



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
April 15, 2014  
6:00 PM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Yusuf Hakeem called the meeting to order with Vice Chairman Chip Henderson and Councilpersons 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 Gilbert led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He invited his son, International Recording Artist T-Ran Gilbert, to lead the invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Anderson, the minutes of the last meeting (April 8, 2014) were approved as published.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

### ***Project B.A.S.I.C. at Calvin Donaldson's Environmental Sciences Academy***

Chairman Hakeem opened the floor to Lindsay Starnes, Assistant Principal at Calvin Donaldson Elementary School, and Gayle Lodato, senior director of Hamilton County Services for the Fortwood Center. Ms. Lodato informed the Council about the merger of the Fortwood Center with the Helen McNabb Center. She and Ms. Starnes discussed the Fortwood Center's program, "Project B.A.S.I.C.," which is housed at Calvin Donaldson's Environmental Sciences Academy. The program teaches students kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade how to be good citizens and make good behavioral choices in life.

### **Recognition:**

Chairman Hakeem recognized Mr. Dale Mabee, outgoing chair of the Planning Commission, for his years of service on the commission.

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

**MR-2014-08**  
**Noel Durant**  
**The Trust for Public Land**

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

**ORDINANCE #12827**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED 100 THROUGH 200 BLOCKS OF EAST MATLOCK STREET, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #12828**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-2, WHICH ESTABLISHES OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND TRANSFER QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHATTANOOGA POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**ORDINANCE #12826**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, SECTION 5-87, RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND CHAPTER 35, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 2, SECTION 35-252, RELATIVE TO PEDAL CARRIAGE OR PEDICABS.**

**The motion carried 6-to-3, with Chairman Hakeem, Vice Chairman Henderson, and Councilman Gilbert voting “NO.”**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #27830**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-10-005-201, ENTERPRISE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK SANITARY SEWER UPGRADE, PHASE 2, TO MAYSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,945,410.20 WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$450,000.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,395,410.20, SUBJECT TO SRF LOAN APPROVAL.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #27831**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ERSKINE OGLESBY TO THE GENERAL PENSION BOARD.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #27832**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, TO APPLY FOR AND, IF GRANTED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DISABILITY COALITION FOR THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES (TRS) TO HELP STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY-BASED THERAPEUTIC RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND SURROUNDING AREAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**RESOLUTION #27833**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENTS OF JULIAN BELL, III AND DAVID DALTON TO THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**RESOLUTION #27834**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF LORA DAWSON AND GARY RHODEN TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #27835**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SAND COUNTY STUDIOS FOR SAND COUNTY STUDIOS TO USE \$11,250.00 FOR UPDATING THE DESIGN GUIDELINES (INCLUDING PRINTING) FOR THE FOUR (4) LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS IN THE CITY PURSUANT TO A 60/40 GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION WHICH WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION UP TO \$10,050.00 AFTER THE CYCLE IS COMPLETED ON OCTOBER 1, 2014.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION #27848**

Chairman Hakeem permitted another resolution to be added to today's agenda. Attorney Hinton gave an oral presentation on Resolution #27848, resulting from a claim filed against the City of Chattanooga, relating to fees due to the Hamilton County Department of Education. The wording for said resolution will be added to the official Council records once that wording is available.

**Vice Chairman Henderson moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. The motion carried.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Purchases**

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

**R91571 - Public Works**

Estimated \$25,000.00 Annually

Blanket Contract for Sewer Equipment

Lowest/Best Bidder: Environmental Products & Accessories, LLC

**R91072 - Public Works**  
Blanket Contract for Workforce Safety Equipment  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Roll-Aid Industrial Supply

Estimated \$28,000.00 Annually

**519076 - General Services**  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Panasonic  
Arbitrator Cameras  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Insight Public Sector

Estimated \$250,000.00 Annually

**508186 - Information Technology**  
Blanket Contract Renewal for PC Hardware  
and Software  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Dell Marketing LP

Estimated \$750,000.00 Annually

**508087 - Information Technology**  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Server Hardware  
and Software  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Dell Marketing LP

Estimated \$1,500,000.00 Annually

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

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**Office of Multicultural Affairs**

James McKissic, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, noted that the OMA handles ADA accessibility matters and reported on two (2) of the city's ADA updates:

- The City will add five (5) new accessible parking spaces around City Hall;
- The City will install a Loop System in the City Council Chamber and Room 1A of the Development Resource Center. This piece of technology will assist with sound amplification for those who are hearing-impaired.
  - Councilman Freeman asked Mr. McKissic to look into installing the Loop System at the Tivoli and Memorial Auditorium.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Chairman Hakeem Presentation**

Chairman Hakeem thanked the Council for electing him as Chairperson. He also recognized the following Council Office staff with framed certificates of appreciation: Sandy Freeman, Clerk; Nicole Gwyn, Deputy Clerk; Cynthia Patrick, Council Support Specialist; and Randy Burns, Management Analyst.

Pursuant to the City Charter, Section 8.3, Attorney Hinton read the Rules and Procedures for the Council's election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

### **Council Election of Officers: Chairperson**

Attorney Hinton asked for nominations for the Office of Chairperson.

Councilman Smith nominated Vice Chairman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Mitchell.

Councilman Freeman moved to close the nominations.

Councilman Anderson moved the nomination by acclamation, seconded by Councilman Freeman.

**Vice Chairman Henderson was elected Chairperson by a unanimous vote of acclamation.**

### **Council Election of Officers: Vice Chairperson**

Attorney Hinton asked for nominations for the Office of Vice Chair.

Councilman Anderson nominated Councilwoman Berz, seconded by Councilman Gilbert.

Councilman Freeman moved to close the nominations.

Councilman Anderson moved the nomination by acclamation, seconded by Councilman Freeman.

**Councilwoman Berz was elected Vice Chair by a unanimous vote of acclamation.**

### **Presentation of Gavel**

Attorney Hinton presented Chairman Henderson with the gavel of Chairperson. Chairman Henderson thanked everyone and invited comments from councilpersons to the outgoing chairperson, Councilman Hakeem. Chairman Henderson also reappointed Councilman Smith to the position of Chair over the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Anderson

- The committee will meet next week (April 22) regarding urban and suburban sprawl after Public Works and Transportation Committee.

#### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Vice Chair 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)*

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 immediately following Agenda Session.

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

Chairman Henderson asked if there were any members of the public wishing to address the Council. Seeing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilman Anderson**, the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council was adjourned until Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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CHAIRMAN

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

