



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 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 Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jeff Davis, Raquetta Dotley, and Ron Elliott. Councilpersons Cody Harvey and Dennis Clark arrived shortly after the call to order. Councilwoman Jenni Berz was not in attendance of this 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: Kevin Roig, Chief of Staff

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Economic Development: Richard Beeland, Administrator, and Megan Miles, Director of Housing Policy

Wastewater: Mark Heinzer, Administrator

Early Learning: Jasmine Barnes, Manager Financial Operations for Head Start

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Dotley led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chair Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (September 16, 2025) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(b) – Early Learning (Relative to FY25-26 collaboration contracts with local childcare providers)

Councilman Henderson requested additional information regarding this item; Chairwoman Hill and Ms. Barnes (Early Learning) responded. The discussion may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(c) – Economic Development (Relative to the transfer of \$500,000.00 for the Eviction Prevention Program)

Councilman Elliott requested additional information regarding this item; Ms. Miles (Economic Development) responded. The discussion may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(h) – Wastewater (Relative to the award of Contract No. W-17-16-201, Water Use & Reuse Implementation Project)

Chairwoman Hill recognized Mr. Heinzer (Wastewater), who requested that Council move to withdraw this item when it came time for a vote. Council affirmed. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

PURCHASING QUESTIONS:

Recommended New Purchases:

- **200823-2 – Public Works (Kitchen equipment for James Henry Headstart Complex)**
 - Councilman Elliott requested clarification regarding this item; Mr. Roig and Mr. Beeland (Economic Development) responded [view [here](#)].

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (September 30, 2025):

Agenda Item 9(b) – Council Office (Resolution regarding support of workers at VW & the Bargaining Committee of UAW Local 42)

Councilman Elliott advised he would be moving to withdraw this item [at the author's request] when it came time for a vote. Councilman Henderson and Councilman Clark responded and discussion ensued, which may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairwoman Hill stated that the October 14, 2025, Council meeting would begin at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m., due to National Night Out. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

MEETING RECESS

Upon no objections from the Council, at 3:42 p.m., Chairwoman Hill recessed the business meeting until 4:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairwoman Hill reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Noel and Councilpersons Henderson, Davis, Harvey, Clark, and Dotley. Councilman Elliott joined the meeting after the call to order. Councilwoman Berz was not present. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

SCHEDULING ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairwoman Hill repeated the announcement that the Council will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, so that Council members, fire, police, and Administration will have time to get to the “National Night Out” celebrations throughout the districts.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

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

ORDINANCE #14279

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, BY REPEALING ARTICLE XII, AND AMENDING ARTICLE XVI IN LIEU THEREOF, AND FURTHER AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 16-64, AND CHAPTER 31, SECTION 31-361 TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC CHAPTER PC494 AND PUBLIC CHAPTER PC458.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Henderson	YES
Davis	YES
Harvey	YES
Clark	YES
Dotley	YES
Noel	YES
Hill	YES

YES – Seven (7); NO – Zero (0)

ACTION: APPROVED

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

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14280

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 14239, KNOWN AS “THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATIONS BUDGET,” TO AMEND SECTION 5 TO PROVIDE FOR REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DISMANTLING DEI ACT ENACTED IN MAY 2025 AS TENNESSEE STATE LAW, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WITH THE DISSOLUTION OF THAT DEPARTMENT; TO INCLUDE THE RESTRUCTURING OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS AND CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS; TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7(E) DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO REALLOCATE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN NEW OR CHANGED POSITIONS.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

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

YES – Seven (7); NO – One (1)

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2025-0123
Joseph Ingram c/o Ingram, Gore and Associates
Planning Commission Version
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Harvey and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

ORDINANCE #14281

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.

Chairwoman Noel affirmed for Councilman Harvey that the conditions were currently listed in the ordinance. The motion carried.

ACTION: 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 #32635

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF EARLY LEARNING TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH JAMES D. FISHER D/B/A JAMES FISHER CONSTRUCTION, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE BUILDING FACILITY OF 21ST CENTURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER LOCATED AT 2507 BAILEY AVENUE, FOR THE TERM ENDING ON MAY 31, 2026, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM UPON MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT, FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$75,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32636

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY25-26 COLLABORATION CONTRACTS TO OFFER QUALITY SERVICES FOR SIXTY-FOUR (64) CHILDREN IN CHATTANOOGA BY PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS AS FOLLOWS: (1) CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN – 24 CHILDREN (AGES 1-3) FOR UP TO 233 DAYS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$277,922.40; (2) MAURICE KIRBY EARLY HEAD START – 24 CHILDREN (AGES 8 WEEKS-3 YEARS) FOR UP TO 233 DAYS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$277,922.40; AND (3) CHILDREN'S ACADEMY – 16 CHILDREN (AGES 1-3) FOR UP TO 233 DAYS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$185,281.60, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$741,126.40.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32635 – 32636 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32637

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$500,000.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD (HEB) OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AS APPROVED IN THE FY26 BUDGET ORDINANCE, TO BE USED FOR AN EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS MAINTAIN EXISTING HOUSING.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32638

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CIO) TO EXTEND THE DATA DRIVEN LLC BLANKET AGREEMENT (BLANKET PA100257) FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTH PERIOD WITH DATA DRIVEN BEING THE SOLE PROVIDER OF THE WATSON FIELD-BASED REPORTING SOFTWARE LICENSING SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CURRENTLY USED BY THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, WITH AN ANNUAL SPEND LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 AND \$150,000.00 FOR THE TWO-YEAR EXTENDED TERM.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Davis,

RESOLUTION #32639

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 32207 TO STATE THAT RIVERCITY COMPANY WILL BE THE COMPANY THAT PROVIDES SERVICE FOR THE “EVOLVING OUR RIVERFRONT PARKS” FRAMEWORK TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS BETWEEN RIVERCITY COMPANY, CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE COST OF THE SECOND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.2 MILLION.

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 #32640

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. E-13-002-201, WALNUT STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPAIRS, WITH SOUTHERN ROAD AND BRIDGE, LLC, OF TARPON SPRINGS, FL, FOR UNFORESEEN STRUCTURAL STEEL REPAIRS, LIGHT FIXTURE SHADES, AND NEW CCTV CAMERAS, FOR AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,085,828.55, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00, FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$40,874,964.63.

RESOLUTION #32641

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLKERT & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CONTRACT NO. E-13-002-103, WALNUT STREET BRIDGE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION, TDOT PIN#128099.00, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$435,343.32 FOR ADDITIONAL STRUCTURAL STEEL INSPECTION, DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL REPAIR DETAILS, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$1,331,485.25.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32640 – 32641 ADOPTED

Agenda Item IX(h):

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-17-16-201, WATER USE AND REUSE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT TO CLARK CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC FOR WATER USE AND REUSE IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR \$8,516,900.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$851,690.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,368,590.00.

Councilman Davis moved to withdraw this item. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: AGENDA ITEM IX(h) WITHDRAWN

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Elliott,

RESOLUTION #32642

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (THSO) GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF TENNESSEE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE LAWS TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE OVERTIME, SUPPLIES, TRAINING/TRAVEL, AND EQUIPMENT, FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

[View [Here](#)]

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

200823-2 Public Works	\$141,795.55
Equipment & Installation at James A. Henry Headstart Complex	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Supreme Restaurant Equipment	
7917 Old Lee Hwy	
Ooltewah, TN 37363	
REQ167504 Wastewater	\$85,494.00
Forklift	
Lowest/Best Bidder: LiftOne	
4885 Claude Ramsey Parkway	
Chattanooga, TN 37416	
PA100282 Parks & Outdoors	\$198,730.00
Horticultural and Green Infrastructure On-Call Maintenance	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Scenic City Arborists LLC	
618 Spears Ave	
Chattanooga, TN 37405	
REQ170726 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$58,710.00
Emergency Lighting Packages	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Federal Signal Corporation	
2645 Federal Signal Drive	
University Park, IL 60484	
PA100550 PA100169 Technology Services	(Name Change Only)
AST Management and Hosting Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Applications Software Technology Corp (AST)	
1755 Park Street Suite 100	
Naperville, IL 60563	
559327 Wastewater	\$500,000.00
Emulsion Polymer	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Polydyne Inc	
One Chemical Plant Road	
Riceboro, GA 31323	
REQ170553 Technology Services	\$111,528.00
Expanded Video Storage	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Advizex Technologies LLC	
341 Cool Springs Blvd Suite	
120 Franklin, TN 37067	

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REQ170825 Technology Services

\$229,760.00

Car Adapters and Printers

Tyler Technologies Inc

Lowest/Best Bidder: Incode Division

5519 53rd Street Ste 200

Lubbock, TX 79414

REQ170654 Technology Services

\$150,000.00

Federal Workforce Development Platform

Lowest/Best Bidder: BuildWithin, Inc.

1421 Brenda Rd

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415

Hamilton

Councilman Clark questioned the city's internal policies and parameters regarding vendor requests for labor increase, to which Ms. Talley responded. Councilman Elliott asked about the current timeline for providing budget breakdowns alongside the agendas. Administration confirmed it would be ready by the end of the month. Upon no further questions, **Councilman Henderson moved to approve**. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED
SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE:

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

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION/ OTHER NOTES	COST	DOCUMENTS
9.12.25	Technology Services	Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC 12 Crosby Dr Belford, MA 01730	Fingerprint Identification System	New blanket agreement for the purchase of Fingerprint Identification System Annual Maintenance and Support used by Police. This will be a three (3) year agreement with an estimated annual spend of \$31,103.00. This sole source agreement will be awarded to Idemia Identity and Security.	\$31,103.00	REQ170481

**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 (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilman Elliott reported:

- The committee will hear a report next week related to the existing topics. He asked his colleagues to hold any questions they might have for that time.

Education Committee
Councilman Harvey (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Councilman Clark (No report)

Legislative Committee
Vice Chair Noel (No report)

- Vice Chair Noel took the opportunity to thank and commend Karen Rennich (Regional Planning) for attending the Historic Neighborhood Watch Association meeting the previous Thursday and responding to questions.

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Parks and Public Works Committee
Councilman Davis reported:

- The committee will meet next week to hear from the Trust for Public Land. He noted that the scheduled Department of Wastewater presentation would be rescheduled to a later meeting date.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS

Claim Settlement

Attorney Noblett reported a settlement regarding Phyllis Conn v. the City of Chattanooga, case number 24-C-1178. The claim was handled in Hamilton County Circuit Court, Division 1, with the final settlement amount of \$100,000.00.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chairwoman Hill asked if any person would like to address the Council tonight. Seeing none, she closed out this part of the agenda.

SPECIAL THANKS

Councilman Harvey, a bluegrass musician, thanked Administration for their work on the International Bluegrass Association Festival that took place last week and added a special thanks

to Randy Steel, a former Chattanooga fireman, for his volunteer work at the festival. Chairwoman Hill added comments about the planning and development that went into the city's infrastructure to bring about this festival.

ADJOURNMENT

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

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL