



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2017
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order with Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Ledford led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (August 29, 2017) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

ORDINANCE #13213

AN ORDINANCE, HEREINAFTER ALSO KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 OPERATIONS BUDGET, SENIOR TAX FREEZE, AND CERTIFIED TAX RATE ORDINANCE", PROVIDING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, AND THE TIME TAXES AND PRIVILEGES ARE DUE, HOW THEY SHALL BE PAID, WHEN THEY SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT; PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES; AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-267, RELATIVE TO PAID LEAVE FOR ACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING AND TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, SECTIONS 31-36, 31-37, 31-41, AND 31-43; AND ADOPTING THE PROPERTY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY, LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW BY ADDING SECTION 2-111 TO THE CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE.

Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, and Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer, addressed the Council on the following: passage of the interim budget; the Council and Administration’s work on the proposed budget; mirroring the Mayor’s priorities with the Council’s goals and priorities; investing in strategies with the proposed budget. They also expressed thanks to the Council, Mayor Berke and the Administration, and the budget team. Councilwoman Berz also commended Councilman Henderson for his leadership of the Budget and Finance Committee during the Council’s budget work sessions, and informed the Assembly of the Council’s intent to continue educating themselves in budgeting.

The motion to approve carried upon roll call vote as follows:

BERZ	YES
BYRD	YES
COONROD	YES
GILBERT	YES
HENDERSON	NO
LEDFORD	YES
OGLESBY	YES
SMITH	YES
MITCHELL	YES

YES: Eight (8); NO – One (1)

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING
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On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby,

ORDINANCE #13214

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING, AUTHORIZING OR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

The motion to approve carried upon roll call vote as follows:

SMITH	YES
OGLESBY	YES
LEDFORD	YES
HENDERSON	NO
GILBERT	YES
COONROD	YES
BYRD	YES
BERZ	YES
MITCHELL	YES

YES: Eight (8); NO – One (1)

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING
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RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #29160

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ACCEPT A 2017 NPRA PLAY SPACES GRANT AWARDED TO THE OPEN SPACES DIVISION FOR THE STERCHI FARM PARK TRAIL PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29161

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, PENDING PROVISION OF A REVISED CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE BY THE VENDOR, WITH GOODSPACE MURALS (ARTIST GRETA MCLAIN) FOR THE EASTDALE ART IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS PROJECT FOR THE CREATION OF A MURAL ON BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE WILCOX TUNNEL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,720.00.

Councilman Gilbert commented on the project being an opportunity for growth in the community. After which, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PURCHASES:

Bonnie Woodward, Purchasing Director, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

PO523434 - Public Works	Estimated \$90,000 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal for Odor Control Filter	
Media - Waste Resources Division	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Prominent Systems Inc	
8910 Lawndale St Unit E	
Houston, TX 77012	

PO534562 - Public Works	Estimated \$775,000 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal for Knuckleboom Crane	
Brush Trucks	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith Inc	
2600 8th Avenue	
Chattanooga, TN 37407	

PO534560 - Transportation

Estimated \$50,000 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal for Traffic Signal Inserts-LED

Lowest/Best Bidder: General Traffic Equipment Corporation
259 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Councilman Henderson moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Coonrod. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

District 7 Thanks

Councilman Oglesby expressed thanks for those who attended the barbecue cook-off on Saturday in the new South Chattanooga community park. He thanked three of the judges: Attorney Hinton, Ms. Sullivan and Councilman Byrd. He also thanked Councilwoman Coonrod for dropping in and posting a Facebook live video.

District 8 Announcement

Councilman Byrd thanked Administration for their work on the budgets and discussed the percentage of budgeting items approved tonight that were a priority during his campaign. He informed the Council that his constituents are ready to begin work on the next budget and announced a series of [community meetings](#) starting on October 7, 2017.

Condolences

Councilwoman Coonrod expressed condolences to civic leader Al Chapman, who was laid to rest today. She discussed his encouragement and impact on her life. After reading a quote by Coach Pat Riley, she informed the Assembly that District 9 will no longer have issues plaguing it. She informed the Assembly that District 9 would be solution-driven.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilman Henderson

- The committee met today for the final budget work session, where they received a presentation on the Senior Tax Freeze. He announced a public hearing next week (September 12) regarding the tax rate, taking place at the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session.

HR Committee (Human Resources)

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to review items on this week's and next week's (September 12) agenda.
- There will be a special meeting of the committee next week after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session regarding Highland Park.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session.

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

Innovation Technology Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith

(No report)

Strategic Planning Meeting

Chairman Mitchell announced:

- The Council's Strategic Planning meetings would resume next Tuesday, September 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Council conference room.

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

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

- **Tressa McCallie (Reed Avenue)** – She discussed being raised in Chattanooga, coming back to live and work in Chattanooga, and encourages citizens to support their local elected officials. She recommended that citizens should attend the 3:00 p.m. meetings to hear the work of the Council. She informed the Council of her concerns about the city code changes proposed for rainwater regulations. She discussed Chattanooga's stormwater system being tied to the city's sewage pipes, and the possibility and impact of rain and sewage overflowing. She asked the Council not to give a blind vote for builders when it comes to the rainwater regulations. She also asked everyone in the Assembly who supported her to stand for recognition.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Oglesby, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL