTIC, INC. D/B/A TALLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,554,405.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255,595.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,810,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

Hwy. 58 Center Partnership
District No. 5

AGENDA ITEM IX(k):

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 4850 HWY. 58, SUITE 130, CHATTANOOGA, TN.

Councilman Clark moved to defer one week. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED ONE WEEK [TO JULY 1, 2025]

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [Here](#)]

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

200794,1 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$600,000.00

Setina Police Vehicle Equipment

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Dana Safety Supply Company, 3810 W. Osborne Avenue, Tampa, FL 33614
2. Truckers Lighthouse Inc, 201 Crutchfield Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210

200784 Purchasing Department \$50,000.00

Bottle-Free Water Coolers 5 Stage Reverse Osmosis with Remineralization

Lowest/Best Bidder: Aqua Systems
2134 Pelham Parkway
Pelham, AL 35124

PA100212 Chattanooga Police Department \$279,700.00

Body Armor

Lowest/Best Bidder: Summit Uniforms Solutions, Inc.
2901 East Magnolia Ave
Knoxville, TN 37914

REQ165566 Stormwater Division, Public Works \$538,702.85

Dual-Shaft Slow Speed Shredder

Lowest/Best Bidder: Shred-Tech USA LLC
4701 Trademark Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

Sole Source Purchase

Ms. Talley also reported on the following sole source purchase:

DATE	DEPT.	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION	COST	DOCUMENTS
5/30/25	Stormwater Division, Public Works	Xylem Dewatering Solutions Inc 26717 Network Place Chicago, IL 60673	SonTek RS5 ADCP System with HydroBoard II Micro (HB2-Micro) and Soft Carrying Case	Purchase of one (1) Portable Water Measuring Device.	\$24,866.80	REQ165192

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott reported:

- The committee met today to review the annual report of Economic Development programs and incentives. Follow ups on several items will be brought before Council at a later date.

Education Committee
Councilman Harvey (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Councilman Clark (No report)

Legislative Committee
Vice Chair Noel reported:

- The committee will meet on July 1, 2025, [next week] regarding Councilman Henderson's Urban Chicken legislation.

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee will meet next week [July 1, 2025].

Parks and Public Works Committee
Councilman Davis (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (Not present)

OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Malueg explained the Certificate of Compliance process and read the requirements [view [here](#)] before presenting Certificates of Compliance for the following:

- 58 TN Corporation d/b/a Bobby's Wine and Liquor, 4850 Hwy. 58, Suite 130, Chattanooga, TN (District 5)**
- QuikTrip Corporation d/b/a Quik Trip #7141, 5042 Summit Spring Way, Ooltewah, TN (District 6)**

Certificate 'a' was deferred one week [to July 1, 2025]. Attorney Malueg later advised that the form for Certificate 'b' needed to be updated and would be presented to Council at a later date.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Malueg read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairwoman Hill recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	YouTube Link to Comments:
• Jim Olson	(7)	View here
• Geoff Meldahl	(7)	View here
• Hope Henchey	(7)	View here
• Jon Jon Wesolowski	(9)	View here
• Bob Edwards	(9)	View here
• Caleb Michalski	(N/A)	View here
• Steve Wilson	(N/A)	View here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL