



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2026
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 Council Vice Chair Marvene Noel and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jeff Davis, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott.

[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, and Mande Green, Chief Operating Officer

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Economic Development: Richard Beeland, Administrator

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Parks & Outdoors: Brian Smith, Interim Administrator, and Monica Kinsey, Deputy Administrator

Police: Chief John Chambers

Fire: William Matlock, Fire Marshall

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

Friends of Outdoor Chattanooga: Chris Wilson, Secretary

Humanaut: David Littlejohn, Founder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last meeting (March 10, 2026) were approved as published.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairwoman Hill provided an overview of the business meeting structure for those unfamiliar with the order of proceedings. Vice Chair Noel acknowledged her district's neighborhood associations and expressed her gratitude for flowers she had received from them.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(b) – Wastewater (Case No. MR-2026-0004 for 1200 Block of North Moore)

Councilman Clark inquired about the sewer easement abandonment and asked what portion was being closed. Ms. Green (Mayor's Office) responded that she did not have the answer at this time but would follow up with him immediately after the recess. It was also brought to the attention of the Council that the application attached to the agenda states the purpose of the abandonment. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VIII(c) – Planning (Case No. 2025-0119 for 5813 Lee Highway)

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council of her intent to deny this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (March 24, 2026):

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item 9(b) – Economic Development (Resolution of a joint contract with Hamilton County for Cherokee Area Council)

Councilman Clark requested clarification on the closing costs, negotiation expenses, and allocation of the \$500,000 funding; Mr. Roig (Mayor's Office) and Mr. Beeland (Economic Development) responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 9(h) – Parks & Outdoors (Resolution of Grant for Brainerd Levee)

Councilman Clark requested information regarding the Brainerd Levee, specifically concerning the total project cost, infrastructure enhancements, and associated connections, as the project falls within his district; Mr. Smith and Ms. Kinsey responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 9(i) – Public Works (Resolution for Fire Training Tower)

Councilman Elliott inquired about the fire tower and related work. Chairwoman Hill indicated her familiarity with the tower, explaining that a change order was required following the warranty period; Mr. Wood responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 9(l) – Public Works (Resolution for Geospatial Technology)

Councilman Elliott requested clarification regarding the allocation of funds. Mr. Wood offered a detailed explanation of the funding for this item and the continuity between City and the County. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Item 1(a) – Economic Development (Resolution Builders Blueprint Program)

Councilman Clark inquired about the program's costs, purpose, and expressed his disapproval due to the program not yielding results. Mr. Beeland provided details regarding the construction career center and its intended purpose. Mr. Roig addressed the council concerning the reduction of funding due to the lack of demonstrable results, noting that this would constitute the final allocation of city funds. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PURCHASES:

Sole Source Purchase – Technology Services (Magnetic Graykey Forensics software)

Councilman Elliott inquired about the software's purpose. Chief Chambers (Police) explained the software's necessity for iPhone security. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Davis, Committee Chair, called the Parks and Public Works Committee to order at 3:49 p.m., with a quorum of all nine councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: **On motion of Councilman Clark** and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last Parks and Public Works Committee meeting (January 27, 2026) were approved as published.

PRESENTATION #1:

NATIONAL PARKS CITY EFFORTS INITIATIVE

Mr. Smith (Parks & Outdoors) gave an overview of the 50-year vision for the National Park City efforts and commitments. The presentation may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- The 50-year vision
- Inspired Connection
- Inspired Preservation
- 3.6 acres of Intact Forest
- Inspired Other Cities
- Inspiring the World
- Green Movement
- North Star Commitments

Mr. Smith yielded the presentation to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Littlejohn, who presented the collaboration between National Park City and the Friends of Outdoor Chattanooga [view [here](#)]. Their portion of the presentation touched on the following:

- Non-Profit Organization
- City led & City Inspired
- Everyday Access
- Outdoor Play
- Balanced Growth
- Respect
- Connection
- Design of National Park City
- The Opportunity
- Five Commitments
- Mission (Respect. Expand & Grow)
- Our Commitments
- Seed Drive
- National City Park Seed Engine
- 100 seeds across Region
- NPCseeds.org

PRESENTATION #2:

TDEC and ARISE Grant Opportunity Coolidge Park & Brainerd Levee

Mr. Smith and Ms. Kinsey gave a presentation on the Coolidge Park and Brainerd Levee improvements. The presentation may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Coolidge Park Expansion
- Dock Access goals
- Dock infrastructure
- Shoreline improvement
- Replacement and Widening site
- Gabion Shoreline stabilization
- Floating Dock
- 6 Boat slip Docks
- Accessibility for all

Afterwards, Mr. Smith presented on the Brainerd Levee Greenway Access portion of the presentation [view [here](#)]. This portion of the presentation touched on the following:

- 3.2 Miles of 10ft wide Chip and seal
- Tactile warning strips
- Improve a flat levee crest
- Wayfinding Signage
- Wheelchair accessible use
- Walking, cycling, jogging use
- Funding and Timeline
- Community Information Sessions
- Review of Scope of work
- Engaging the Community

Councilman Davis opened the floor to questions from the Council, to which Mr. Smith and Ms. Kinsey responded [view [here](#)].

- Councilwoman Dotley expressed her excitement for the public dock project and connecting the island to her district.
- Chairwoman Hill expressed disapproval regarding the lack of communication about construction in her district, citing concerns about the overall communication process.
- Councilwoman Berz questioned the signage at the levee.
- Councilman Clark expressed disapproval about the lack of communication regarding the projects. He also inquired about the funding discrepancy and correcting the resolution.

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

MEETING RECESS

Upon no objections from the Council, Councilman Davis adjourned the Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee at 4:33 p.m. Chairwoman Hill recessed the business meeting until 5:15 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilpersons Henderson, Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, and Dotley. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present. Councilman Elliott joined the reconvened meeting during the reading of the final ordinances.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairwoman Hill instructed the Clerk to group and read the following eight ordinances for one Council vote.

ORDINANCE #14337

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, ARTICLE IX, USES, TABLE 38-41.1, USE MATRIX, AND SECTION 38-42, PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY FROM “ADULT USE” TO “ADULT-ORIENTED ESTABLISHMENT”.

[Vice Chair Noel stepped out of the meeting momentarily.]

ORDINANCE #14338

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, ARTICLE IX, USES, TABLE 38-41.1, USE MATRIX TO ADD DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES AS AN ACCESSORY USE IN THE INST INSTITUTIONAL ZONE.

ORDINANCE #14339

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, ARTICLE XIV, ADMINISTRATORS, SECTION 38-72, NOTICE.

2025-0189

Stone Creek Consulting LLC c/o Allen Jones

Planning Commission Version

District No. 6

ORDINANCE #14340

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2149 WEST SHEPHERD ROAD, FROM RN-2 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-3 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

2026-0016

Steph Douthitt c/o Lewis Group Architects

District No. 8

ORDINANCE #14341

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1010 EAST 3RD STREET, FROM C-N NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE TO INST INSTITUTIONAL ZONE.

2026-0022

Keither Perry

Planning Commission Version

District No. 8

ORDINANCE #14342

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY IN THE 700 BLOCK OF NORTH GREENWOOD AVENUE, FROM RN-1-5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO RN-1-3 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

2025-0151
Matt Stone c/o Southern Spear Properties
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #14343

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITION NO. 1 FROM ORDINANCE NO. 13576 OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 2019-0133 ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 ANDERSON AVENUE, TAX MAP NO. 146J-D-012 ONLY, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITION SHALL REMAIN.

2026-0008
Wayne Williams c/o Workshop Architecture
Planning Commission Version
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #14344

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2212 BAILEY AVENUE, FROM RN-2 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-3 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

Councilman Elliott moved to approve all eight ordinances. Councilman Harvey seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14337 - 14344 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

MR-2025-0171
Roger Riemer c/o ASA Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
District No. 8

Agenda Item VIII(a):

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 1800 BLOCK OF E. 21ST STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

Motion Reconsidered

Vice Chair Noel rejoined the meeting after the passage of MR-2025-0171. **Vice Chair Noel moved** to reconsider. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried. **Vice Chair Noel moved** to deny, noting her decision was because access was required from both the north and south ends of the property. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: MR-2025-0171 RECONSIDERED & DENIED

MR-2026-0004
Kate McDonald c/o CSDG
District No. 5

On motion of Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14345

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PUBLIC SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 1200 BLOCK OF NORTH MOORE ROAD, TAX MAP NO. 147K-C-045, BEGINNING FOURTEEN (14') FEET SOUTHEAST OF MH#S147N205, THENCE SOUTHEAST APPROXIMATELY NINETY-EIGHT (98') FEET TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (359') FEET FROM MH#147N005, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2025-0119
Claudine Evans c/o One A Event Parlour
Planning Commission Version
District No. 6

Agenda Item VIII(c):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5813 LEE HIGHWAY, FROM C-C- COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ZONE TO C-R REGIONAL COMMERCIAL ZONE.

Councilwoman Berz moved to deny. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: CASE NO. 2025-0119 DENIED

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Clark,

RESOLUTION #32823

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHARINE PERRY TO THE HEAD START GOVERNING BOARD FOR DISTRICT 1, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 18, 2026, AND ENDING ON MARCH 17, 2028.

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 #32824

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN OFFICE LEASE WITH PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160') SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE DR. CAROL B. BERZ FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AT 5705 UPTAIN ROAD, IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NO. 157M-A-012, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1, 2026, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS, AT THE ANNUAL RENT OF \$1.00.

RESOLUTION #32825

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW WITH THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) MONTH, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026, FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE SHEILA JENNINGS WELLNESS CENTER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 POPLAR STREET AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 145F-A-002.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32824 & 32825 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32826

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARKS & OUTDOORS TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LAUNCH PAD, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR INSTALLATION OF STOCK, MAINTENANCE, AND A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE NALOXONE (NARCAN) NEWSPAPER BOX WITHIN MILLER PARK AS PART OF A HARM-REDUCTION AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM (“NALOXONE ACCESS PILOT PROJECT”).

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Harvey,

RESOLUTION #32827

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES TO PAY FOR CONTAMINATED SOIL DISPOSAL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALTON PARK CONNECTOR PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

Southern Tennessee Fine Wine and Spirits d/b/a Total Wine & More
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Clark,

RESOLUTION #32828

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 2220 HAMILTON PLACE BLVD., UNIT 134.

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

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

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

PA100412 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$250,000.00

BMW R1250 RT-P Motorcycles
Lowest/Best Bidder: Pandora’s European Motorsports
5337 Ringgold Road
Chattanooga, TN 37412

PA100675 Traffic Operations, Public Works \$543,000.00

Asphalt Rejuvenator Agent
Lowest/Best Bidder: Pavement Technology Inc
24144 Detroit Road
Westlake, OH 44145

PA100263 Wastewater

\$395,000.00

Road Plating Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: TNT Concrete, LLC
996 County Rd
Calhoun, TN 37309

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

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

DATE	DEPT.	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	DOCUMENTS
2/23/26	Technology Services	Magnet Forensics, LLC 931 Monroe Drive NE Suite A102-304 Atlanta, GA 30308	Magnetic Graykey Mobile Forensics Tool Software License for the Police Department	\$37,370.00	REQ176840
EXPLANATION/OTHER NOTES					
This software uses brute-force lockout for iPhone 15s. It can stop the 72-hour timer on many iPhones (15's and 12's), preserving critical evidence that would have been lost. Without this software, investigators will have to travel to the TBI in Nashville in an attempt to stop the 72 hour timer so that evidence is not lost.					

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[View [here](#)]

Affordable Housing Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott reported:

- The committee will meet on April 7, 2026, to hear from Urban Story Ventures with an update on The Bend project.

Education & Innovation Committee
Councilman Harvey reported:

- The committee meeting scheduled for the next regarding a 311 education session will be rescheduled. The committee decided that it would be best to examine 311 more closely in a working group session instead, and therefore, the item is being removed from the agenda.

Community Development Committee

Councilman Clark (No report)

- He shared an update on a retail study from the Department of Economic Development, noting he had spent two hours reviewing the analysis with Charita Allen and Winston Brooks. The study specifically focuses on the potential for building grocery stores to address food deserts and food equity issues, analyzing corridors to identify development opportunities and threats in Districts 5, 6, and 9. Clark emphasized that completing this research brings the city one step closer to creating a strategic plan for implementing grocery stores in these underserved areas.

Legislative Committee

Vice Chair Noel (No report)

- She used this time to thank and commended Kimberly Strong and the Neighborhood Services team for an event they hosted the previous day.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Berz (Not present)

Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee

Councilman Davis reported:

- The committee met earlier today and learned about the National Park City Seeds initiative, as well as grant opportunities for the Brainerd levee project and the Coolidge Park dock project.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS

Certificate of Compliance (2)

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Noblett recommended the following for approval:

- ***Certificate of Compliance, Southern Tennessee Fine Wine and Spirits d/b/a Total Wine & More, 2220 Hamilton Place Blvd., Unit 134. (District 4)***: He noted that the Applicant had complied with all local code requirements and restrictions and recommended issuing them a certificate of background investigation.
- ***Certificate of Compliance, 7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a Speedway #42185 (1886), 4862 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, TN***: He presented a certificate of compliance for this location, explaining that it had to be redone because the Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Commission previously had the incorrect address. He noted that all requirements for the location had been met.

Donation Report

[View [here](#)]

Fire Marshall William Matlock (Fire Dept.) reported that the historic St. Elmo Community Association is donating \$500 to the Chattanooga Fire Department. He explained that the department's goal is to use these funds to purchase new workout equipment for the fire stations.

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	Link to YouTube Comments
• Michael Smith	(N/A)	View here
• Shirley Moon	(N/A)	View here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL