



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

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 29, 2024  
3:30 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill was not in attendance of this meeting.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube in two parts. Part 1 of this meeting (prior to the recess) is available [here](#). Part 2 of this meeting (after the recess) is available [here](#).]

### **OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Kevin Roig, Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor for Public Affairs; Seth Davis, Policy Analyst; and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor to the Mayor for Legislative Initiatives

Regional Planning: Dan Reuter, Administrator, and Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Community Development: Carol Hunter, Administrator

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

Planning Next: Michael Curtis, Consultant

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Henderson led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Ledford** and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (October 22, 2024) were approved as published.

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## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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## RESOLUTIONS

### **Agenda Item IX(b) – Economic Development (Relative to University of Chattanooga use of indoor softball facility)**

Councilman Smith asked for clarification of this item. He wanted to know if the dates were correct, or if they were an extension. Mr. Beeland addressed the council and stated that he would confirm the dates and reach out to the council about the dates. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

### **Agenda Item IX(b) – Mayor’s Office (EPA Arts Build Grant)**

Councilwoman Berz asked for clarification on the Arts Build grant. Mr. Davis addressed the council and explained the purpose of the grant and how it applies to the community. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** Chairman Henderson yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Hester for the Parks & Public Works Committee. [View the committee [here.](#)]

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Hester, Committee Chair, called the Parks & Public Works Committee to order at 3:43 p.m., with a quorum of eight present. Vice Chair Hill was not in attendance of this meeting.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** On motion of Councilman Smith and second by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last Public Safety Committee meeting (October 15, 2024) were approved as published.

Councilman Hester instructed the clerk to read the final ordinance and resolutions on the committee agenda. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issues were closed.

### **Agenda Item IX(f) – Parks & Outdoors (Evolving Our Riverfronts Parks)**

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the funding provided to River City. Mr. Reuter presented the council with the process for the agreement with RiverCity Company. Mr. Noblett explained the funding and the contribution provided by the City of Chattanooga. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Councilman Hester adjourned the Parks & Public Works Committee at 3:54 p.m. and turned the business meeting over to Councilman Smith for Legislative Committee.

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** Councilman Hester yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Smith for the Legislative Committee. [View the committee [here.](#)]

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Smith, Committee Chair, called the Legislative Committee to order at 3:54 p.m., with a quorum of eight present. Vice Chair Hill was not in attendance of this meeting.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** On motion of Councilman Ledford and second by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last Committee meeting were approved as published.

### **Draft - Mass Violence Ordinance**

Councilwoman Coonrod presented the [draft ordinance](#) and spoke on the impact of mass violence on community centers. She requested that Mr. Noblett incorporate language into the ordinance that would safeguard community center employees. [View the full discussion [here](#).]

- Chair Henderson inquired about Section 25-40 and existing policy. Ms. Hunter addressed the council on the current internal policies in place.
- Councilman Ledford inquired about item D and the restitution costs. He suggested changing the language from "schools" to "community centers."
- Councilwoman Berz inquired about the detailed policy changes and considered more localized policies for greater flexibility.
- Councilwoman Noel inquired about the center managers' right to ban unruly individuals, to which Ms. Hunter responded.
- Councilman Hester asserted that the council must address the ordinance as a whole and make changes accordingly.
- Councilman Smith elaborated on the threats posed by mass violence and asked what safeguards are currently in place.

*[Councilwoman Dotley exited the meeting during this committee.]*

Upon no further questions or comments, Councilman Smith adjourned the committee at 4:20 p.m.

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## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

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**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** Councilman Smith yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Ledford for the special called Planning & Zoning Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Ledford, Committee Chair, called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 4:20 p.m., with a quorum of seven present. Vice Chair Hill and Councilwoman Dotley were not in attendance of this meeting.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** On motion of Chairman Henderson and second by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning meeting (October 1, 2024) were approved as published.

### **Presentation – Plan Chattanooga Update** [View [here](#)]

Mr. Reuter gave opening remarks, then introduced Mr. Curtis, who represented the consulting team. Mr. Curtis gave a presentation that contained information on the following:

- Process
- This Plan Will & Will Not
- Goals
- Growth Framework Benefits
- What You Will See in the Plan
- Placemaking & Place Types
- Citywide Place Type Map
- Citywide Parks & Greenways Map

- Citywide Objectives
- Area Plans
- Focus Areas
- Big Ideas for Placemaking
- How to provide Input

Mr. Reuter returned to make closing remarks and responded to questions from the council.

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## RECESS

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At 4:39 p.m., Councilman Ledford adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee and recessed the business meeting until 5:15 p.m.

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## MEETING RECONVENED

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Chairman Henderson reconvened the business meeting at 5:15 p.m. [View [here](#)] A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Noel, and Coonrod. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present. Vice Chair Hill and Councilwoman Dotley were not present at this meeting.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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### ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two ordinances for one Council vote.

#### ORDINANCE #14165

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 4, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS “THE CHATTANOOGA AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE”, BY REMOVING “AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE” PROVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF THE MOST CURRENT OF VARIOUS FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HOUSEKEEPING PROVISIONS.**

**MR-2024-0151**  
**Catalyst Design Group c/o Chris Akers**  
**District No. 9**

#### ORDINANCE #14166

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SANITARY SEWER AND EASEMENT IN THE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH LYERLY STREET, BEGINNING AT MH# S146K024 THENCE NORTHWEST SOME FIVE HUNDRED FOUR (504’) FEET TO A POINT OF TEN (10’) FEET, BEFORE MH# S146K033, TAX MAP NO. 146K-L-048, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.**

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 14165 & 14166 APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**ORDINANCE #14167**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the following five resolutions for one Council vote.

**RESOLUTION #32284**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MALCOLM HARRIS TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD FOR DISTRICT 8, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 30, 2024, AND ENDING ON OCTOBER 29, 2030.**

**RESOLUTION #32285**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO LEASE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE LEASE FOR THE USE OF THE INDOOR SOFTBALL FACILITY AT 301 N. HOLTZCLAW AVENUE, ON A PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 146G-A-001 TO THE DATE OF OCTOBER 31, 2026.**

**RESOLUTION #32286**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FRIENDS OF THE ZOO, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO ADD THE 19,296 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE BEING VACATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA FOR ITS INDOOR SOFTBALL FACILITY, TO THE LEASED PREMISES OF FRIENDS OF THE ZOO, INC., WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026.**

**RESOLUTION #32287**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A TRACK II COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) TO CREATE AN EQUITABLE PROCESS THAT RAISES AWARENESS AND ENGAGES**

**RESIDENTS IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN CHATTANOOGA, CONNECTING CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ARTS, AND IF AWARDED, THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA WILL ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ARTSBUILD THROUGH THE GRANT PERIOD, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$838,540.00, FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,888,540.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32288**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FY24 COPS TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR TECHNOLOGY AND EFFICIENCY UPGRADES WHICH WILL BE USED TO UPDATE OLDER EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGIES, AND INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION TO ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO AND PREVENTING CRIME, APPROPRIATED THROUGH THE FY24 FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTED BY HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK FLEISCHMANN, FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS BEGINNING MARCH 9, 2024, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2026, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000.00.**

**Councilman Smith moved** to approve all five resolutions. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried. Chairman Henderson recognized Darde Long, CEO and President of the zoo, who was present in the Assembly.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32284 – 32288 ADOPTED**

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to group and read the following five resolutions for one Council vote.

**RESOLUTION #32289**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 32207 TO STATE THAT RIVERCITY COMPANY TO PROVIDE THAT RIVERCITY COMPANY WILL PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR “EVOLVING OUR RIVERFRONT PARKS” BASED ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND RIVERCITY COMPANY FOR A COST OF \$500,000.00 FROM THE CITY AND \$700,000.00 FROM HAMILTON COUNTY, NOT TO EXCEED \$1.2 MILLION, AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT.**

**RESOLUTION #32290**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON PADGETT AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO PERFORM DUTIES EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES IN HIS POSITION AS A CODES INSPECTOR II.**

**RESOLUTION #32291**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW COOPER AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO PERFORM DUTIES EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES IN HIS POSITION AS A BUILDING INSPECTOR II.**

**RESOLUTION #32292**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENEW CONTRACT NO. S-21-009-101 WITH CTI ENGINEERS, INC. FOR LANDFILL DEFICIENCY RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPAIRS TO THE LINER, LEACHATE, AND GAS COLLECTION SYSTEMS AT THE CITY AND SUMMIT LANDFILLS, FOR YEAR THREE (3) OF FOUR (4), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$485,000.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32293**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-23-020-201, SENECA AVENUE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, TO TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON SENECA AVENUE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465,682.90, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,568.29, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$512,251.19.**

**Councilman Ledford moved** to approve all five resolutions. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32289 – 32293 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Recommended New Purchases**

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

**REQ154969 Chattanooga Fire Department/  
Mobile Communications** **\$159,876.00**

Motorola Solutions Asset Management Service Agreement  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Motorola Systems  
500 W Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60661

**REQ155694 Fleet Management Division, Public Works** **\$387,500.00**

GoVac FLEX CNG / GoFill Portable System  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Onboard Dynamics  
62958 Layton Avenue Suite 2  
Bend, OR 97701

**PA100370 Fleet Management Division, Public Works**  
 Police Vehicle Lighting & Equipment Installation  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Truckers Lighthouse Inc  
 201 Crutchfield Avenue  
 Nashville, TN 37210

Increase of \$145,000.00  
 for a new annual amount  
 of \$379,000.00

**Solicitation 200715 Chattanooga Fire Department**  
 Fence Installation  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: River City Fence  
 6134 Airways Blvd.  
 Chattanooga, TN 27421

\$50,154.94

**Solicitation 200706,1 Department of Parks and Outdoors**  
 Alarm Monitoring Service  
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Preventia Security, LLC  
 1601 Old Lafayette Road  
 Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

\$56,000.00

**Renewals** (For Informational Purposes)

Ms. Talley informed the Council of the following contract renewals:

DEPARTMENT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIER LOWEST/BEST BIDDER	SUMMARY	FUND NAME	ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Purchasing Department	Newspaper & On-line Advertising	Chattanooga Times Free Press 400 East 11th Street Chattanooga, TN 37403	4th & Final Renewal		\$100,000.00	<a href="#">PO# 559555</a>
Technology Services	Software for City Courts, Police & DIT	Tyler Technologies Inc Incode Division 5519 53rd Street, Suite 200 Lubbock, TX 79414	4th & Final Renewal utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 090320-TTI		\$275,000.00	<a href="#">PO# 560424</a>

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED**



**Sole Source Purchase**

Ms. Talley reported on the following sole source purchase:

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPT.	EXPLANATION	COST	DOCUMENTS
10/3/24	Early Learning/Head Start	ChildPlus Software 303 Perimeter Center N Ste 400 Atlanta, GA 30346	ChildPlus Learning plan for Head Start Staff	This is a sole-source purchase for the Early Learning/Head Start, to have access on ChildPlus Learning FY25 premium plan.	\$30,000.00	<a href="#">REQ155053</a>

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Affordable Housing Committee*

Vice Chair Hill (Not present)

*Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilwoman Berz (No report)

*Economic Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

*Education and Innovation Committee*

Councilwoman Noel (No report)

*Equity and Community Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

*Legislative Committee*

Councilman Smith (No report)

*Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will meet next week (November 5).

*Parks and Public Works*

Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today and will meet again in two weeks (November 12).

*Public Safety Committee*

Councilwoman Dotley (Not present)

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Henderson announced that the Strategic Planning meeting next Tuesday, November 5, would be cancelled due that day being Election Day. He also announced that there would be no recess during the 3:30 business meeting next week.

## 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, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District No.	Primary Topics:
• <a href="#">Monty Bell</a>	(N/A)	His 2019 court filing/Residency challenges compared between him and city officials
• <a href="#">Tony Boston</a>	(N/A)	Problems with another taxi company sharing his company's name/ Passenger Vehicle for Hire (formerly Transportation Board) has not been able to meet about his case. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mr. Anderson (Mayor's Office) discussed the meeting not being able to meet quorum and reminded the Council about two vacancies awaiting Council appointment.</li></ul>

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

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**COUNCIL CHAIR**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**