



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
October 15, 2013  
6:00 PM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Yusuf Hakeem called the meeting to order with Vice Chairman Henderson and Council members Carol Berz, Chris Anderson, Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith all present. City Attorney Wade Hinton, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Deputy Clerk Nicole Gwyn were also present.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman Henderson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He read I-Samuel 2:30 of the Bible and prayed for the proceeding.

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (October 8, 2013) were approved as published.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

### ***"Interns" - By James McKissic***

James McKissic, Administrator of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, gave an overview of the status of the city's internship program, which, he noted, was proposed and funded by the OMA through the recent budgeting-for-outcomes process. He recognized the five (5) interns working for city departments this semester:

*Garrett Hayes  
Sean Nix  
Christina Maximos  
Cameron Patton  
Donnie Williams*

Mr. McKissic added that Brenda Anderson, a social work major, is also working at the OMA this year. He announced that the OMA is now recruiting applicants for the Spring semester.

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

2013-084  
Burt Schaerer/  
BTS Development  
District No. 6  
Planning Version

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #12775**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITION NO. 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 12018 FROM PREVIOUS CASE NO. 2007-142, ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2245 HICKORY VALLEY ROAD, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

2013-104  
Troy Cox  
District No. 2  
Planning Version

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #12776**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO AMEND AND REPLACE CONDITIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 12472 FROM CASE NO. 2013-104 ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 706, 710, AND 716 ASHLAND TERRACE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

2013-113  
Jesse O. Farr  
District No. 6  
Planning Version

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**ORDINANCE #12777**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2712 WALKER ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

MR-2013-095  
Jody Shea  
Shea Properties, LLC

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Vice Chairman Henderson,

**ORDINANCE #12778**

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED ALLEY PERPENDICULAR TO THE 600 BLOCK OF SOUTH HOLTZCLAW AVENUE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

MR-2013-09  
Brad and Reta Standefer

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #12779**

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN OPENED ALLEY OFF OF THE 3900 BLOCK OF FAIRFAX DRIVE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #27674**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JENNIFER MINGOLA/LINCOLN H. CHRISTENSEN TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON 1110 MARKET STREET AT WAREHOUSE ROW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NINE (9) NEW AWNINGS, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice Chairman Henderson,

**RESOLUTION #27675**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH ROHDIE GROUP, LLC FOR EXCHANGE OF SCOPE OF SERVICES RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. S-12-003-801, MCCUTCHEON ROAD STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #27676**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ROCK HOUSE MEDIA, AN ETIX PARTNER, FOR DONATED SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN AND HOSTING OF A PROFESSIONAL AND MARKET DRIVEN WEBSITE FOR THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM AND TIVOLI THEATER WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$5,000.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #27677**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRI-TECH/VISIONAIR SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR THE ANNUAL SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE RMS SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$224,600.13.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #27678**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,350.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #27679**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHIEFS OF POLICE TO CONDUCT A STRATEGIC EVALUATION AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.**

The motion carried on Roll Call vote as follows:

Smith	YES	Freeman	YES
Mitchell	YES	Berz	YES
Henderson	NO	Anderson	YES
Grohn	NO	Hakeem	YES
Gilbert	YES		

**YES: Seven (7) - NO: Two (2)**

**ACTION: ADOPTED 7-to-2**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Grohn,

**RESOLUTION # 27680**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO IMPLEMENT A TARGETED VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY MODELED AFTER THE HIGH POINT INITIATIVE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$240,120.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Finance**

A Liquor License was reported for Angelia Deloris Lynch at the location of 3600 Hixson Pike, Suite 122, in District 2. The Certificate of Compliance was duly signed by five (5) council members.

**Purchases**

Brent Goldberg, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following purchase:

**R83787 - Economic and Community Development** \$15,407.17  
City View Software Maintenance  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Harris Computer Systems

**R82559 - Police Department** \$13,525.00  
Purchase of AED Replacement Parts  
Lowest/Best Bidder: AED Brands

**R82841 - Fire Department** \$20,270.40  
Purchase of Thirty (30) Cyanokits  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Meridian Medical Technologies

**On motion of Councilman Anderson, the above-listed purchases were approved.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Economic and Community Development Committee*  
Councilman Anderson

- The committee met today after HR Committee meeting. There was a presentation about Moccasin Bend National Park by Karen Hundt of Regional Planning and Shelly Andrews of Friends of Moccasin Bend.

*Budget and Finance Committee*  
Councilwoman Berz  
(No report)

*Public Safety Committee*  
Councilman Freeman  
(No report)

*Youth and Family Development Committee*  
Councilman Gilbert  
(No report)

*Audit Committee*  
Councilman Grohn  
(No report)

*RPA (Planning Committee)*  
Vice Chairman Henderson  
(No report)

*HR Committee (Human Resources)*  
Councilman Mitchell

- The committee met today after Agenda Session for a presentation by Todd Dockery, Human Resources Administrator. Mr. Dockery discussed some of HR's goals.

*Public Works and Transportation Committee*  
Councilman Smith

- The committee will meet next week immediately following the Agenda Session.

## **RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL (Non-Agenda Items)**

Attorney Hinton read rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items. After which, Chairman Hakeem recognized the following persons:

- **Karl Epperson (Boynton Drive)** - He voiced concerns about affordable housing in light of the development taking place behind the Westside community. He also spoke on an increase of rats at Patten Tower that he attributes to the fire in April.
- **Donald O'Connor (Chattanooga Tea Party)** - He supports equality, but does not support same-sex partner benefits. He stated that city-funded benefits are already equally available to all employees.

- **Janelle Jackson (Concerned Citizens for Justice)** - She and CCJ support equal benefits for equal work in regards to domestic partner benefits. She and CCJ believe there is only one correct choice: support equal benefits for equal work.
- **Megan Smith (Chattanooga)** - She supports equal benefits for equal work and asked the Council to consider the issue from a constitutional standpoint. She also asked all other supporters in the assembly to stand as a show "as one voice."
- **Robert Harrison (North Chattanooga)** - He asked the Council to consider equal benefits for equal work as a way of helping Chattanooga grow as a progressive, metropolitan city that accepts change. He voiced concerns about LGBTQIA employees being "devalued" and "dehumanized" without equal benefits for equal work.
- **Gill Schropshire (District 7)** - He voiced concerns that he and his neighbors have not been able to reach their Council representative. He would like to schedule a meeting with his representative.
  - Chairman Hakeem asked Mr. Schropshire to speak with his Council representative after this meeting and schedule an appointment then.
- **Summer Ramirez (Chattanooga)** - She works for a company that provides domestic partner benefits for her spouse, which is one reason why she has remained in the city. She asked the Council to consider domestic partner benefits from the standpoint of retaining families and employees in the city.

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Freeman, the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council was adjourned until Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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 CHAIRMAN

  
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 CLERK OF COUNCIL

(A full digital audio of this Council meeting has been filed in the Clerk of the Council's office)