



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

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 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, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. Councilman Dennis Clark arrived shortly after the call to order; Councilwoman Jenni Berz arrived later in the 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: Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives

Office of City Attorney: Kathryn McDonald, Assistant City Attorney

Risk Management: Greg Whisenant, Risk Officer, and Josh Neal, Claims & Risk Analyst

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

*[Councilman Clark arrived during the Pledge.]*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairwoman Hill acknowledged and welcomed the members of the Mayor's Youth Council that were in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Elliott** and seconded by Vice Chair Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (February 24, 2026) were approved as published.

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## DISCUSSION AGENDA

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### ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

#### **Agenda Item VIII(a) – Office of the City Attorney (Relative to amending City Code regarding Speed on Through Streets)**

Councilman Elliott requested clarification regarding this item; Chairwoman Hill and Councilman Harvey responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

#### **Agenda Item VIII(b) – Office of the City Attorney (Relative to amending City Code regarding Billing & Charges for District Wreckers)**

Councilman Elliott requested clarification regarding this item; Mr. Anderson responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

#### **Agenda Item VIII(c) – Public Works (Case No. MR-2025-0166 re: Abandonment in the 100 block of Lawn Street)**

Chairwoman Hill asked Council to amend and approve this item on her behalf when it came time for a vote [view [here](#)]. She read the condition: “No healthy trees larger than 6 inches diameter DBH shall be removed from the abandoned alley.” Council affirmed. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

### PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

#### **Recommended New Purchases:**

- **560756 – Risk Management (Third Party Administrator Services for IOD Claims)**
  - Councilman Elliott requested additional information regarding this item; Mr. Whisenant and Mr. Neal responded. Discussion ensued [view [here](#)].

*[Councilwoman Berz arrived during the above discussion.]*

### FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

#### **Item 10(a)(i) – Parks (Regarding Launch Pad installing and maintaining a naloxone newspaper box in Miller Park)**

Chairwoman Hill offered additional information about this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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## PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** Council Chairwoman Hill yielded control of the meeting to Councilwoman Berz for the Planning & Zoning Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilwoman Berz, Committee Chair, called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 3:44 p.m., with a quorum of all nine Councilpersons present.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting (February 3, 2026) were approved as published.

**Items for Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**Ordinances – First Reading:**

**Agenda Item 8(a) – Case No. 2025-0168 (Rezoning of property at 1300 & 1335 Mercer St)**  
Chairwoman Hill advised that she anticipates this item will be withdrawn by the Applicant. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(b) – Case No. 2025-0190 (Rezoning of property at 3886 Agawela Drive)**  
Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(d) – Case No. 2026-0016 (Rezoning of property at 1010 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street)**  
Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Afterwards, discussion ensued. Vice Chair Noel advised she had not heard from the Applicant; Ms. Rennich affirmed she would reach out and instruct them to get in touch. Council requested that the planning items be reordered on next week’s agenda; Attorney McDonald affirmed. The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#) in their entirety. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(h) – Text amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 14137 relative to revising terminology from “Adult Use” to “Adult-Oriented Establishment”**  
Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(i) – Text amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 14137 relative to adding Drive-Through Facilities as an accessory use in the INST Institutional Zone**  
Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

**Agenda Item 8(j) – Text amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 14137 relative to Administrators and Notice [Published and Posted]**  
Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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**MEETING RECESS**

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Councilwoman Berz adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee at 4:05 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 4:45 p.m.

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**MEETING RECONVENED**

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Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 4:45 p.m. A quorum of seven was present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilmembers Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, and Dotley. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present. Councilman Elliott rejoined the meeting shortly after it was reconvened; Councilman Henderson did not return to the meeting after the recess.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

**ORDINANCE #14333**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 24-502, SCHEDULE II – SPEED ON THROUGH STREETS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Harvey,

**ORDINANCE #14334**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 35, SECTION 35-160, BILLING AND CHARGES FOR DISTRICT WRECKERS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**MR-2025-0166**

**Stone Creek Consulting LLC c/o Allen Jones**

**Planning Version #2**

**District No. 2**

**ORDINANCE #14335**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 100 BLOCK OF LAWN STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**Vice Chair Noel moved** to approve with the intent to amend. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. **Vice Chair Noel moved** to amend by adding the following condition: *“No healthy trees larger than 6-inch DBH (diameter at breast height) shall be removed from the abandoned alley.”* Councilwoman Dotley seconded. **Vice Chair Noel moved** to approve as amended. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING**

*[Councilman Elliott joined the meeting at this time.]*

On motion of Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

**ORDINANCE #14336**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 31-314, PRIVATE PROPERTY RESPONSIBILITY, TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION (F) SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL POND PROGRAM.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Dotley,

**RESOLUTION #32811**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TIM MOORE TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 4, 2026, AND ENDING ON MARCH 3, 2029.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Harvey,

**RESOLUTION #32812**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN OFFICE LEASE WITH LEGAL AID OF EAST TENNESSEE, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (454') SQ. FT. 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.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Clark,

**RESOLUTION #32813**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE MIRACLE LEAGUE FOR THE ADDITION OF A VIDEO BOARD TO THE SCOREBOARD WITH A SEVEN (7) YEAR WARRANTY, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MIRACLE LEAGUE FOR LIFETIME MAINTENANCE, WITH A VALUE OF \$83,000.00, WHICH REPRESENTS \$35,000.00 FOR INSTALLATION AND \$48,000.00 FOR COST OF THE BOARD.**

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 #32814**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. T-25-020-201, FY26 CITYWIDE RESURFACING, TO APAC-ATLANTIC, INC. D/B/A TALLEY CONSTRUCTION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,034,098.51, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465,901.49, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13.5 MILLION.**

**RESOLUTION #32815**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT S-25-004-201, BIRCHWOOD LANDFILL GAS FLARE REPLACEMENT, TO ADVANCE ONE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, OF CHARLOTTE, NC, FOR \$844,915.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$929,915.00.**

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

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32814 & 32815 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Recommended New Purchases**

Ms. Talley (Purchasing) presented the following new purchases for Council approval:

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| <b>PA100671 Stormwater Management, Public Works</b>                                   | <b>\$50,100.00</b>    |
| Corrugated Metal Pipe   |                       |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Piping Supply Company<br>P.O. Box 5099<br>Chattanooga, TN 37406   |                       |
| <br>  |                       |
| <b>560756 Risk Management</b>   | <b>\$3,376,501.00</b> |
| Third Party Administrator (TPA) Services for IOD Claims                               |                       |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Johnston & Associates Inc<br>PO Box 682529<br>Franklin, TN 37068  |                       |
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| <b>200874-2 Parks and Outdoors</b>  | <b>\$70,000.00</b>    |
| Bulk Mulch for the City of Chattanooga  |                       |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Big Woody's Tree Service<br>4018 Alabama Road<br>Apison, TN 37302 |                       |

**REQ175911 Technology Services** \$98,500.00  
 Library Records Management License, Maintenance and Support  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Innovative Interfaces Incorporated  
 789 E. Eisenhower Parkway  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**200888, 2 Wastewater** \$125,000.00  
 Manhole Inspection Services  
 Lowest/Best Bidders:  
 1. Hydro-Klean, Inc - 333 NW 49th Place Des Moines, IA 50313  
 2. Sweeping Corp of America, Inc - 713 Melpark Dr, Nashville, TN 37204  
 3. Performance Contracting, Inc - 1430 E Weisgarber Rd, Knoxville, TN 37909  
 4. Utility Inspection Services, Inc - 2103 East Magnolia Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917  
 5. Video Industrial Services, Inc - 7721 2nd Ave N, Birmingham, AL 35206

**PA100273 Facilities, Public Works** \$250,000.00  
 Uniform & Textile Rental/Laundry Service  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Cintas Corporation  
 2131 Polymer Drive Ste. 2131A  
 Chattanooga, TN 37421

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

**ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED**

**RFP Format Recommendations**

Ms. Talley recommended the following items for approval as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPT.	SUMMARY	COST CENTER/ CAPITAL PROJECT #	TOTAL BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	DOCUMENT LINK
Human Resources	Employee Assistance Program and Work Life Services for the City's eligible employees and their dependents.	E10308	\$55,000.00	\$21,175.66	REQ176787
Human Resources	Temporary Employment Services to support City's staffing needs.	E00101	\$3,750,000.00	\$1,161,738.06	REQ176923

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

**ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE THE TWO RFPs**

## **Sole Source Purchase**

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

DATE	DEPT.	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	DOCUMENTS
2/10/26	Stormwater Management Division, Public Works	Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center 400 Garden Road Chattanooga, TN 37419	Free Tree ReLeaf Program	\$29,199.00	<a href="#">REQ176522</a>

\* No Council action was 00required for this report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

[View [here](#)]

*Affordable Housing Committee*  
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

*Budget and Finance Committee*  
Councilwoman Dotley reported:

- The Budget Analysis Working Group will meet on March 31 to hear the report from Dr. Chris Acuff, a research proposal, and updates to Finance policy.

*Economic Development Committee*  
Councilman Elliott (No report)

*Education & Innovation Committee*  
Councilman Harvey (No report)

- He requested an education session on the 311 system.

*Community Development Committee*  
Councilman Clark (No report)

- He announced the cancellation of next week's Community Development Committee.

*Legislative Committee*  
Vice Chair Noel (No report)

- She used this time to thank Shay McCowen and her team for the BEC Awards, an event that recognized Black individuals, including herself, who have done amazing things for the city.

*Planning and Zoning Committee*  
Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met earlier today. It included presentations by Karen Rennich.
- The Planning Commission will meet on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The cases have been emailed to the Council.

*Parks, Public Works & Wastewater Committee*

Councilman Davis reported:

- The homelessness working group held a very productive and well-attended meeting yesterday. He noted that the group shared information on community needs. Based on a recommendation from Councilman Harvey, the group will begin meeting monthly to develop policy proposals and solutions.

*Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Henderson (Not present)

**Hixson Pike Public Input Survey**

Chairwoman Hill announced that the Hixson Pike road safety improvement survey is now open for public input thru March 6th. She highlighted the project and expressed thanks to city staff members Mande Green (Mayor’s Office), Jerramy Woods (Public Woods), and Greg Herold (Public Works-CDOT). Chairwoman Hill promised to email the link for the survey to the Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Donation Report**

[View [here](#)]

Chief Knowles reported on the donation of three vehicle “shells” from Volkswagen for use in CFD training.

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

[View [here](#)]

Attorney McDonald 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
•BJ Keepers	3	View <a href="#">here</a>
•Hope Henchey	8	View <a href="#">here</a>

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilwoman Dotley**, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

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**COUNCIL CHAIR**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**