



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 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 Vice Chair Marvene Noel, and Councilmembers Chip Henderson, Jeff Davis, Dennis Clark, Jenni Berz, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. Councilman Cody Harvey was not present.

[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

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Community Development: Cedric Henson, Administrator

Technology Services: Jerele Neeld, Chief Info Technology Officer

CPD: John Chambers, Police Chief

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Clark led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last meeting (August 26, 2025) were approved as published.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairwoman Hill extended special congratulations to Councilman Harvey, who was not present, on the birth of his new daughter and requested a round of applause in honor of Baby Harvey.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Planning – Case No. 2025-0123

Chairwoman Hill requested a motion from the Council to defer this item, given Councilman Harvey's absence and his request for a two-week deferral. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(c) – Council Office (Support of workers at Volkswagen)

The resolution authors have requested additional time to revisit the language, specifically requesting a few more weeks. Therefore, Councilman Elliott advised that he would request a 3-week deferral until September 30th. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(d) – Council Office (Waiving Residential Modification Permit fees)

Chairwoman Hill requested a one-week deferral until September 16, in order to change some of the language. Councilman Elliott requested clarification on the fee protection for this resolution, to which Attorney Noblett explained the permitting modification fees. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

Councilman Clark inquired about Technology Services item PA100010, specifically regarding the increase to Software services. Mr. Neeld responded to the councilman questions. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Chairwoman Hill requested an explanation of the Technology Services item REQ169753 and what an Integrated Ballistic Identification System entails. Chief Chambers provided a detailed explanation. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Councilman Elliott inquired about detailed purchase item costs, cost centers, and the lifecycle of funds, to which Mr. Roig responded. Councilman Clark asked about publicly accessible expenditure explanations to inform the public. Mr. Roig explained about the budget being public to enhance transparency for constituents. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Chairwoman Hill invited Mr. Roig to present information regarding new budget allocations necessitated by recent state law amendments. Mr. Roig delivered a presentation detailing the community development modifications stemming from the recently-enacted legislation on the dissolution of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) departments.

Dismantling DEI Departments Act Presentation

Mr. Roig gave a presentation [view [here](#)] that touched upon the following topics:

- Overview of two Laws signed by Governor Lee
- Dismantling DEI Departments Act
- Dismantling DEI in Employment Act
- Codes of Ordinances that are non-compliant
- Review City Code
- Advice on necessary changes
- Summary of Administrations plan to align with State law
- Compliance with State Law
- Organizational alignment
- Budget Neutrality
- Community Development Department structure
- Executive Branch structure
- Office of New Chattanooga Department
- Summary of Changes Recap
- Elimination of Department of Equity and Community Engagement
- Uses of the word “equity” removed to comply with new State Laws

After which, the floor was opened for questions and comments from the Council, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched upon the following:

- Councilman Clark expressed his dissatisfaction with dismantling the DEI initiative and requested an explanation of the city's compliance efforts.
- Councilman Elliott expressed his disappointment in the dismantling DEI, noting the impact on the Latino population.
- Councilwoman Dotley expressed her disappointment and gave her criticisms of the state legislation dismantling DEI.
- Chairwoman Hill wrapped up the discussion by conveying her agreement with the Council's disappointment. She expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Administration for supporting DEI and implementing the changes to ensure compliance.

Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chairwoman Hill yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Clark for the Community Development Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Clark, Committee Chair, called the Community Development Committee to order at 4:19 p.m., with a quorum of eight councilpersons present. Councilman Harvey was not in attendance.

MINUTE APPROVAL: **On motion of Vice Chair Noel** and seconded by Councilman Elliott, the minutes of the last Community Development Committee meeting (August 12, 2025) were approved as published.

Overview of Ongoing and Plan Improvement Projects

Councilman Clark turned the floor over to Mr. Henson, who gave an overview of ongoing improvement projects, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Project overview and Investment Priorities
- Capital Improvements
- Structural Integrity
- Deferred Maintenance
- Overview of Community Centers Capital Projects
- Gym Restorations
- Total estimated Project costs \$3,072,930
- Community center Project Summaries
- Community Center Deferred Maintenance Summary
- Finding working balance

Afterwards, the floor was opened for questions and comments from the Council, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Councilmembers Berz, Elliot, Dotley, Clark and Hill all expressed thanks to Mr. Henson for his update.
- Councilman Elliott hinted at a potential senior center for his district.
- Councilwoman Dotley inquired about the South Chattanooga centers in her district and requested updates.
- Committee Chairman Clark requested a detailed report from Mr. Henson, including the current status of development, ongoing projects, and summaries of completed and deferred maintenance for those projects.
- Chairwoman Hill inquired about centers in her district and specific line items.
- Vice Chair Noel added thanks to Ms. Green (Mayor's Office) and Mr. Cutcliff (DTS) for their work and contributions to the centers in her district.

Upon no comments or questions, the issue was closed.

MEETING RECESS

With permission from Chairwoman Hill, Councilman Clark adjourned the Community Development Committee at 4:39 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the business meeting at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was still present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilmembers Henderson, Davis, Harvey, Clark, Berz, Dotley, and Elliott. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

ORDINANCE #14271

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14239, ALSO KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATIONS BUDGET,” FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY; AMEND ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND REVENUE; AMEND SECTIONS 5 AND 5(A) SO AS TO APPROPRIATE THE SAME FROM GENERAL FUND; AMEND SECTION 7(A) TO REVISE PROVISION FOR SWORN EMPLOYEES; AMEND SECTION 7(E) TO ADJUST AUTHORIZED POSITIONS; AND TO AMEND FIRE AND POLICE PAY PLANS.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Elliott	YES	Davis	NO
Dotley	YES	Henderson	NO
Berz	YES	Noel	YES
Clark	YES	Hill	NO

YES – Five (5); NO – Three (3)

ACTION: APPROVED

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

ORDINANCE #14272

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 14240, KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET,” APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING, OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL BUDGET BY \$13,350,000.00 FROM GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Henderson	YES	Dotley	YES
Davis	YES	Elliott	YES
Clark	YES	Noel	YES
Berz	YES	Hill	YES

YES – Eight (8); NO – Zero (0)

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2025-0123

Joseph Ingram c/o Ingram, Gore and Associates

Planning Commission Version

District No. 4

Agenda Item VIII(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 7417 AND 7423 MIN TOM DRIVE, FROM RN-1-6 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO RN-1-3 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

In Councilman Harvey's absence, **Councilwoman Berz moved** to defer this District 4 item for two weeks until September 23, 2025. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

2025-0102

Seth Francis c/o Crunk Engineering

Planning Commission Version

District No. 6

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14273

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6401 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, FROM C-C COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ZONE TO INST INSTITUTIONAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2025-0122

Southside Gardens, LLC

Planning Commission Version

District No. 7

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #14274

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 2600 BLOCKS OF LONG AND WILLIAMS STREET AND THE 100 BLOCK OF WEST 27TH STREET, FROM RN-3 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE AND TRN-3 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO THE CHESTNUT STREET FORM-BASED CODE CONTEXT, THE C-CX-9 COMMERCIAL MIXED USE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2025-0115
Darin and Douglas Wright
Planning Commission Version
District No. 9

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14275

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2518 BAILEY AVENUE, FROM RN-2 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO C-NT NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSITION COMMERCIAL ZONE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2025-0120
Harrison Lewis
Planning Commission Version
District No. 9

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

ORDINANCE #14276

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2306 EAST 14TH STREET, FROM RN-2 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-2 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2025-0121
Harrison Lewis
Planning Commission Version
District No. 9

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

ORDINANCE #14277

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2312 EAST 14TH STREET, FROM RN-2 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE TO TRN-2 TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

Alternate Version

ORDINANCE #14278

[View [here](#)]

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, THE CHATTANOOGA ZONING ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, TO AMEND THE FORM-BASED CODE PARKING LOT LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS, ADD A NEW USE DEFINITION FOR CREMATORIALS, AND ADD PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR CREMATORIALS, AMEND NON-CONFORMITIES FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL USES, AND AMEND TOWNHOUSE MASSING.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve with the intent to amend. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. **Councilwoman Berz moved** to amend by submitting the alternate version as read by the City Attorney. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. Councilwoman Berz explained the proposal to change from 4 maximum to 8 in the alternate version. **Councilman Elliott moved** to approve the Alternate Version as amended. Vice Chair Noel seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALTERNATE VERSION SUBSTITUTED
AND PASSED 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 #32624

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LINDIA MATHIS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 9 (STANDIFER GAP) FOR DISTRICT 6, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 17, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32625

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING NAN ZAMATA TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 9 (STANDIFER GAP) FOR DISTRICT 6, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 17, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2027.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32624 & 32625 ADOPTED

Agenda Item IX(c):

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WORKERS AT VOLKSWAGEN AND THE BARGAINING COMMITTEE OF UNITED AUTO WORKERS LOCAL 42, CHATTANOOGA.

Councilman Elliott moved to defer for three weeks to September 30, 2025. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Agenda Item IX(d):

[View [here](#)]

A RESOLUTION WAIVING RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATION PERMIT FEES AND/OR GIVING PREFERENCE TO GREEN GRANT FUNDING FOR PEAK ATTENUATION CONTROL, TSS, AND STORMWATER INFILTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE PROPERTIES WHICH WERE DIRECTLY DAMAGED AND ARE BEING SIGNIFICANTLY REDEVELOPED OR REBUILT IN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA DUE TO THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025, FLOOD DAMAGE WITHIN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA WHICH WILL BEGIN ON THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND EXPIRE WITHIN THE NEXT NINE (9) MONTHS, ON OR BEFORE MAY 12, 2026.

Councilwoman Berz moved to defer to September 16, 2025. Councilwoman Dotley second. Councilwoman Berz also discussed the need for this waiver in the Belvoir neighborhood after recent flooding. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Clark,

RESOLUTION #32626

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE EARLY HEAD START SERVICES TO SIXTEEN (16) EARLY HEAD START CHILDREN AT PURPOSE POINT LEARNING ACADEMY FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED TO CHILDREN AT THE ESTABLISHMENT TO UTILIZE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE FY26 GRANT AWARD, FOR A CONTRACT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, FOR A TOTAL OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DAYS (232), FOR A SERVICE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$184,486.40.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32527

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF JARROD BROCK AS CITY TREASURER.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley,

RESOLUTION #32628

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 32544 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ENGAGE THE FOLLOWING FIRMS FOR LEGAL AND LOBBYING SERVICES: (1) BAKER DONELSON; (2) BASS, BERRY & SIMS, PLC; (3) BUTLER SNOW LLP; (4) CHAMBLISS, BAHNER & STOPHEL, P.C.; (5) GEARHISER, PETERS, ELLIOTT & CANNON, PLLC; (6) ADAM SOWATZKA WITH MCGUIREWOODS; (7) MILLER & MARTIN PLLC; (8) TIDWELL & ASSOCIATES, P.C.; (9) EVANS, HARRISON & HACKETT, PLLC; (10) BRIAN KOPEL OF THE TITLE GUARANTY AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHATTANOOGA; (11) LOGAN DAVIS OF DAVIS & HOSS; (12) TUNE, ENTREKIN & WHITE, P.C.; (13) JONES TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.; (14) ROBINSON, SMITH & WELLS; (15) BRIDGE PUBLIC AFFAIRS; (16) PHILIP M. MEYER, II; AND (17) TREVOR ATCHLEY, FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026."

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 #32629

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH SKILLED SERVICES, OF KNOXVILLE, TN, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. P-23-001-201, POLICE SERVICE CENTER FITNESS AREA, FOR HVAC AND ELECTRICAL CHANGES, ADDITIONAL CONCRETE IN FREE WEIGHT AREA, EMERGENCY LIGHTING UPGRADES, AND CHANGES TO THE FLOOR MATTING, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$72,042.93, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$399,327.93.

RESOLUTION #32630

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXTEND AND INCREASE THE ORANGE GROVE CONTRACT BY NINETY (90) ADDITIONAL DAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, TO PROVIDE STAFFING BY ORANGE GROVE EMPLOYEES AT THE CITY'S THREE (3) REFUSE CENTERS AND FIVE (5) RECYCLE CENTERS, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00, FOR A TOTAL FY26 AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00.

The motion carried. Councilman Clark questioned what happens after the 90-day extension for the Orange Grove Contract (Resolution #32630). Mr. Wood (Public Works) advised that his department was building the RFP and were extending the current contract to also ensure the appropriate wording.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32631

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR
AN EXISTING LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 6804 SHALLOWFORD ROAD.**

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson voting “No.”

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32632

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE DIRECTOR
OF THE CHATTANOOGA HAMILTON COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER TO
APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF
CRIME (OVC) FY25 SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES GRANT FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO BE
USED FOR A FULL-TIME POSITION, THERAPY SERVICES FOR VICTIMS,
AND VICTIMS’ EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, FOR A THREE-YEAR AWARD
PERIOD BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,
2028, FOR AN AWARD AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000.00.**

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

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

PA100608, PA100609 Purchasing Division, Finance \$64,900.00

Trash Can Liners

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Interboro Packaging - 114 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY 12549
2. Central Poly-Bag Corporation - 2400 Bedle Place, Linden, NJ 07036

PA100010 Technology Services \$280,100.00

Software Services

Lowest/Best Bidder: KCI Technologies, Inc
500 11th Avenue North, Suite 290
Nashville, TN 37203

REQ168695 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$242,580.54
 Two (2) Meridian Archer T-1200 Trailers
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Meridian Rapid Defense Group
 177 E. Colorado Blvd, Suite 200
 Pasadena, CA 91105

REQ169275 Community Health \$50,000.00
 Radio Advertisements
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Brewer Media Group LLC
 6229 Vance Rd Ste 119
 Chattanooga, TN 37421

PA100309 Technology Services \$625,000.00
 Structured Cabling Services
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Integrated Networking Technologies
 6111 Heritage Park Dr, Ste A-100
 Chattanooga, TN 37416

PA100555 Technology Services / HR Risk Management \$71,190.00
 Risk Management Software
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Origami Risk LLC
 222 North LaSalle St
 Chicago, IL 60601

REQ169860 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$521,558.66
 Two (2) 2026 International Knuckleboom Trucks
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith
 2600 8th Avenue
 Chattanooga, TN 37407

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

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

Sole Source Purchases*

Ms. Talley also reported on the following sole source purchases (2):

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION/ OTHER NOTES	COST	DOCUMENTS
8/22/25	Wastewater	Water & Waste Equipment Inc 2335 Shady Lane Cleveland, Tn 37412	Four (4) Hydromatic Grinder Pumps	Water & Waste Equipment is the exclusive authorized distributor in Tennessee for hydromatic grinder pumps.	\$24,260.00	REQ169353

8/27/25	Technology Services	Leads Online 6900 Dallas Pkwy, Ste 825 Plano, TX 75024	Integrated Ballistic Identification System Brass Trax Renewal	Leads Online is the sole authorized source for the Integrated Ballistic Identification System.	\$25,545.00	REQ169753
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** This report did not require Council action.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[View [here](#)]

Affordable Housing Committee

Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

- An affordable housing committee will be held to discuss a new housing pilot utilizing their new pilot policy.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

- The second vote on the budget was complete; therefore, he thanked the Finance team.
- There would be a public hearing next week regarding the DEI decision and the associated budget amendment, which is budget-neutral.

Economic Development Committee

Councilman Elliott (No report)

Education Committee

Councilman Harvey (Not present)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Councilman Clark reported:

- The committee met today and reviewed a presentation from the interim administrator regarding deferred maintenance and ongoing projects.
- He also thanked Cedric Henson for his leadership in the department.

Legislative Committee

Vice Chair Noel (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilwoman Berz (No report)

- Chairwoman Hill informed the Council that Councilwoman Berz sat through a 5-hour Planning Commission meeting.

Parks and Public Works Committee

Councilman Davis (No report)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS

Certificates of Compliance

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Noblett presented the following certificates for signature:

- a. **Certificate of Compliance, K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. d/b/a Food City #706, 4510 Highway 58. (District 5) – [Wine and grocery store]**
- b. **Certificate of Compliance, Ziya, Inc. d/b/a Chattanooga Wine and Spirits, 6804 Shallowford Road. (District 6) – [Wind and spirits liquor store]**

He affirmed that both stores were in compliance with all the requirements of the city code for their respective locations.

Food City Update – Highway 58

[View [here](#)]

Councilman Clark informed the Council about the development progress and grand opening of the Food City on Highway 58. He thanked Administration for fast-tracking permits for this project.

Settlement Announcement

[View [here](#)]

Attorney Noblett announced a settlement of a case in the United States District Court, *Tiana Perry, et al., v. Officer Batterson*, civil action number 124-CV- 000269. He reported that the case had been resolved following mediation for \$180,000.00.

[Councilman Henderson exited the meeting at this time.]

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	Link to YouTube Comments
• Michael Whitfield	4	View here <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Councilman Elliott offered to speak individually with Mr. Whitfield.
• Patrick Cate	7 Chattanooga Area Labor Council	View here
• Kelmy Holski	UAW Local 42	View here
• Michael Bramley	Bargaining Committee at Volkswagen Chattanooga	View here
• Corey Evette	5	View here

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monty Bell 	(N/A)	View here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairwoman Hill informed Mr. Bell that he was violating the rules of procedure of not addressing people by name.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everlena Kortay 	8	View here

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Hill adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council. However, due to some councilpersons requesting to allow one additional public speaker, the Council declined to adjourn. Chairwoman Hill exited the meeting, leaving a quorum of six (6). Vice Chair Noel assumed the chair of the meeting and opened the floor to allow the additional speaker [listed in the above table]. Upon no further discussion and comment, **Councilwoman Berz reintroduced the motion to adjourn**, seconded by Councilman Elliott. Vice Chair Noel adjourned the meeting until September 16, 2025.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL