



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 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: Mayor Tim Kelly; Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiates

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, Kathryn McDonald, Assistant City Attorney

Land Development Office: Cassie Cline, Development Review Planner

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Finance: Weston Porter, Chief Financial Officer

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

Mount Cannan Baptist Church: Minister Janice Shireen Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Clark led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Minister Janice Shireen Smith to give an invocation [view [here](#)].

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1

Historic Guidelines Presentation

By Cassie Cline

Ms. Cline provided an overview of the Historic Zoning Designation, including the historic guidelines and preservation requirements. The presentation may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Historic Designations
- Historic Zoning
- National Register of Historic Places
- Guideline update timeline
- Grant funding 2023- 2026
- New construction
- Unchanged elements
- Matrix Customization

Afterward, Ms. Cline responded to questions from the Council [view [here](#)].

- Councilman Elliott inquired about the individual zoning guidelines and their implications.
- Councilman Harvey inquired about the Council's authority regarding local historic landmark applications and the rights of property owners in relation to compliance.
- Attorney Noblett referenced the city code for Council, regarding Historical Landmark application procedures.
- Councilwoman Dotley inquired about the Matrix in her presentation.
- Councilman Clark inquired about expanding legislation and protection, asking if the ordinance aligns with state laws.

Upon no further questions or comments, this presentation was closed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #2

Parking Policy Update

By Mayor Tim Kelly

Mayor Kelly presented information related to the parking ordinance on the agenda. His presentation may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Parking policies
- Important strategies
- Affordability
- Comparison with similar cities
- Consumer private parking
- Public parking
- Parking Ordinance

Afterward, Chairwoman Hill asked Mayor Kelly about preventing new predatory parking businesses and looking at additional safeguards later if predatory practices increase. He agreed, noting that future regulations might be handled at the state level. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issue was closed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) – City Attorney Office (Relative to Booting and Immobilization of Vehicles)

Attorney Noblett informed the Council of CARTA's request to amend the language in this ordinance. After providing the recommended amendment, Councilman Clark inquired about private lots and if protections would apply, to which Attorney Noblett responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(c) – Finance (Relative to Memorandum for Finley Stadium Tourism)

Chairwoman Hill informed the Council that Administration has requested to withdraw this item. Upon no comments or questions, the issue was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chairwoman Hill provided an overview of the business meeting structure for those unfamiliar with the order of proceedings.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (April 7, 2026):

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item 9(j) – Public Works (Relative to Resolution Increasing Detail Xperts for Custodial Cleaning)

Chairwoman Hill asked Mr. Wood (Public Works) to explain the contract increase to the Council. Mr. Wood provided an explanation of the increase and the contract details. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Item 1(a) – Economic Development (Resolution relative to waiver of park rental fees)

Chairwoman Hill informed the Council of some price inaccuracies in the resolution. Mr. Anderson agreed to work with the Attorney to correct the language. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

MEETING RECESS

At 4:17 p.m., Chairwoman Hill recessed the meeting until 5:00 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilpersons Henderson, Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, Dotley, and Elliott. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

On motion of Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

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.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE #14347

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-337, AND CREATE A NEW ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO BOOTING AND IMMOBILIZATION OF VEHICLES.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve. Vice Chair Noel seconded. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to amend with the following amendment to Section 24-512 read by the Attorney:

"It is declared to be the purpose and intent of this chapter that all contracted property, commercial property, commercial parking lot owners in the City of Chattanooga would be engage in booting be licensed and bonded to meet the minimum requirements set forth in this chapter for the protection and welfare of the public. The provisions of this chapter shall regulate the use of boots and booting within the city but shall not apply to commercial lot owners who do not engage in booting."

Councilman Elliott seconded. **Councilwoman Dotley moved** to approve as amended. Vice Chair Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #32844

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STADIUM CORPORATION AND CITY OF CHATTANOOGA GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE GENERAL EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING THE CITY'S PROVISION FOR FINLEY STADIUM TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ZONE SALES TAX PAYMENTS.

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

ACTION: WITHDRAWN

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

RESOLUTION #32845

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A THIRD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE GRANT FUNDS TO RIVERCITY COMPANY FOR THE DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CHATTANOOGA RIVERFRONT PARKS BETWEEN THE RIVERCITY COMPANY, THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE EVOLVING OUR RIVERFRONT PARKS PROJECT.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilman Clark,

RESOLUTION #32846

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION GUIDE (EIG) POLICIES (14.0 INJURY ON DUTY) TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT STANDARDS TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

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

PA100683 City Wide Services, Public Works	\$1,022,000.00
Stone, Washed & Crushed	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan Materials Company	
6142 Shallowford Road	
Suite 101	
Chattanooga, TN 37421	

200764-2 Wastewater	\$150,000.00
Mixer Gear Reducer Repair Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: SPX Flow Technology 135 Mt Read Blvd Rochester, NY 14611	
 REQ177515 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	 \$421,891.00
Peterbilt Side Loader Recycle Truck	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Environmental Products Group 700 Hermit Smith Road Apopka, FL 32703	
 REQ177445 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	 \$259,999.97
International Hook Hoist Truck	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Thompson Truck Group 2600 8th Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37407	
 PA100118, PA100119 Facilities Division, Public Works	 \$190,000.00
Mailroom Equipment and Postage	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Pitney Bowes PO Box 85390 Louisville, KY 40285	

Councilman Harvey moved to approve. Councilwoman Dotley 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:

- The budget work session took place at 9:00 this morning. During that session, the Council discussed a potential budget framework, four financial policies, and a budget analysis review by Dr. Chris Acuff.
- The financial policies will be added to the two-week agenda for April 14 and will look at follow-up items dealing with peer cities.

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott reported:

- The committee will meet next week (April 7) for an update from Urban Story Ventures regarding the Bend project.

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 reported:

- The committee will meet next week to review items that will be on the two-week agenda.

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

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

Tivoli Tour

Chairwoman Hill advised that the Council had taken a tour of the Tivoli earlier that day and expressed excitement for the renovations.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

[View [here](#)]

Chairwoman Hill invited anyone wishing to address the Council to come and line up at the podium. She repeated the invitation to address the Council. Seeing none, she closed out this section of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL