



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 23, 2021

6:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order by 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, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Byrd led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Councilpersons Coonrod and Byrd expressed their appreciation for Richel Albright, Communications Director, who is leaving city employment soon.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Gilbert** and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (March 16, 2021) were approved as published. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

### **ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

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

**MR-2021-0006**  
**SSP Lucey, LLC**  
**District No. 9**

#### **ORDINANCE #13655**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF ANDERSON AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP.**

**MR-2021-0007**  
**SSP Lucey, LLC**  
**District No. 9**

#### **ORDINANCE #13656**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A STORM DRAIN EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF ANDERSON AVENUE, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP.**

**Councilwoman Coonrod moved** to approve. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 13655 & 13656 APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

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

**MR-2021-0171**  
**Arrowhead Investments**  
**c/o Bryan Youngblood**  
**District No. 2**

**ORDINANCE #13657**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 400 BLOCK OF DRUID LANE (405, 407, 411, 415, 419, AND 423), AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP.**

**ORDINANCE #13658**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 24-502, RELATING TO SPEED ON THROUGH STREETS.**

**Councilman Mitchell moved** to approve. Councilman Gilbert seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 13657 & 13658  
PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**RESOLUTION #30697**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT WITH LOOKOUT VALLEY RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 370 WARREN PLACE, TAX MAP NO. 144J-B-008, FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS AT THE ANNUAL FEE OF \$1.00.**

**RESOLUTION #30698**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD UP TO \$64,000.00 IN HOME PROGRAM FUNDING TO TOWER CONSTRUCTION, TO ASSIST IN THE REHABILITATION OF AN AFFORDABLE TWO-FAMILY RENTAL LOCATED AT 1308 BUCKLEY STREET.**

**RESOLUTION #30699**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHATTANOOGA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CARCOG) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2021.**

**RESOLUTION #30700**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO EXTEND THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTBRIDGE, INC., FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2021, AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2021.**

**RESOLUTION #30701**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LODGE OF CHATTANOOGA, L.L.C. (BUDGETEL) FOR NON-CONGREGATE COVID-19 RELATED HOUSING AND SECURITY SERVICES FOR UP TO 100 HOUSEHOLDS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FOR A NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 13, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 12, 2021, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT, IF FUNDS ARE NOT EXPENDED, FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD, FOR A FEMA REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00.**

**Councilman Oglesby moved** to approve. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30697 - 30701 ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #30702**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDDIE HOLMES TO THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

**RESOLUTION #30703**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENTS OF KATIE REINSMIDT AND AON MILLER TO THE GENERAL PENSION BOARD.**

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30702 & 30703 ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #30704**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR DUSTY GREER ROOFING, INC. OF MONROE, GA, RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. Y-19-021-201, REPLACEMENT ROOFING SYSTEM FOR TYNER YFD CENTER, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$4,400.00, TO RELEASE THE REMAINING CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$12,100.00, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$170,650.00.**

**RESOLUTION #30705**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR YEAR FOUR (4) OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, CONTRACT NO. 17-002-901 WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS: (1) ARCADIS US, INC.; (2) ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANTS, INC.; (3) CIVIC ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; (4) EARTHWORX, LLC; (5) THE RLS GROUP, INC.; (6) S&ME, INC.; AND (7) VAUGHN AND MELTON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. BASED ON THE SERVICES CATEGORIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES THAT EACH CONSULTANT QUALIFIED FOR, THE RENEWAL OF THE SEVEN (7), ONE (1) YEAR BLANKET CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ESTIMATED AT \$400,000.00 TOTAL ANNUALLY FOR ALL SEVEN (7) PROFESSIONAL FIRMS FOR USE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS.**

**RESOLUTION #30706**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TVA FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATIVE TO THE PENDING ACQUISITION OF TAX PARCEL NO. 128B-C-006 FOR A NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER TO REPLACE THE CURRENT FACILITY SLATED FOR EVENTUAL TRANSFER TO THE U.S. PARK SERVICE TO BECOME PART OF THE MOCCASIN BEND NATIONAL ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.**

**RESOLUTION #30707**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION AS PART OF A 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROJECT WITH THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1 MILLION.**

Regarding Resolution 30706, Bill Payne, Interim Administrator of Public Works, explained the administrative costs relative to the pending acquisition. Upon no further questions or comments, **Councilman Gilbert moved** to approve. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30704 - 30707 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Proposed Purchases**

Anthony Sammons, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

**R207776 City Wide Services Division, Public Works** \$100,000.00

Trees

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Hidden Valley Nursery, LLC P.O. Box 235 Viola, TN 37394
2. Select Trees Enterprises P.O. Box 6671 Athens, GA 30604
3. River Rock Nursery P.O. Box 752 McMinnville, TN 37111

**R207625 Waste Resources Division, Public Works** \$66,018.36

Motor Control Center (MCC)

Lowest/Best Bidder: Gexpro  
2800 Amnicola Hwy.  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

**PO 557789 Waste Resources Division, Public Works** Increase of \$15,000 for a total annual estimated spend of \$76,000

Overhead Door Annual Maintenance & Repair Services  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Certified Door & Dock Services, LLC  
7900 Hickory Hollow Lane  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

**PO 557977 Public Works** \$50,000.00

Propane Service at the Landfill

Lowest/Best Bidder: Suburban Propane  
PO Box 75144  
Richmond, VA 23236

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Board Appointments (2)**

**Councilman Oglesby moved** for acclamation the nomination of Alexa LeBouef to the Health, Educational, and Housing Facility Board. Councilman Oglesby seconded. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

Councilman Oglesby appointed Veatrice Conley to the Community Development Advisory Board for District 7.

### **Settlements by City Attorney**

Attorney Noblett informed the Council that he and Joseph Kelly, Assistant City Attorney, recommended the settlement of a case involving an injury at Coolidge Park of a minor and his mother. The settlement will be presented to the court for approval of the court in the total amount of \$60,000.00.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilwoman Berz

(No report)

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee will meet next week (March 30) after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session to discuss Open Spaces fee waivers.

### *Human Resources Committee*

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilman Ledford

(No report)

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Byrd

(No report)

### *Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and will meet again in two weeks (April 6).

### *Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

*Legislative Committee*

Vice-Chairman Smith reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:30 Agenda Session to review legislation sponsored by Chairman Henderson.

**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 registered speaker:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topic:
• <a href="#">Helen Burns Sharp</a>	7	Steep slopes legislation

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilman Oglesby**, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**