



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 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 Councilmembers Chip Henderson, Jeff Davis, Cody Harvey, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. Vice Chair Marvene Noel was not present at this meeting.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube and is available for viewing [here](#).]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Mayor's Office: Kevin Roig, Chief of Staff, and Mande Green, Chief Operating Officer

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Finance: Weston Porter, Deputy Administrator

Police: Toby Hewitt, Deputy Chief; K-9 Anik; Officer David Garrity, handler for K-9 Anik; and MPO Jeremy Wilson, handler for K-9 Rex.

Purchasing: Daniel Harrigan, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer

Council Office: Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Elliott led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (May 13, 2025) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Agenda Item VII(d)-Case No. 2025-0036 (Regarding Rezoning 1500 East 14th Street)

Councilman Elliott advised that he would later in the meeting move to amend this item, which would take it back to first reading.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Chairwoman Hill reminded everyone that the Council meeting next week, May 27, 2025, had been cancelled. Upon no questions, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

There were no questions or comments; therefore, the issue was closed.

PURCHASES:

There were no questions or comments; therefore, the issue was closed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Public Hearing – FY26 Operations & Capital Budgets

Chairwoman Hill yielded the chair of the meeting to Councilwoman Dotley, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, who opened a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operations & Capital Budgets [view full hearing [here](#)]. She opened the floor to anyone wanting to address the Council on the proposed budget and allotted up to two minutes per person. The councilwoman recognized the following speakers:

Speaker Name	District / Organization	YouTube Link:
• James McKissic	ArtsBuild	View here
• Howard Wall	UTC's Center for Economic Research	View here
• Barry White	Chattanooga Tourism Company	View here
• Darde Long with <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jake & Rose the owl○ Donna Deweese	Chattanooga Zoo	View here
• Donna McConnico	Signal Centers	View here
• Charles Frazier	CARTA	View here
• Scottie Bowman	The Launch Pad	View here
• Katie Harbison	Chambliss Center for Children	View here
• Betsy McCright	Chattanooga Housing Authority	View here
• Mackenzie Kelly	Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition	View here
• Vince Butler & Maranda Wilkinson	National Medal of Honor Heritage Center	View here
• Sammy Lowdermilk	The Enterprise Center	View here
• Eric Myers	Chattanooga Design Studio	View here
• Daisy Madison	Chattanooga Sports Authority Board	View here
• Johan de Nysschen	CARTA & Volkswagen Group (retired)	View here
• Tasia Malakasis	The Company Lab	View here
• Edward Green, Jr.	District 5 (re: Wilcox Tunnel)	View here
• Keri Randolph	Chattanooga 2.0	View here
• Cade Cipriano	Community Assoc. of Historic St. Elmo	View here
• Lakecha Strickland	ATU Local 1212	View here
• Vivian Lozano	La Paz Chattanooga	View here
• Jeannine Carpenter	Chattanooga Area Food Bank	View here
• Kristen McCallie	Children's Advocacy Center	View here
• Bridgett Massengill	Thrive Regional Partnership	View here
• Charles Wood	Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce	View here

• Kevin Muhammad	Community Haven	View here
• Emily Mack	River City Company	View here
• Josiah Abney	Project Return	View here
• Lesley Searce	United Way of Greater Chattanooga	View here
• Lya Kimbrough	Urban League of Greater Chattanooga	View here
• Kevin Hyde	Partnership for Families, Children & Adults	View here
• Toccora Petersen	Girls Inc. of Chattanooga	View here
• Gordon Inman	AFM Local 80 (Tri-State Musicians' Union)	View here
• Mixy Mixon	[In support of Arts Build]	View here
• Elizabeth Haley	The Seed Theatre	View here
• Chris Thompson	Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise	View here
• Jens Christensen	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chatt.	View here
• Shane Morrow	RISE Chattanooga	View here
• Antine Offenbach	Freelance grant writer	View here
• Taylor Brown	CSO & UTC	View here
• Charlotte Caldwell	Stove Works [in support of Arts Build]	View here

Councilwoman Dotley confirmed that there were no other persons wishing to address the Council on the proposed budgets. Therefore, she closed the public hearing at 4:59 p.m. and yielded control of the meeting back to Chairwoman Hill.

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 four ordinances for one Council vote.

2025-0067
Luke Bowling c/o Temkin Land Group
Planning Commission Version
District No. 5

ORDINANCE #14234

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITIONS FROM ORDINANCE NO. 10358 OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 1995-0215 ON PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3945 CROMWELL ROAD.

2025-0063
Robert Franklin c/o Franklin Associates, Architects, Inc.
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

ORDINANCE #14235

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3210 BROAD STREET AND 3280 WILLIAMS STREET, FROM C-MU-1 COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE ZONE TO C-MU-2 COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE ZONE.

2025-0065
KH Property Group, Inc.
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

ORDINANCE #14236

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1823 REGGIE WHITE BOULEVARD, FROM U-IX-4 URBAN INDUSTRIAL ZONE TO U-CX-6 COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE ZONE.

ORDINANCE #14238

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, THE CHATTANOOGA ZONING ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, BE TO CLARIFY MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENTS CANNOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE (25%) PERCENT OF TOTAL UNITS FOR SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS; CORRECT RESIDENTIAL ZONES DIMENSIONAL HEIGHT LIMITATION; CLARIFY ON-SITE TREE REQUIREMENTS IN SETBACKS; ADD INSTITUTIONAL ZONE STANDARDS INSIDE THE URBAN OVERLAY; AND ADD PERMITTED USES IN THE I-H HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONE.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve all four ordinances. Councilman Harvey seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14234 - 14236 & 14238 APPROVED

2025-0036
Lee Helena
Planning Version #2
District No. 9

ORDINANCE #14237

[View [here](#)]

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 EAST 14TH STREET, FROM RN-1-5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-3 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilman Elliott moved to approve with the intent to amend. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. **Councilman Elliott moved** to amend and read the following wording:

- *A minimum of 20 foot set rear setback;*
- *A minimum of a 10 foot side setback;*
- *A 28 feet height limit; and*
- *There should be no detached units.*

Councilwoman Dotley second. Attorney Noblett confirmed that these are the conditions added last week, and that the only change would be adding the word “*minimum*” to both of the setbacks in conditions #1 and #2. Attorney Noblett noted that amending with the word “*minimum*” would require it going back to first reading today. Upon no further questions, the motion carried. **Councilman Elliott moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Clark seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: AMENDED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32515

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SURFACE PARKING LOT, WITH CHATTANOOGA AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE SURFACE LOT UNDERNEATH THE OLGATI BRIDGE TO BE USED FOR BUS AND HANDICAP PARKING AT NO COST TO THE PUBLIC, FOR THE TERM THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2034.

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 #32516

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF SHELBY PARRIS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 1 (LOOKOUT VALLEY), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 21, 2025, AND ENDING ON MAY 20, 2026.

RESOLUTION #32517

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF GRACE BUIE TO THE TREE COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 21, 2025, AND ENDING ON MAY 20, 2029.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32516 & 32517 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32518

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TO OPERATE THREE (3) CONTINUOUS REAL-TIME PRECIPITATION GAGES AND SEVEN (7) CONTINUOUS REAL-TIME STREAM GAGES LOCATED ON NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK, CHATTANOOGA CREEK, MOUNTAIN CREEK, WOLFTEVER CREEK, LOOKOUT CREEK, AND FRIARS BRANCH FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD RESPONSE ACTIVITIES, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2025, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,339.00, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S SHARE OF \$107,464.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32519

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 ANIK AS A SERVICE DOG.

RESOLUTION #32520

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 REX AS A SERVICE DOG.

RESOLUTION #32521

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DONATE A 1999 FORD E350 VAN (P752) VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. 1FSWE303L4XHC0993, IN GOOD CONDITION TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, IN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, SPEEDPRO HAS OFFERED TO WRAP THE VAN FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AT NO COST AS AN ASSET THAT HAS FULLY DEPRECIATED WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, FOR A VALUE OF \$3,480.00.

Deputy Chief Hewitt (CPD) addressed the Council regarding the two K-9 retirements [view [here](#)]. He introduced K-9 Anik, along with the service dog's handler, Officer David Gerity. Additionally, he introduced MPO Jeremy Wilson, the handler for K-9 Rex. As K-9 Rex could not attend today, Chief Hewitt presented a video showcasing K-9 Rex during training.

Councilman Henderson moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilman Elliott seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32519 – 32521 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [here](#)]

Mr. Harrigan (Purchasing) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

PUR127280 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$980,566.00

Lubecore Python ASL Lube Kits for Autocar ACX64

Lowest/Best Bidder: Stringfellow Inc
2710 Locust Street
Nashville, TN 37107

PA100463 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$255,000.00

Truck and Trailer Accessories & Trailer Maintenance and Repair

Lowest/Best Bidder: Truck 'N' Trailers USA
4591 N. Access Road
Chattanooga, TN 37415

200777-2,1 Human Resources \$600,000.00

Stop Loss Insurance for the City of Chattanooga

Lowest/Best Bidder: Blue Cross-Blue Shield Of Tenn
1 Cameron Hill Cir Ste 0009
Chattanooga, TN 37402

REQ163986 Chattanooga Fire Department \$84,052.00

All American PONN Gladiator Attack Hose

Lowest/Best Bidder: Safe Industries
5031 Highway 153
Easley, SC 29642

REQ164014 and REQ163802 Moccasin Bend Waste Water \$244,940.00

Pump & Pump Accessories

Lowest/Best Bidder: Guthrie Sales & Service Co
7003 Chadwick Dr #300
Brentwood, TN 37027

PA100458 Moccasin Bend Waste Water \$350,000.00

Remote Monitoring Services for the Cryogenic Oxygen
Generation System

Lowest/Best Bidder: Solutionwerks, Inc.
74 Sail Away Ln
Moneta, VA 24121

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE:*

Mr. Harrigan also reported the following sole source purchase:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	DOCUMENTS
5/13/25	Technology Services	Juganu USA, Inc 6075 The Corners Pkwy, #210 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092	Juganu Solitaire3 & Phoenix1 Smart Lighting System	\$33,400.00	REQ164122
EXPLANATION Juganu is a Smart 2023 Grant award participant partnering with the City of Chattanooga to support a grant funded project known as "A National Scalable CV2-X Pilot Deployment: Advancing Interoperable Connectivity for Improving Safety and Operations in the City of Chattanooga".					

**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 reported:

- The committee held its Budget Education Session #2 today as well as a public hearing on the FY26 budget.
- The budget ordinances are planned for first reading on the June 3 agenda and second reading on the June 10 agenda.
- Councilpersons could send their questions or requests to her, Kevin Roig (Mayor's Office), or the Council Clerk.

Economic Development Committee

Councilman Elliott (No report)

Education Committee

Councilman Harvey (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Councilman Clark (No report)

Legislative Committee

Vice Chair Noel (Not present)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Parks and Public Works Committee
Councilman Davis (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

- He is sponsoring “Urban Chickens” legislation and asked that it be assigned to the Legislative Committee. Chairwoman Hill agreed to advise Vice Chair Noel, chair of the Legislative Committee, who was not present today.
- Chairwoman Hill is sponsoring the “Single Stair Ordinance” and will also ask Vice Chair Noel to assign that legislation to the Legislative Committee.

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 / Organization	YouTube Link
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	View here
• Lee Helena	District 5	View here
• Joy Bullard Moore	(Formerly of City’s Community Development)	View here
• Dr. Paul Fuchcar	The Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (CADAS)	View here

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Elliott, Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL