



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
October 16, 2018  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Gilbert led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (October 9, 2018) were approved as published.**

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby,

**ORDINANCE #13376**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II,  
CHAPTER 10, RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNOLOGY FEES.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

2018-117  
City of Chattanooga City Council  
% City Attorney's Office  
District No. 1

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Mitchell,

**ORDINANCE #13377**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 READ'S LAKE ROAD, FROM C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE WITH CONDITIONS.**

The motion carried, with Councilwoman Berz and Councilman Ledford abstaining.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

2018-176  
Ken Defoor Properties  
Planning Version  
District No. 3

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**ORDINANCE #13378**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PARTS OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2760 AND 2770 NORTHPOINT BOULEVARD, FROM M-3 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE ZONE AND C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE.**

Councilman Ledford noted that this was in Chairman Smith's district. The motion carried.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

2018-009  
MB Real Estate Services  
Alternate Version  
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby,

**ORDINANCE #13379**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1710 GUNBARREL ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM O-1 OFFICE ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

2018-178  
Churchview Properties % William Arthur  
Planning Version  
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

**ORDINANCE #13380**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1813 MORRIS HILL ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

2018-162  
Ben Berry & Berry Engineers, LLC  
Planning Version  
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #13381**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1105 MCDONALD DRIVE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

2018-165  
Philip and Jennifer Clay  
Planning Version  
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby,

**ORDINANCE #13382**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7628 DAVIDSON ROAD, FROM A-1 URBAN AGRICULTURAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

2018-172  
Jan O. Rushing  
Planning Version  
District No. 7

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**ORDINANCE #13383**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1635 ROSSVILLE AVENUE AND 1614, 1620, 1626, AND 1638 CAPPELLA STREET, FROM U-RA-3 URBAN RESIDENTIAL ATTACHED 3 STORIES MAXIMUM HEIGHT ZONE TO U-CX-3 URBAN COMMERCIAL MIXED USE 3 STORIES MAXIMUM HEIGHT ZONE.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #13384**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 31, SEWERS, MAINS AND DRAINS, ARTICLE VIII, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, DIVISION 7, FEES, SECTION 31-356.1.1, ADJUSTMENTS TO QUALITY FEE RELATED TO WATER QUALITY FEE REDUCTIONS.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #13385**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 18, GARBAGE AND REFUSE.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #13386**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTERS 1, 2, 6, 11, 12, 16, 18, 20, 24, 25, 26, 28, AND 35, RELATING TO ARCHAIC PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE CONSIDERED IN 2018.**

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

2018-169  
Ronald Young  
District No. 4

**Agenda Item VI(b):**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT CONDITION 11B OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 2016-060 AND AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 13110 OF PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 2300 TO 2500 BLOCKS OF GUNBARREL ROAD; 7325 THROUGH 7342 BLOCKS OF MCCUTCHEON ROAD; 2500 BLOCK OF LIFE STYLE WAY; AND 2300 THROUGH 2400 BLOCKS OF ELAM LANE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.**

At the request of the Applicant, which has been sent to the City Attorney via email, Councilman Ledford, moved to withdraw. He was seconded by Councilwoman Berz. The motion carried.

**ACTION: WITHDRAWN**

2018-177  
Aza Wintersieck  
Planning Version  
District No. 7

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**ORDINANCE #13387**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3017 DODDS AVENUE, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.**

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby,

**ORDINANCE #13388**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF THE SOUTH TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CABLE SERVICE; SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE, IF ANY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN.**

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

**RESOLUTION #29654**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BARGE DESIGN SERVICES WITH UP TO \$100,000.00 ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE RECENTLY AWARDED TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR THE FORMER HARRIETT TUBMAN HOMES SITE, FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00.**

Councilman Byrd asked Charita Allen, Deputy Administrator of Economic Development, to explain this request. She discussed the 2017 grant awarded to the City for the wetland studies at the Tubman site. This resolution would enable the vendor to conduct the studies. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**RESOLUTION #29655**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAMES BALLARD, JR. AND APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN DUNN TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #29656**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. Y-17-013-201 TO JDH COMPANY, INC. OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, REPLACEMENT ROOFING SYSTEM FOR NORTH CHATTANOOGA YFD CENTER BUILDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,130.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$3,200.00, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,330.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**RESOLUTION #29657**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.**

Attorney Noblett confirmed for Councilman Ledford that the previous wording in this resolution had been removed earlier today. Upon no further questions, the motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

**RESOLUTION #29658**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GORDON'S CLEANERS % JAMES LEDBETTER TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF 315 N. MARKET STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING WINDOW AWNINGS, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

**RESOLUTION #29659**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RYAN DILLARD, PROPERTY OWNER, TO USE TEMPORARILY THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENDING EASTWARD FROM INTERMONT CIRCLE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 770 INTERMONT CIRCLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #29660**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ORTWEIN SIGN % JIM TEAL, ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER, JONESY WOOD, TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 3804 ST. ELMO AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A PROJECTING SIGN, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #29661**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING S.E. ENGINEERING % KEVIN YASTE, ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT, JERRY KATZOFF, AND PROPERTY OWNER, JAMES WILLIAMSON, TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG THE ENCLOSED SIDEWALK AREA AT 225 BROAD STREET FOR EXTERIOR SEATING FOR A NEW STARBUCKS UNDER THE EXISTING DECK OF THE HIGH POINT CLIMBING GYM, AS WELL AS A WALL MARQUEE AND A PROJECTING SIGN, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #29662**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEW % JAY MARTIN, ACTING ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER, MARKET STREET VL PARTNERS, LLC % THOMAS CONNOLLY, TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG THE MARKET STREET AND UNDERWOOD STREET FRONTAGE OF 1620 MARKET STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING AWNINGS, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Henderson

**RESOLUTION #29663**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TENNESSEE AWNING COMPANY % AMY CLINTON, ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER, RASHAD MOUGHADI, TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF 405 MARKET STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOVERING EXISTING AWNINGS, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**



On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #29664**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TENNESSEE AWNING COMPANY % AMY CLINTON, ON BEHALF OF PROPERTY OWNER, BRAD LEE, TO USE TEMPORARILY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTHERN FRONTAGE OF 235 E. M.L. KING BOULEVARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING AWNINGS, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

[Councilman Henderson stepped out momentarily, but returned prior to the vote on Purchases.]

**PURCHASES:**

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

**PO531099 - Information Technology Department** Estimated \$300,000.00 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Oracle Software and Support,  
Information Technology Department  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Mythics, Inc.  
1439 N. Great Neck Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

**R175529 - Public Works Department** Estimated \$451,000.00 Annually  
New Blanket Contract for Machining & Fabrication Services,  
Waste Resource Division, Public Works Department  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Valley Mechanical, Inc  
608 Salem Road  
Rossville, GA 30741

**PO545729 - Finance Department** Estimated \$85,000.00 Annually  
Blanket Contract Renewal for Tax Bill Printing and Mailing,  
Finance Department  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Allison Payment Systems, LLC  
2200 Production Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46241

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Community Assistance with Violence**

Councilwoman Coonrod brought her concerns about the recent deaths of citizens in the African American community. If we come together and be supportive of the community. Report activity that shouldn't be happening in your community. If you run across a young

person that needs help, refer then to Troy Rogers, the city's Safety Coordinator. Volunteer a few hours of your time. We must think outside of the walls and do our part in the community. She asked citizens to work with their Council members to stop all acts of violence and crime in the city. She asked millennials to help create solutions for the City as well.

### **Early Voting**

Councilman Gilbert informed the Assembly that early voting begins tomorrow, October 17, 2018 and ends November 1, 2018. He reminded everyone of the impact of exercising the right to vote.

### **Discussion Avondale YFD Center**

Chairman Smith granted permission for a discussion on the Avondale YFD Center. Councilman Byrd informed the Council of his concerns from the Avondale community about the new YFD center being built and asked Administration for an update on the community's specific concerns.

Councilman Byrd - concerns about the concrete bleachers installed and whether the gym is regulation size. He also informed the Council of conversations for a panel to meet monthly with the architect on a monthly basis from this point forward.

Councilman Byrd asked administration to explain where we're at in this point with the center.

Ms. Richardson made opening remarks about the history of new Avondale YFD Center and why it was brought to Avondale instead of other communities. She informed the Council about YFD coming up to show renderings of the center that Councilman Byrd has seen, but some members of the community may not have seen it. She discussed the needs of the old center and the neighborhood input that went into shaping the design of the center and the programs at the new center. She recapped the budget timeline for the approval and construction of the center. She also informed the Council of four (4) public meetings took place with community stakeholders. She spoke briefly on the full size, standard basketball court, computer lab and other features. She noted that the bleachers exceed all safety expectations.

Jason McKinney, YFD Deputy Administrator of Education, led the Council through the YFD walk-through video of the center that is now on the city's Connect page. He discussed more in-depth the layout of the facility and the regulation high school basketball court. He discussed how the new floor compares to the previous court. He discussed the progression from the recreation center concept of the old building to the YFD concept of the new building.

Councilman Henderson inquired about the size of the basketball court and the buffer measurements. Mr. McKinney confirmed the measurements of the basketball court as the 50' x 84', which is a regulation for a high school court. Mr. McKinney also confirmed that there is a 10' buffer on the plans. Councilman Henderson asked if shifting the buffer 2' would help ease the community's minds. Ms. Richardson informed the Council that shifting the buffer was one of several options on the table that would be discussed with the community.

Lurone "Coach" Jennings, YFD Administrator, informed the Council about the future programming at the center. He noted the important of getting a staff in place that cares about moving the center forward alongside the community. His department created brochures that are available now regarding the existing programs at all YFD centers. His department will work with the community to implement some suggested programming in addition to their regular, existing programming. He noted that the community submitted a list of suggestions, but forewarned that the department will

not be able to do all that the community has asked in their list. He informed the Council of how the department will transition to the additional programming when the center opens in April. He also informed the Council of 3-4 meetings that will take place to dialogue with the community about the programming going forward.

Councilman Byrd wanted to discuss the concrete bleachers. He informed the Council about participating in a virtual reality tour with community stakeholders, yet, he wanted to know if there had been any changes since that the community had not been informed about, specifically relating to changing the bleachers from aluminum to concrete. Ms. Richardson displayed the concrete bleachers again on the direct screen grab from the video and confirmed that there have been no change regarding the bleachers.

Councilman Byrd inquired as to why people feel this is not a regulation gym floor being built. Ms. Richardson acknowledged some mistrust because the community never thought construction would happen. She acknowledges that it may be difficult to see that this has a regulation-size high school court at this point of construction.

Councilman Byrd informed Ms. Richardson that the community wants the concrete bleachers completely torn out and asked about the estimate to do so. Ms. Richardson informed the Council that the bleachers have been checked for safety and that the estimate to tear them out would be \$350,000.00. Councilman Byrd asked about the city finding the money to remove the bleachers and what assurances the community would have that the bleachers are safe. Ms. Richardson agreed with Councilman Byrd's proposal for a liaison group that could work with YFD on the future next steps. She offered to formalize the community engagement and provide the construction documents to show that they are regulation and meet standards of national organizations.

Councilman Byrd asked Ms. Richardson to discuss the entire project costing \$6 Million, not just the center itself. She confirmed that the \$6 Million includes parking construction and other aspects of construction in addition to the center. She also confirmed for Councilman Henderson that the City is spending the full \$6 Million on this project.

Councilman Henderson asked what would happen to the locker room underneath the bleachers if the concrete bleachers are demolished. Ms. Richardson indicated that there is no space elsewhere in the center to accommodate the restrooms and locker room and noted that the estimate for removing the bleachers did not include new bleachers being installed.

Councilman Henderson questioned Ms. Richardson about reason for the design of the center putting it closer to the street than the old center. He asked her about the bus drop-off not being near the street. He also questioned her about access from the drop-off area to the foyer. Ms. Richardson discussed the goal of the design in maximizing the space of the lot, creating a load-in zone, and creating an edge to make it safer for pedestrians.

Councilman Byrd had several questions about demolishing the concrete bleachers, building the locker room in another part of the building and the impact of stopping the project today. Ms. Richardson noted that if the facility was not safe, there would be a very different conversation; yet, they did the homework to ensure that the facility meets all standards. She indicated that it would take further review to thoroughly answer if the locker room could be moved and that postponing construction would cost lots of money and cause delays in the project.

Councilman Byrd would like the Avondale President, Ken Smith, to head up that liaison committee for the community. He intends to have an in-depth conversation with Mr. Smith about how the

community will move forward. He also spoke on trying to change the perspective of the community about the center.

Councilman Byrd wanted to know if it is possible to get external funding for the center. Ms. Richardson offered to set up conversations about fundraising efforts.

Mr. McKinney and Ms. Richardson both referenced <https://connect.chattanooga.gov/avondale> for citizens to view the walk-through video and the information on the project.

Chairman Smith expressed his thanks to Councilman Byrd, Commissioner Mackey and the Avondale community during this project.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilwoman Berz

(No report)

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

### *Human Resources Committee (HR)*

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilman Ledford

(No report)

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Henderson

- There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting next week (Oct. 23) immediately after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session to review the three (3) Police items on the agenda.

### *Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilman Mitchell

- The committee met today in open meeting to review items on the agenda and will meet again in two weeks (Oct. 30).

### *Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

### *Legislative Committee*

Vice-Chairman Oglesby

(No report)

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

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

- **Marie Mott** (Chattanooga) – She read select quotes from W.E.B. Dubois’s *The Soul of Black People* regarding the spiritual strivings of black people. She asked the Council where millennials can fit into the equation for change. She expressed discontent with her recent meeting and conversation with the Mayor. She warned Councilman Byrd what happens when private interests come into a community to help with funding. She noted that after the remodel of Miller Park, there is now private security and surveillance of that park. She commented on human opportunity and human strivings. She acknowledged that arguing for a resolution to problems must sometimes be done. She believes that a grand building means nothing when people outside of it are hungry, jobless and poor.
- **Ken Smith** (District 8) – He is the President of the Avondale Neighborhood Association. He informed the Council that the community is overwhelmed with the center because it is the largest economic development project taking place in their area. He wanted to bring the two chief concerns of the community: (1) the safety concerns over the new building being closer to the street than the previous center and (2) the safety concerns over the plan for concrete bleachers.
- **Dr. Warren Mackey** (Hamilton County Commissioner) – He reiterated that Avondale is not ungrateful for the center that is being built. He wishes that today’s conversation had been held previously because he has been under the impression that the gymnasium is not built to regulation size. He commended Councilman Byrd for bringing forth many of the issues of the community. He is concerned with the entrance at Wilcox & Dodson being too close to the street and the concrete bleachers. He would like to know why concrete bleachers when no other center has concrete ones.
- **Christopher Dahl** (E. 12<sup>th</sup> St./District 9) – He would like for the Council to review its rules of procedure for the non-agenda speaking portion of the meeting. He also would like for the Council to review the city’s interlocal agreement with Hamilton County Wastewater Treatment Authority. He looked at the EPA overflows last year and believes that, according to the interlocal agreement, some of the costs for that overflow should go to WWTA. He believes WWTA will have to pay out accordingly. He informed the Council that the City of Collegedale has an interlocal agreement with the City of Chattanooga, but the WWTA also has created their own agreement with the City of Collegedale. He believes that whatever capacity Collegedale does not use is being used by WWTA for their services in Ooltewah, which is causing overflow issue for the city of Chattanooga. He asked the City to look into this.
- **Sylvester Harris** (Curtis St./District 8) – He believes that East Chattanooga is being overlooked. He recommended that all Council members come out to see East Chattanooga. East Chattanooga needs the housing industry back. He has lived there most of his life. He also expressed concerns about the proximity of the new Avondale YFD Center to the street. He questioned why it is not built back off the street. He challenges everyone to go check it out. He believes that if Chattanooga can clean up Main Street, North Chattanooga and other parts of the city, then why not East Chattanooga. He believes that when citizens are given input in their own area, they do better with their community. He asked the Council to give East Chattanooga a chance and come out to see it. He wants the concept of “Make America Great Again” for all of us.

- **Antonio Boston** (Chattanooga) – He owns properties in East Chattanooga. He knew Councilman Mitchell back when he worked for Parks & Recreation. He is a bail bondsman in Chattanooga. He is active in his community and asks that the Council take a look again at the concrete bleachers proposed for the new YFD center. He noted that the contractors are not from Chattanooga. He is concern about saving city money and lives. He has not found concrete bleachers anywhere. He has an 11-year-old child who plays at Avondale and he knows his child would hurt himself on concrete.
- **Liz Hester** (Robbins St./District 8) – She is the Vice-President of the Churchville Neighborhood Association. She asked the Council to consider if it were their child playing at the facility on concrete bleachers. She lived in Alton Park for 50 years. She six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. She loves her community and still supports the Alton Park community. She repeated her recommendation to consider if it were the children of Council members.
- **Gary Ball** (E. 14<sup>th</sup> St./District 9) – He talked about J&J Construction beating him f in some bids. His company has always been in Ridgedale. He worked to rid Main Street of prostitution, but it just moved to East Lake. He worked on dealing with abandoned cars in Ridgedale and thought this problem had been settled, but on-street parking is an issue now. On-street parking is premium due to so many alleys not being open anymore. He asked the City Attorney to look at City Code about what an abandoned vehicle is and what can be done about parking of cars without tags. He believes that either it should be made legal to park on streets without tags or make it illegal to park without tags.
- **Kenneth “Super T” Simpson** (Chattanooga) – He believes the City did a “bait and switch” tonight by turning the conversation on the new Avondale Center away from the issue of the concrete bleachers. He noted that the Mayor and his representatives were not at the Avondale meetings regarding the center. He challenges that the statement that there is a 10-foot buffer because the Present of his association measured only a 6-foot buffer. He asked the Council to stop work on the gymnasium and continue working on other parts of the center until the issue of the concrete bleachers is resolved with the Community. When he was with the Recreation department, they never put in concrete. He found that city employees working at the facility did not even realize that concrete bleachers were being installed.
- **Melba Moore** (District 8) – She, as well as her daughter, lives in Avondale. She expressed her appreciation for the city’s elected officials. She voiced her concerns about a better use of funds, such as putting the YFD Center at the old Harriet Tubman site. She also recommended using the Tubman site for a prep school. She asked the Council to consider how much could be saved by utilizing the old Avondale center along with the new one.

## ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby**, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**