



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
March 3, 2015  
6:00 PM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order with Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz and Councilpersons Chris Anderson, Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith all present. Also present were Deputy City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Clerk Nicole Gwyn, CMC.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Grohn led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Freeman, the minutes of the last meeting (February 24, 2015) were approved as published.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

***Proclamation: "Luther Masingill Day"***  
***Presented by Councilman Chris Anderson***

Councilman Anderson recognized the late Luther Masingill, a National Radio Hall of Fame inductee, for his career in radio and television that spanned more than 73 years. He also recognized three (3) of Luther's family members in the Assembly: wife, Mary Masingill; daughter, Joan Masingill Brown; and son, Jeffrey Masingill. Mrs. Masingill and Mrs. Brown expressed thanks to the city. News anchor David Carroll exhorted the city to "act like Luther" on March 9—"Luther Masingill Day"—by doing random acts of kindness.

Councilman Anderson made the following proclamation on behalf of the City of Chattanooga:

### **Proclamation**

**Whereas** Luther Masingill, a legend in Chattanooga as the longest running broadcaster in history on both radio and TV, passed away on October 20, 2014 at the age of 92 after more than 73 years as morning host of WDEF Radio and 60 years on WDEF Channel 12;

**Whereas** Luther served his country with honor in military service during World War II, a patriot who loved not only his country, but his city of birth, Chattanooga, where he also with passion and commitment served his fellow Tennesseans by giving of his time and talents wherever needed;

**Whereas** Luther believed in the power of “random acts of kindness” as recounted through numerous personal testimonies of how Luther reached out by extending a personal helping hand or actively supporting local charities that provided needed assistance;

**Whereas** Luther not only loved his fellow man, but was dog’s “best friend” by using his radio program to reunite pet owners with their beloved furry friends;

**Whereas** Luther will always be remembered for setting the example by his own time and resources of the true meaning of “love one another”.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**

that the day of March 9, Luther’s birthday in 1922, be observed as “Luther Day” to encourage Chattanooga residents to reach out to others through random acts of kindness in memory of Luther Masingill.

*Presented by:*

**COUNCILMAN CHRIS ANDERSON  
CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**

**###**

Councilman Anderson also recognized others in the assembly who had worked closely with Luther: Doris Ellis, Program/Community Service Director at WDEF-TV; James Howard and Patti Sanders, WDEF 92.3 radio personalities.

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**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

**MR-2014-076**  
**Jerry Gamble**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**ORDINANCE #12914**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED ALLEY BEGINNING AT E. 19TH STREET GOING APPROXIMATELY 603 FEET IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**MR-2014-126**  
**Michael Doubleday**

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #12915**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED ALLEY BEGINNING AT THE 3000 BLOCK OF ALTON PARK BOULEVARD AND GOING NORTHWEST APPROXIMATELY 360 FEET TO THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST AVENUE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**MR-2014-128**  
**Townson Ensberg**

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #12916**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE 1500 BLOCK OF ADAMS STREET, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**MR-2014-133**  
**Michael Doubleday**

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #12917**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE 3000 BLOCK OF WEST AVENUE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**ORDINANCE #12918**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 10, SECTIONS 10-3(J), RELATIVE TO 109.2.4 OTHER FEES TO INCLUDE FEES FOR FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION AND PLANS REVIEW PAYABLE AT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, SECTION 16-29, REGARDING FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYABLE AT THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE.**

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Berz,

**RESOLUTION #28160**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENTS OF JASON ANDREWS AND JASON NELSON AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS (UNARMED) FOR THE MCKAMEY ANIMAL CENTER TO DO SPECIAL DUTY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Grohn and seconded by Councilman Freeman,

**RESOLUTION #28161**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH AST CORPORATION FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR ORACLE EBUSINESS SUITES, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Grohn,

**RESOLUTION #28162**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISPOSAL OF DEMOLITION MATERIAL FROM THE BARGE REMOVAL PROJECT, FOR AN ESTIMATED COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00.**

In response to a question asked during earlier today in committee, Chief of Staff Travis McDonough noted that the contractor for the demolition expected to start in a month.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

**RESOLUTION #28163**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 28108 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DAVID CHAMBERS D/B/A SCENIC CITY CLAY ARTS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE JOHN A. PATTEN POTTERY STUDIO LOCATED AT 3202 KELLYS FERRY ROAD, CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419, WITH THE UTILITIES BEING PAID BY THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA SHALL BE AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH DAVID CHAMBERS AND REIKO RYMER D/B/A SCENIC CITY CLAY ARTS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Public Works**

Administrator Lee Norris reported on snow and ice removal efforts for February:

- \$130,000 worth of salt and sand used over 5,000 miles of streets
- 7,000 miles with brine
- 1300 miles with the plows
- 13 snow plows with multi-purpose trucks
- 4 motor graders used

He also demonstrated interactive maps available at [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov) that enable citizens to track Public Works operations in progress (i.e., leaf collection, snow/ice removal, garbage and recycle collection). He stated that these maps proved very helpful to citizens during the recent snow and ice events.

**Purchases**

David Carmody, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following purchases:

**R91842 - General Services** Estimated \$50,000 Annually  
Renewal of Blanket Contract for Titleist Golf Equipment  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Titleist, The Achushnet Company

**R104786 - General Services** Estimated \$175,000 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Elevator, Escalator  
and Lift Maintenance  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Oracle Elevator

**R89219 - General Services** Estimated \$500,000 Annually  
Renewal of Blanket Contracts 525881  
& 525883 for Plumbing Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Chase Services, LLC & Keefe Plumbing  
and Heating Company Inc.

**R110162 - Information Technology** Estimated \$100,000  
New Blanket Contract for Oracle Software  
and Support Renewals  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Mythics, Inc.

**R109007 - Public Works** \$35,225.00  
Purchase of one (1) Submersible Pump Package  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Mid-South Equipment Company

**R52230 - Public Works** Estimated \$250,000 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Sodium Hypochlorite  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Brenntag Mid-South Inc.

**R108678 - Public Works** Estimated \$240,000 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Crushed Stone  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Vulcan Materials Company

**Councilman Anderson moved** to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Berz. The motion carried.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Board Appointment**

Councilman Grohn appointed Scott McColpin to the *Board of Zoning Appeals* (Variance Board) for District 4, replacing the late John Crawford.

## **CAP Graduation**

Councilman Gilbert attended the CAP (Chattanooga Ambassadors Program) graduation recently, hosted by the Department of Youth and Family Development. He stated that this was the second graduating class of females in the program.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Audit & I.T. Committee*

Councilman Grohn

(No report)

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilman Mitchell

(No report)

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Anderson

- The committee will meet in two (2) weeks (March 17); however, on that date, he noted that he would be in Washington D.C. for the National League of Cities conference.

### *HR Committee (Human Resources)*

Vice Chair Dr. Berz

(No report)

### *Planning & Zoning*

Councilman Hakeem

- The committee met this afternoon to discuss agenda items for the next two (2) weeks.

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Freeman

- The committee met today for an update on violence reduction, presented by Chief Fletcher.

### *Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilman Smith

- A special meeting of the Transportation Committee was convened to hear about proposed amendments to the Passenger Vehicles for Hire ordinance.
- The full committee will meet to discuss next week (March 10) following Agenda Session.

### *Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilman Gilbert

- The committee will meet next week for an update from the Department of Youth and Family Development.

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

Chairman Henderson asked for a show of hands by members of the public wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items. 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, March 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**