



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 31, 2021
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Raquetta Dotley, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, and Darrin Ledford. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Smith led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION ON FY22 BUDGETS

Chairman Henderson yielded the chair of the meeting to Councilwoman Berz, who called to order the Budget and Finance Committee's Public Input Session. After reading the rules of the procedure for the session, Councilwoman Berz opened the floor to hear from persons in the Assembly who had comments on the city's FY22 budgets. Councilwoman Berz recognized the following speakers:

Name	District	Topics:
Stephen Russell	3	Thanked city leadership for a budget that SEIU supports <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Councilwoman Berz confirmed receipt of the first set of letters from SEIU. Mr. Russell distributed more letters around the dais for councilpersons to read.
Robert Ledford	N/A	Need for employee raises/timeline of raises through past administrations
Sarina Heffer	8	Employee needs for a liveable wage
Blondale Garner	3	Raises for Head Start teachers and teacher assistants
Officer Madison	1	The impact of losing police officers on Spanish-speaking residents due to low wages
Jay Case	1	Supports the budget because of officer raises

Amy Blazik	N/A	Need for her family to have two incomes due to firefighter wages
Amanda Warner	N/A	Difficulties providing for a family on current wages
Sam Kovasavich	3	Supports the budget and has seen increase in crew worker applications due to proposed raises
Mark Caughman	1	Recounts when it took five years just to get hired at CFD due to the abundance of applicants
Diane Moore	8	Supports the budget so that library workers won't have to work second jobs
Steve West	3	Supports the budget because Public Works needs more drivers/Public Works employees as first responders
Patrick Cate	N/A	Supports the budget and raises for Head Start teachers
Mitchell Moss	N/A	Need for a pay increase to prevent loss of officers

Vice-Chairman Smith confirmed that there were no one wishing to speak in opposition to the proposed budgets. Councilman Ledford expressed thanks to Councilwoman Berz for her leadership of these weeks of budget proceedings.

CLOSE OF HEARING

Upon no further speakers, Councilwoman Berz closed the Public Input Session at 6:33 p.m. She then asked for a vote from the Council on whether to take the budgets to first reading on the Council's agenda next week. The Council unanimously approved by roll call vote to add the FY22 budgets to next week's agenda, September 7, for first readings. She then yielded the chair of the meeting back to Chairman Henderson.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (August 24, 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 following two ordinances for one Council vote.

MR-2021-0105
4th and Cherry LLC
District No. 7

ORDINANCE #13707

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING TWO (2) SEWER EASEMENTS LOCATED IN THE 100 BLOCK OF EAST 4TH STREET, TAX MAP NOS. 135MA-B-002 AND 135M-D-019, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2021-0112
Callio Properties, LLC
District No. 3
Alternate Version

ORDINANCE #13708

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 6102 HIXSON PIKE, 6106 HIXSON PIKE, 6108 HIXSON PIKE, AND 6110 HIXSON PIKE, AND FOR A PORTION OF TAX MAP NOS. 101-025 AND 101-027, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, AND FOR A PORTION OF TAX MAP NOS. 101-025 AND 101-027, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

ACTION: ORDINANCES 13707 & 13708 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2021-0119
Outlook Masonry c/o Melquiades Portugal
Alternate Version
District No. 6

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #13709

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 5217 HUNTER ROAD AND 8627 HILLTOP DRIVE, FROM C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE AND M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Chairman Henderson confirmed that there was no opposition present about this rezoning. Councilwoman Berz asked to confirm the conditions with the Applicant, who was present. She also asked Karen Rennich, Interim Director of Regional Planning, to read the current three conditions. Ms. Rennich read the following conditions:

1. *There shall be a side and/or rear yard of not less than thirty (30') feet along the northern property line of 8627 Hilltop Drive where it abuts 5225 Hunter Road (Tax Map No. 131-061);*
2. *A Type A landscape buffer shall be constructed along the northern property line of 8627 Hilltop Drive where it abuts 5225 Hunter Road (Tax Map No. 131-061), except where a thirty (30') foot vegetative buffer exists. In that case, a thirty (30') foot vegetative buffer shall be maintained to supplement any other landscape screening required by City Code Section 38-595, along the northern property line of 8627 Hilltop Drive where it abuts 5225 Hunter Road (Tax Map No. 131-061); and*
3. *No delivery truck or public access to Hunter Road.*

Councilwoman Berz asked to add a fourth condition regarding rezoning approval to be tied to the site plan. The Applicant confirmed acceptance of all conditions previously discussed. Therefore, **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING WITH ADDITION OF 4TH CONDITION (RE: ATTACHING SITE PLAN)

RESOLUTIONS:

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 #30876

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY TREASURER TO RENEW BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER NO. 558855 WITH FIDELITY INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC (FIS) TO PROVIDE MERCHANT CARD SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FOR ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, FOR A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30877

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT FOR ALL PURCHASE ORDERS FOR VENDER NO. 171037, SANTEK WASTE SERVICES, INC. TO CAPITAL WASTE SERVICES RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION NO. 30770, LANDFILL DISPOSAL OF BIOSOLID WASTE.

RESOLUTION #30878

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A TERMINATION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP, INC. UPON WRITTEN NOTICE DATED JULY 11, 2021, WITH REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION NO. 29840 DATED MARCH 12, 2019, AND AS AMENDED WITH REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION NO. 30057 DATED AUGUST 27, 2019, TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00.

RESOLUTION #30879

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR 2021 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FOR A GRANT PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FOR PURCHASE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT, TO AWARD A SHARED GRANT TO THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,488.00, AND TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,637.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$152,125.00.

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

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 30876 - 30879 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief of Staff, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

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| PO# 559139 Parks Maintenance, Parks & Outdoor | \$600,000.00 |
| Security Guard Services | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: SEI, Inc | |
| 6400 Lee Hwy, Suite 108 | |
| Chattanooga, TN 37421 | |
| REQ103242 Fleet Management Division, Public Works | \$27,626.24 |
| Bulk Diesel Fuel | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Jat Oil, Inc | |
| P.O. Box 5288 | |
| Chattanooga, TN 37406 | |
| PO# 555296 Fleet Management Division, Public Works | No Money to be added |
| Police Interceptors & Special Service Vehicles | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford of Murfreesboro | |
| 1550 NW Broad Street | |
| Murfreesboro, TN 37129 | |
| 200014 Facilities, Public Works | \$119,630.00 |
| Supplemental Custodial Services | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: DetailExperts | |
| 6121 Heritage Park Drive | |
| Chattanooga, TN 37416 | |

Discussion ensued regarding PO# 559139 (Parks Maintenance, Parks & Outdoor). Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, joined the discussion about the impact of rebidding the contract.

Chairman Henderson commented on councilpersons bringing purchasing questions during the Council's weekly Agenda Session. **Councilman Byrd moved** for a separate vote on PO# 559139. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

Councilman Ledford moved to approve the remaining three purchases. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously (9-0) upon roll call vote.

Councilman Byrd moved to deny PO#559139 for security guard services. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. Further discussion ensued. The motion carried (6-3) as follows:

Coonrod	YES	Ledford	NO
Byrd	YES	Hill	NO
Dotley	YES	Smith	YES
Berz	YES	Henderson	NO
Hester	YES		

YES – Six (6); NO – Three (3)

ACTION: REQ103242, PO# 555296 & 200014 APPROVED; PO# 559139 DENIED

Emergency Purchase (1)

Ms. Bursch also reported the following emergency purchase:

Date	Dept.	Description	Cost	Supplier	Explanation	Event Type
8/25/21	Fleet Management Division, Public Works & Police Department	Additional Supplier to Uplift Police Vehicles; Labor & Wiring only	60000	Blue Line Solutions	Due to the lack of available Police vehicles and parts availability for older units, this is a necessary expenditure to get new Police vehicles in service. This will allow the surplus of older units with very high maintenance to keep in service, due to internal department lack of available personnel to complete.	Date of Emergency 8.25.21 Date of Approval 8.25.21

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Appointments

Councilwoman Dotley appointed Susan Gilmore to the Board of Zoning Appeals (District 7).

Councilwoman Dotley appointed Steven McKinney to the Board of Sign Appeals (District 7).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting and finished its FY22 budget education and public input process today.
- The Council voted to add the budget ordinances for first reading to next week's agenda, September 14, 2021.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod

(No report)

Education and Innovation Committee

Councilwoman Hill

(No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Councilwoman Dotley

- The committee will meet on September 14, 2021, after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith

(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee will meet next week, September 7, after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester reported:

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

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Byrd reported:

- The committee will meet on September 21, 2021, after the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Attorney O'Donnell read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Henderson recognized the following persons making a personal appearance:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Everett Curtis	7	Thanked the City for cleaning up his neighborhood
• Monty Bell	N/A	Issues at 11 th St. homeless encampment/being targeted

There was only one person wishing to address the Council via Zoom; however, the individual had spoken at the Public Info Session earlier today. Therefore, per Council rules, Chairman Henderson did not allow them to speak at tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Ledford, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL