



Electronic-Conducted (Virtual) Minutes  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 30, 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**

Councilwoman Coonrod led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

**On motion of Councilman Gilbert** and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (March 23, 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-2021-0171**

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

**ACTION: ORDINANCES 13657 & 13658 APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

2020-0027  
Paces Ferry Builders  
Alternate Version  
District No. 4

**ORDINANCE #13659**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 7000 BLOCK OF SHALLOWFORD ROAD AND 2301 RIVENDELL LANE, FOR R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE FOR THE ENTIRE SITE.**

Chairman Henderson confirmed that there was no Opposition present to address the Council. Councilman Ledford asked Attorney Noblett to read the five conditions as follows:

1. *Parcels 149G-B-003, 149G-B-005, and 149G-B-006.46 to be rezoned O-1;*
2. *Parcels 149G-B-002 and 149G-B-004 to be rezoned RTZ;*
3. *A seven foot, eleven inch (7'11") wood opaque fence to be constructed with finished smooth side facing Preston Circle properties in accordance with city standards;*
4. *Stormwater peak attenuation implemented on-site for this development shall reduce post-construction run-off rates for the two-year through 25-year storm events by a minimum of twenty (20%) from the peak pre-construction run-off rates.*
5. *For any shared property line with a parcel fronting on Preston Circle and Royal Fern Trail, the subject property shall maintain a thirty-five (35') foot setback from these property lines for any building structure.*

Attorney Noblett noted that a map would be added to this ordinance. Councilman Ledford asked Attorney Noblett to add the wording "...and Royal Fern Trail" after Preston Circle (in Section 2). Attorney Noblett agreed. **Councilman Ledford moved** to approve. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE #13660**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 31-324.3, VEGETATIVE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN STEEP SLOPES ARE DISTURBED, A NEW SECTION 31-324.4, STEEP SLOPE VEGETATION POLICY AND PLANTING REQUIREMENTS, AND A NEW SECTION 31-324.5, INCENTIVES FOR PRESERVATION OF EXISTING TREES.**

Councilman Ledford moved to approve. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. Councilman Mitchell moved to amend the *33-percent* to *30-percent*. Councilman Gilbert seconded. Council members Ledford and Smith voiced their acceptance of the amended. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote. **Councilman Ledford moved** to approve as amended. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #13661**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 8, SECTION 31-365, HEARING PROCEDURE; JUDICIAL REVIEW, TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY FOR THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD TO PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING BY THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD WHEN CIVIL PENALTIES ARE NOT PAID TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA.**

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

**ACTION: 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 #30708**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO EXTEND AN EXISTING MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR OPEN SPACES / OUTDOOR CHATTANOOGA AND CITY PARK RESERVATION MANAGEMENT, FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) MONTHS, FROM APRIL 25, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2022.**

**RESOLUTION #30709**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TANIKIA JACKSON AS INTERIM CITY TREASURER WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 30, 2021.**

**RESOLUTION #30710**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF KARAH NAZOR TO THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD.**

**RESOLUTION #30711**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF SHARON GREENE AND DOMINIQUE BRANDT TO THE YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

**RESOLUTION #30712**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE BROWNFIELD VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, DIVISION OF REMEDIATION, CONCERNING THE OLD LUPTON CITY MILL SITE LOCATED AT 1210 MERCER STREET, CHATTANOOGA, TN.**

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

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30708 - 30712 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 #30713**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO YEAR FIVE (5) OF A POSSIBLE FIVE (5) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH MATERIAL MATTERS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE BIOSOLIDS DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ALL SERVICES LISTED THEREIN, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,750.00.**

**RESOLUTION #30714**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN CHATTANOOGA (YMCA), IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO ESTABLISH A BASIS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF UTILITIES AND PERSONNEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE YMCA IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE APRIL 2020 TORNADO EVENT (DR-4541).**

**RESOLUTION #30715**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE FOR \$48,631.94 OF MUTUAL-AID EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE APRIL 2020 TORNADO EVENT (DR-4541).**

**RESOLUTION #30716**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 30607 TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$400,000.00, FOR A REVISED NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$700,000.00 FOR THE REMAINDER OF YEAR THREE (3) OF A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM FOR THE ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT(S) FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. E-18-008-101, (RESOLUTION NO. 29704) FOR THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) CONSULTANT FIRMS: (1) ALLEN AND HOSHALL, INC.; (2) ALFRED BENESCH AND COMPANY; (3) CTI ENGINEERS, INC.; (4) ESTES RUSSELL ENGINEERING, INC.; (5) INTEGRATED STRUCTURAL SERVICES, INC.; (6) MARCH ADAMS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.; AND (7) VOLKERT, INC.**

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

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30713 - 30716 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Proposed Purchases**

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

<b>PO# 549351 City Wide Services Division, Public Works</b>	<b>\$53,966.85</b>
Stump Grinding & Removal Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Tree Worx, LLC	
1008 East 8th Street	
Chattanooga, TN 37403	
<b>Fleet Management Division, Public Works</b>	<b>\$2,792.34</b>
Tire Purchases and Emergency Service	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Best One Tire of Chattanooga	
2348 Rossville Blvd	
Chattanooga, TN 37408	
<b>R206634 Fleet Management Division, Public Works</b>	<b>\$173,825.00</b>
Purchase of 3 Ford Trucks	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford Of Dalton	
925 Shugart Rd	
Dalton, GA 30720	
<b>559537 Fleet Management Division, Public Works</b>	<b>Increase of \$60,001 for a total annual estimated spend of \$85,000</b>
Emergency Equipment Removal Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith, Inc	
2600 8th Avenue	
Chattanooga, TN 37407	

**R208956 Fleet Management Division, Public Works**

\$3,675

Towing and fluid draining of 10 buses

Lowest/Best Bidder: Mostellers Wrecker, Inc  
PO Box 3006  
2105 East 24th Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

**R207602 Parks Division, Public Works**

\$515,800

Sports Lighting Replacement & Installation  
at Lakeside Ballfields and HYAA Football Field

Lowest/Best Bidder: Reynolds Electrical Contractors, LLC  
1171 Tidwell Switch Road  
Dickson, TN 37055

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

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

**OTHER BUSINESS: (NONE)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Budget and Finance Committee*  
Councilwoman Berz  
(No report)

*Economic and Community Development Committee*  
Councilman Oglesby reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting for a discussion with Open Spaces on ways to increase access to outdoor facilities, encourage diversity in open spaces uses, and increase programs within open spaces.

*Human Resources Committee*  
Councilman Gilbert  
(No report)

*Planning and Zoning Committee*  
Councilman Ledford  
(No report)

*Public Safety Committee*  
Councilman Byrd reported:

- To discuss proposed legislation on the residency requirement.
- The committee will meet on May 4 to hear the quarterly report from the Police Advisory and Review Committee's quarterly report.

*Public Works and Transportation Committee*  
Councilman Mitchell reported:

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

*Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to hear from the Office of Family Empowerment.

*Legislative Committee*

Vice-Chairman Smith reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting to review two resolutions regarding (1) the residency requirements sworn emergency personnel and (2) making Juneteenth a paid city holiday. Both resolutions will be added to the April 13 agenda.

**RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

Chairman Henderson reminded everyone that the Council would return to in-person meetings in the Assembly Room of the Council building next week, April 6. Meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m. with Agenda Session.

**MEETING TIME CHANGE**

Chairman Henderson announced a time change for April 13 due to the municipal runoff election that day. He announced that the Agenda Session and committees will start at 1:30 p.m. and the Council meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Council building.

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Henderson instructed any registered speakers to raise their electronic hand to address the Council. Seeing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Councilwoman Berz**, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**