



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 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, and Ron Elliott. Councilwoman Raquetta Dotley arrived shortly after the call to order.

[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 Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

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

CARTA: Charles Frazier, Chief Executive Officer

Chattanooga Tourism: Susan Harris, Interim CEO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Harvey led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a tribute to his grandfather who recently passed, followed by a moment of silence.

[Councilwoman Dotley arrived during the Pledge.]

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last meeting (March 17, 2026) were approved as published.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CARTA (re: Booting and Immobilization of Vehicles)

Mr. Frazier introduced the members of his team and partners present before making some opening remarks [view [here](#)]. He shared a story about parking downtown to highlight why a consumer protection and parking compliance ordinance is necessary. He then began the presentation, which can be viewed [here](#), and covered the following topics:

- Background and goals of the ordinance
- What the ordinance does, both functionally & practically
- Challenges associated with private operators offering public parking
- How this ordinance helps Chattanooga
- Community support & Amnesty program for parking violators
- Next steps, including licensing requirements & progress updates

Afterwards, Chairwoman Hill opened the floor to questions and comments from the Council [view [here](#)]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

[Councilman Davis stepped out briefly during the above Q&A.]

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Planning (Case No. 2025-0190 for 3886 Agawela Drive)

Councilman Clark advised his intent to approve this item, with conditions, when it came time for a vote. He affirmed he would send the conditions to Attorney Noblett and the Clerk to read into the record. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(b) – Economic Development (Relative to the joint acquisition of Tax Map No. 130-003, known as the Boy Scouts parcel)

Councilwoman Berz and Councilman Elliott requested clarification and assurances regarding this item; Mr. Roig (Mayor's Office) and Ms. Rennich (Regional Planning) responded. Discussion ensued, which may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

[Councilmen Elliott & Henderson stepped out briefly during the above discussion.]

Agenda Item IX(m) – Planning (Relative to agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates for preliminary engineering plan reconnecting Westside)

Councilman Henderson asked about the funding sources for this item; Ms. Rennich responded. Council asked that the cost center be included in the caption for all resolutions moving forward; Attorney Noblett affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Item 10(b) – Public Works (Resolution regarding adoption of updated Historic Guidelines for all existing Historic Districts and Landmarks)

Councilman Harvey requested additional information about this item. Mr. Anderson (Mayor's Office) affirmed there would be a presentation on this item next week and that Council would be sent the Guidelines to review prior. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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 4:44 p.m., with a quorum of all nine Councilpersons present.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilman Harvey, the minutes of the last Economic Development Committee meeting (November 18, 2025) were approved as published.

PRESENTATION:

Chattanooga Tourism Company

Ms. Harris introduced herself before moving into the presentation, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Chattanooga Tourism's mission and purpose
- Tourism statistics for Hamilton County:
 - Number of daily & overnight visitors
 - Breakdown of visitor spending by category
- How tax dollars from tourism equate to economic benefits for residents
- Chattanooga Tourism's marketing approach & recent large-scale successes:
 - International Bluegrass Music Association's World of Bluegrass Festival
 - Host city for Spain's national team during the 2026 FIFA World Cup
- What's next

Councilman Elliott opened the floor to questions and comments from the Council [view [here](#)]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

MEETING RECESS

Upon no objections, Councilman Elliott adjourned the Economic Development Committee at 5:12 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:45 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:45 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. Councilwoman Dotley joined the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2025-0190
Stone Creek Consulting LLC c/o Allen Jones
District No. 5

ORDINANCE #14346

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3886 AGAWELA DRIVE, FROM RN-1-6 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO RN-3 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

[Councilwoman Dotley joined the meeting at this time.]

A hearing took place. Chairwoman Hill recognized the following members of the Applicant and the Opposition.

Applicant:

- **Allen Jones** (Stone Creek Consulting) – [Full comments available [here](#).]

Opposition:

- **Shelly Stevens** – [Full comments available [here](#).]

Rebuttal: Mr. Jones returned to make rebuttal statements [full comments available [here](#)].

Councilman Clark [view [here](#)] addressed all the concerns brought forth by the Opposition regarding stormwater and flooding, landscape buffering, new traffic lights, and illegal U-turns.

Councilman Clark moved to approve with certain conditions. Councilman Henderson seconded. **Councilman Clark moved** to add the following condition #6: “Provide a seven (7’) foot privacy fence and a ten (10’) foot landscape buffer along the northern property line adjacent to Parcel No. 147C-D-001.” Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried. **Councilman Clark moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Harvey seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED AS AMENDED 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 #32829

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO USE A PORTION ALONG INTERSTATE 24 AT MILE MARKER 13.71 TO MILE MARKER 14.31 FOR THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF THE BRAINERD LEVEE AND FLOODWALL, FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

RESOLUTION #32830

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO JOINTLY WITH HAMILTON COUNTY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE WITH THE CHEROKEE AREA COUNCIL, INC. AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE JOINT ACQUISITION OF THE APPROXIMATELY 19.6-ACRE TRACT IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NO. 130-003 LOCATED ADJACENT TO I-75 AND VOLKSWAGEN DRIVE, FOR THE SUM OF \$525,000.00, WITH CLOSING EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$530,000.00, WITH THE CITY RESPONSIBILITY BEING ONE-HALF (1/2) OF THE TOTAL ACQUISITION EXPENSE, AND SAID TRANSACTION RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MR-2026.0024.

Councilman Harvey moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Clark seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32829 & 32830 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Davis and seconded by Vice Chair Noel,

RESOLUTION #32831

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE ONE (1) TWO (2) YEAR RENEWAL OF A HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND ONE TO ONE HEALTH, LLC FOR PREVENTATIVE, WELLNESS, DISEASE MANAGEMENT, HEALTH CONSULTATION, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND/OR PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, FOR THE TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 26, 2026, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 26, 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 four resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #32832

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF JEFF BESLEY TO THE BOARD OF MECHANICAL EXAMINERS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 25, 2026, AND ENDING ON MARCH 24, 2030.

RESOLUTION #32833

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF BUCK GRIDER TO THE BOARD OF MECHANICAL EXAMINERS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 25, 2026, AND ENDING ON MARCH 24, 2030.

RESOLUTION #32834

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF GABE THOMAS TO THE TREE COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 25, 2026, AND ENDING ON MARCH 24, 2030.

RESOLUTION #32835

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PAUL MCGINNIS TO THE BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2027.

Councilman Harvey moved to approve all four resolutions. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32832 – 32835 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32836

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PARKS & OUTDOORS, IF AWARDED, TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,790,915.00 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION-LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG THE TENNESSEE RIVER ON THE NORTH AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT OF THE EXISTING GREENWAY AT THE BRAINERD LEVEE. THE REQUIRED 100% MATCH WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH AN ARCAISE GRANT OF \$1,196,068.00 (IF AWARDED) AND A CITY COMMITMENT OF \$594,847.00 FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$3,581,830.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32837

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (FINAL) FOR CONTRACT NO. F-23-004-201, FIRE TRAINING TOWER CONSTRUCTION, WITH J. REED CONSTRUCTORS, INC., OF BATON ROUGE, LA, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$56,176.10, FOR A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,516,028.67, AND TO EXECUTE A FOUR-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY REGARDING ELEVATED SLAB CONCRETE WORK AT THE FIRE TRAINING TOWER WITH SUBCONTRACTOR YERBEY CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, STARTING AFTER THE MARCH 14, 2025, SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE.

RESOLUTION #32838

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 32769 AS FOLLOWS: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CREATION OF A STORMWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWAMP), CONTRACT NO. S-25-009-100, WITH BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,230,000.00 ANNUALLY.

RESOLUTION #32839

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A CONSENT OF ASSIGNMENT OF ALL PURCHASE ORDERS AND ALL PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR VENDOR NO. 865550, RAGAN-SMITH-ASSOCIATES, LLC, TO PAPE-DAWSON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLC, RELATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDERS: #160324 (CHATTANOOGA SKATE PARK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND CONTRACTOR COORDINATION); #156979 (MAIN STREET RESTRIPIING DESIGN); #151886 (HICKORY VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR AND DOCK WIDENING); #116862 (CENTRAL AVENUE ROADWAY EXTENSION); #113655 (38TH STREET DETENTION POND RPR); AND RELATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE AGREEMENTS: #100818 (ON-CALL DESIGN AND PLAN PRODUCTION SERVICES); #100258 (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, SURVEYING); AND #100778 (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, RPR).

RESOLUTION #32840

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO HAMILTON COUNTY GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY FOR ADDRESSING SERVICES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2026, ACCORDING TO THE ADDRESSING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND HAMILTON COUNTY DATED MAY 19, 2006, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,348.00.

Councilman Davis moved to approve all four resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32837 & 32840 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32841

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PLANNING/REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. TO DEVELOP A THIRTY (30%) PERCENT DESIGN AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PLAN FOR RECONNECTING WESTSIDE FOR \$2,064,150.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,415.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,270,565.00.

The motion carried.

Agenda Formatting Note

Councilman Elliott requested that cost centers be included on the agenda for resolutions. Chairwoman Hill agreed and instructed the City Attorney to ensure that cost centers are included in the captions of these items going forward.

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 #32842

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES STUART AS A SPECIAL COMMISSIONED POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR MCKAMEY ANIMAL SERVICES, TO PERFORM DUTIES EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES IN THE POSITION OF ANIMAL PROTECTION OFFICER.

RESOLUTION #32843

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JILLIAN KRUCK AS A SPECIAL COMMISSIONED POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR MCKAMEY ANIMAL SERVICES, TO PERFORM DUTIES EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES IN THE POSITION OF ANIMAL PROTECTION OFFICER.

Councilman Harvey moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32842 & 32843 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

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

PA100681 City Wide Services, Public Works	\$1,900,000.00
Asphaltic Concrete Materials	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Southeastern Materials Inc.	
1751 McFarland Avenue	
Rossville, GA 30741	
PA100460 Traffic Operations, Public Works	\$85,000.00
Traffic Sign Posts	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan Inc.	
P.O. Box 1850	
Foley, AL 36536	
200894 Wastewater	\$500,000.00
Painting Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Quality Mechanical Group, Inc.	
431 Graham Road	
Lakesite, TN 37379	

PA100813 Community Health \$95,000.00
Radio Advertisements
Lowest/Best Bidder: Brewer Media Group LLC
6229 Vance Rd Ste 119
Chattanooga, TN 37421

REQ177504 Chattanooga Fire Department \$60,266.00
Mercedes Fire Hose
Lowest/Best Bidder: Tennessee Fire Equipment
5944 Shallowford RD Ste B
Chattanooga, TN 37421

200830,3 Risk Management \$3,200,000.00
Third Party Administrator (TPA) Services
for Injury on Duty Claims
Lowest/Best Bidder: Johnston & Associates Inc
PO Box 682529
Franklin, TN 37068

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[View [here](#)]

Affordable Housing Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Dotley reported:

- A budget work session will take place next Tuesday (March 31) starting at 9:00 a.m. The session will focus on finance policies that the Council had previously discussed, and the remainder of the time will be spent discussing research and updates from Dr. Acuff. She also noted that she would send the policies and Dr. Acuff's updates to the Council prior to the meeting. She thanked Weston Porter (Finance) for his assistance with the work.

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott reported:

- There is an Economic Development committee meeting scheduled for April 7, 2026. During that meeting, the committee will receive an update from Urban Story Ventures and individuals associated with "The Bend" on how that project is progressing.

Education & Innovation Committee
Councilman Harvey (No report)

Community Development Committee
Councilman Clark (No report)

Legislative Committee
Vice Chair Noel (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee
Councilman Davis (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Announcements

Chairwoman Hill made expressed thanks to all the individuals who were appointed to boards tonight. She also made three announcements.

- **Liberty Bell Sculpture:** A new Liberty Bell sculpture is currently on display on the front lawn of the council building. It is one of about 50 bells that will be installed throughout the city and county to celebrate America's 250th birthday. All 50 of the Liberty Bells were donated by Siskin Steel.
- **April 14th Meeting:** The Council business meeting (including committees) on April 14th will begin early at 2:00 p.m. instead of the typical 3:30 p.m. start time. This schedule change is to accommodate the opening of the new Lookout Stadium later that day.
- **Council Election of Officers:** The election for Council officers will also take place during the April 14th meeting.

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
• Melissa Mourier	6	View here
• Dylan Bryan	(Rise & Thrive Org.)	View here <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairwoman Hill asked Kevin Roig (Mayor's Office) to introduce the speaker to the Director of Community Health.• Councilpersons requested copies of the organization pamphlet.
• Jeff Suggs & Jack	4	View here
• Avery Shadwick	Apison	View here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL