



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes
Chattanooga, Tennessee

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2020
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order via electronic means. A quorum was present via electronic means that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (October 20, 2020) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13613

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE V. ZONING REGULATIONS, DIVISION 5. R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZERO LOT LINE ZONE TO DELETE THE MAXIMUM DENSITY REQUIREMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED AND TOWNHOUSE DWELLINGS, AND TO PERMIT A MAXIMUM OF FOUR DWELLINGS ON ONE LOT WITHIN THE URBAN OVERLAY ZONE.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Oglesby	YES	Byrd	YES
Mitchell	NO	Berz	YES
Ledford	YES	Smith	YES
Gilbert	YES	Henderson	YES
Coonrod	YES		

YES - Eight (8); NO - One (1)

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2020-0097
Judy Toney
Alternate Version
District No. 3

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

ORDINANCE #13614

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 1700 BLOCK OF GREEN HILLS DRIVE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2020-0095
Tim and Monique Lea
District No. 7

On motion of Councilman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

ORDINANCE #13615

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED 5400 AND 5500 BLOCKS OF KENTUCKY AVENUE AND THE UNOPENED 5500 BLOCK OF IOWA AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next two resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #30538

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH JI GONG, LLC, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TAX PARCEL NO. 110F-A-018 ON ADAMS ROAD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$222,175.00 AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE TRANSACTION, WITH CLOSING FEES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$223,775.00.

RESOLUTION #30539

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST D/B/A McKAMEY ANIMAL CENTER, TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30538 & 30539 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #30540

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MARATHON HEALTH, LLC TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AND WELLNESS SERVICES TO CITY EMPLOYEES, RETIREES, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM WITH AN OPTIONAL RENEWAL TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS AT THE APPROXIMATE ANNUAL COST OF \$2.6 MILLION.

The motion carried upon roll call vote as follows:

Oglesby	YES	Byrd	YES
Mitchell	YES	Berz	YES
Ledford	YES	Smith	ABSTAIN
Gilbert	YES	Henderson	YES
Coonrod	YES		

YES - Eight (8); NO - Zero (0); ABSTAIN - One (1)

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next two resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #30541

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE CITY MEDICARE RETIREES WITH TWO (2) MEDICARE ADVANTAGE (BLUEADVANTAGE) HEALTH PLAN OPTIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM WITH TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS, FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 MILLION.

RESOLUTION #30542

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO RENEW AND AMEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH ONSITE RX, INC. TO PROVIDE ONSITE PHARMACY SERVICES, TO INCLUDE MAIL ORDER AND ON-THE-JOB INJURY MEDICATIONS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, RETIREES, AND DEPENDENTS COVERED UNDER THE CITY'S HEALTH PLAN, FOR THE FIRST OF THREE (3) ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS, FOR AN ANNUAL SERVICES FEE OF \$20.32 PER EMPLOYEE PER MONTH (PEPM), IN ADDITION TO PURCHASING PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER PRODUCTS THROUGH ONSITE RX, INC. AT THE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$8 MILLION PER YEAR AND PAYING APPLICABLE SALES TAXES AT THE APPROXIMATE RATE OF \$15,000.00 PER YEAR.

Councilman Gilbert moved to approve both resolutions. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30541 & 30542 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #30543

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA ("EPB"), AUTHORIZING EPB TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND AUTHORIZING EPB TO ENTER INTO ADDITIONAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS ALL IN CONNECTION WITH THE HCS EDCONNECT PROGRAM FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to read the next three resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #30544

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED PROPERTIES, LLC RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. T-19-003-201 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CDBG SIDEWALK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$825,361.93, WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$82,536.19, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$907,898.12.

RESOLUTION #30545

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF BLANKET CONTRACT NO. D-19-002-201 FOR TOWER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FOR YEAR TWO (2) OF A THREE (3) YEAR BLANKET, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$415,000.00.

Fire Department Thanks

Councilwoman Coonrod asked to speak with Fire Chief Phil Hyman about the recent house fire on Wilcox. Once he joined the panel, the councilwoman expressed her gratitude for the Station 15 firefighters and others who responded at the scene.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- She had sent the dates for the BFO to the Council. The BFO Kick-off will be a virtual meeting on November 2. The kick-off will be open to all.
- BFO Residential Engagements Sessions are scheduled for November 9, 12, and 16.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to hear about the Trust for Public Land plan for every neighborhood to be within a 10-minute walk to the nearest park.

Human Resources Committee

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- On November 3 (Election Day), the Council has amended its schedule to the following: Strategic Planning meeting at 12:00 p.m.; Agenda Session and one committee, Planning and Zoning, at 1:30 p.m.; and Council meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Byrd reported:

- The committee will meet on November 10 after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session to discuss the Fire Department pay.
- The committee will meet on November 17 after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session to discuss the Police Advisory and Review Committee.

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again in two weeks (Nov.10).

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith

(No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Listen by clicking [here](#))

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Christopher Dahl	8	Open meetings and access to meetings
• Jack Thompson	6	City fire fighter minimum wage

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Oglesby, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until **Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**

[Editor's Note: Any person may join the electronic-conducted meetings of the Chattanooga City Council at the scheduled time by visiting online at council.chattanooga.gov.]

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL