



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 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

Councilman Smith led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last meeting (October 22, 2013) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

RESOLUTION #27688

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40 MILLION PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2013.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #27689

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TYLER BISS AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (UNARMED) FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #27690

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INNOVATIVE DATA SOLUTIONS, INC. (IDS) D/B/A POWERDMS, INC. FOR SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR POLICY MANAGEMENT, TRAINING, AND ACCREDITATION COMPLIANCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,031.33.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

RESOLUTION #27691

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH 3M COMPANY TO COMPLY WITH THE SIGN INVENTORY REQUIREMENT, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,545.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #27692

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR MULTI-USE PATH AND BICYCLE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS ON HAMM AND MANUFACTURERS ROADS FROM US HIGHWAY 27 TO THE MOCCASIN BEND VISITOR CENTER, FOR AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED, WITH EIGHTY (80%) PERCENT BEING THE TDOT SHARE AND TWENTY (20%) PERCENT BEING REQUIRED FROM THE CITY AS LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #27693

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONSERVATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO BE PAID IN FOUR (4) QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS OF \$25,000.00 EACH FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #27694

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, TO APPLY FOR AND, IF GRANTED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE 2014 COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY-GRASSROOTS OUTDOOR ALLIANCE BELAY PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA THERAPEUTIC RECREATION "CLIMBING HIGHER" PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #27695

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO BUDGETING FOR OUTCOMES IMPLEMENTATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,250.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance

A Liquor License was reported for Mr. Dhansukbhai Patel at the location of 4409 Rossville Boulevard in District 7. The Certificate of Compliance was duly signed in open meeting by five (5) council members.

Purchases

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

R23534 - Public Works Blanket Contract Extension for Guardrails Lowest/Best Bidder: Trinity Highway Products LLC	Estimated \$70,000.00 Annually
R49342 - Public Works Blanket Contract Extension for Refuse Transport Lowest/Best Bidder: Tennessee Waste Haulers LLC	Estimated \$250,000.00 Annually
R63649 - Public Works Blanket Contract Extension for Redi-Rock Concrete Blocks Lowest/Best Bidder: Bradley Tank & Pipe	Estimated \$25,000.00 Annually
R49944 - Transportation Department Blanket Contract Extension for Traffic Sign Faces Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan, Inc.	Estimated \$20,000.00 Annually
R80963 - Police Department Blanket Contract for Police Leather Lowest/Best Bidder: GT Distributors	Estimated \$27,000.00 Annually
R84747 - Information Services Motorola CSR System Maintenance Renewal Lowest/Best Bidder: Motorola	\$35,892.00
PO513368 - Public Works Blanket Contract Renewal for Various Valves Lowest/Best Bidder: Piping Supply Company	Estimated \$50,000.00 Annually
R83143 - Public Works Blanket Contract for Odor Control Filter Media Lowest/Best Bidder: Prominent Systems Inc.	Estimated \$130,000.00 Annually
R37036 - Public Works Blanket Contract Extension for Crane Rental Lowest/Best Bidder: Hertz Corporation	Estimated \$350,000.00 Annually
PO519305 - Public Works Blanket Contract Extension for CCTV/Sonar Inspection Survey Services Lowest/Best Bidder: Amtec Surveying Inc.	Estimated \$350,000.00 Annually

On motion of Councilwoman Berz, the above-listed purchases were approved.

ACTION: APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Anderson

- The committee will meet next (Nov. 5) immediately following Public Works and Transportation Committee. The Chattanooga Chamber will present a pilot program during that meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz

(No report)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Freeman

(No report)

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilman Gilbert

- The 5th District Summit took place last Thursday and was a great success.

Audit Committee

Councilman Grohn

(No report)

RPA (Planning Committee)

Vice Chairman Henderson

(No report)

HR Committee (Human Resources)

Councilman Mitchell

(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Smith

- The Committee will meet next week at 3:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on Expansion of Employee Benefits

Chairman Hakeem detailed a public hearing regarding expansion of employee benefits to domestic partners. The hearing is set for next week, November 5, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Assembly. He gave the following procedural details on the hearing:

1. The City Attorney and the Human Resources Administrator will make presentations to the Council.
2. The Council will question the City Attorney and HR Administrator.
3. The Council will then afford an opportunity for members of the public to give input on this topic.

- The same rules of procedure that apply during Council meetings will be read and applied to this hearing.
 - Members of the public wishing to address the Council must sign in to speak.
 - Speakers from the public will be allotted three (3) minutes each.
 - Those addressing the Council during the public hearing will not be allowed to address the Council at its 6:00 p.m. meeting on this topic.
4. The ordinance expanding employee benefits is scheduled for the Council's agenda on November 12 (first reading) and November 19 (second reading).
 5. Chairman Hakeem asked speakers to hold their expressions of emotions "in check" during the hearing.
 6. At the end of the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting next week, the public will have an opportunity to speak on non-agenda matters.

Next Week's Agenda (Nov. 5): Additional Agenda Item

- Attorney Hinton noted that an ordinance regarding MAP Engineers (Mike Price) will appear on next week's agenda.

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

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

- **Pastor Shad Smith (Temple Baptist)** - Does not support same-sex partner benefits
- **Terry Jones (Chattanooga)** - Asks city to increase funding for Police/Fire pensions rather than expanding benefits.
- **Alfred Johnson (Church of the First Born)** - Asks city to utilize funding to help his district (i.e., crime reduction) rather than expanding benefits.
- **Ashley Daniel (Chattanooga)** - Supports Equal Work Equal Benefits
- **Hunt Cooper (Chattanooga)** - Supports Equal Work Equal Benefits
- **Edwin Edginton (District 4)** - Gave biblical admonitions to the Council
- **Marcia O'Conner (Chattanooga)** - Questions what qualifies as a "domestic partnership"
- **Margie Hill (Chattanooga)** - Supports equal benefits for same-sex partners
- **Tiffany Feltner (Chattanooga)** - Supports domestic partner benefits
- **Brenda McColpin (District 2)** - Supports equal benefits for LGBTI employees
- **Rev. Ken Carroll (Chattanooga)** - Supports same-sex partner benefits
- **Evangelist Darryl Dunn (Chattanooga)** - Does not support same-sex partner benefits
- **Carl Vonnoh, III (Chattanooga)** - Does not support same-sex partner benefits

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Mitchell, the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council was adjourned until Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.



CHAIRMAN



CLERK OF COUNCIL

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

