



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2024
3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod arrived after the call to order. Councilwoman Carol Berz was not in attendance at this meeting.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube in two parts. Part 1 of this meeting (prior to the recess) is available [here](#). Part 2 of this meeting (after the recess) is available [here](#).]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer; Brooke Satterfield, Chief Policy Officer; Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives; and Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer.

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Hill led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chair Dotley led the Council in recognizing Councilwoman Noel's birthday.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (January 30, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

Agenda Item IX(a) – Council Office (Relative to additional debt obligations for stadium)

Councilman Smith advised he would be seeking a one-week deferral on this item to coincide with the County Commission’s deferral. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(g) – Mayor’s Office (Relative to appointment of Chief Financial Officer)

Mr. Ewalt thanked Vickie Haley for her work as Interim Chief Financial Officer before introducing CFO-elect Javaid Majid (via video conference). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK’S PROPOSED AGENDA (February 13, 2024)

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(a) – Mayor’s Office (Amendment relative to Board of Sign Appeals)

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Anderson for an explanation of this item, which may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(b) – Parks & Outdoors (Amendment relative to fees for Chattanooga parks, Community Centers, and Recreational Facilities)

Councilman Henderson questioned the return of this item to the agenda; Vice Chair Hill responded and affirmed it would be withdrawn. Discussion may be viewed [here](#). Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions:

Agenda Item 9(j) – Early Learning (Relative to Early Head Start Program collaborations)

Ms. Satterfield advised that some of the amounts contained in the caption for this item were in error and would be corrected. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Council Chair Dotley yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Hester for the Parks & Public Works Committee.

Councilman Hester, Committee Chair, called the Parks & Public Works Committee to order at 3:43 p.m. with a quorum of eight present that also included Council Chair Dotley, Vice Chair Hill, and Councilpersons Henderson, Smith, Ledford, Noel, and Coonrod. [View committee [here](#).]

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (January 23, 2024) were approved as published.

Next week, February 13, 2024

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(b) – Parks & Outdoors (Amendment relative to fees for Chattanooga parks, Community Centers, and Recreational Facilities)

This item had already been discussed previously in the meeting. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Councilman Hester yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Ledford for the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Councilman Ledford, Committee Chair, called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 3:45 p.m. with a quorum of eight present that also included Council Chair Dotley, Vice Chair Hill, and Councilpersons Henderson, Smith, Hester, Noel, and Coonrod. [View committee [here](#).]

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (January 9, 2024) were approved as published.

Next week, February 13, 2024 Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(c) – Case No. 2024-0014

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Councilman Henderson questioned the zoning history for this item and the surrounding area. Ms. Rennich affirmed she would have the answer next week. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(d) – Case No. 2024-0010

Ms. Rennich advised Council that the applicant had requested to withdraw this item. Upon no comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(e) – Case No. 2024-0011

Councilman Ledford informed Council that Councilwoman Berz had requested additional information on this item but had not yet received it. Ms. Rennich affirmed she would reach out to the applicant. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(f) – Case No. 2024-0016

Councilman Ledford informed Council that Councilwoman Berz and the developer had previously been on the same page regarding this item, but that their communication had broken down as of late and it was a point of concern for Councilwoman Berz. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(g) – Case No. 2024-0013

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Chair Dotley requested clarification regarding maximum height; Ms. Rennich responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(i) – Amendment relative to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

Ms. Rennich provided Council with the one-year review of this item. The presentation may be viewed [here](#) and heard [here](#). Upon no comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RECESS

Councilman Ledford adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee at 4:04 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 4:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chair Dotley reconvened the meeting at 4:32 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Henderson, Smith, Ledford, Hester, Noel, and Coonrod. Councilwoman Berz was not present. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #14082

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 14, ELECTRICITY, SECTION 14-18, CORRECTION OF DEFECTS, REINSPECTIONS; AND CHAPTER 19, GAS, ARTICLE II, PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS, SECTION 19-36, FEES.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(a):

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE TO FINANCE A MULTI-USE STADIUM.

In response to a request made earlier in this meeting, **Councilman Smith moved** to defer for one week. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY 13, 2024
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PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following four resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31951

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT PROGRAM FUNDS TO CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE, INC. (CNE) TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIRTY-TWO (32) NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RENTAL UNITS AT 2003 BAILEY AVENUE OF

WHICH SEVEN (7) UNITS WILL BE RESERVED AS HOME UNITS, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$911,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31952

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE, INC. MILL TOWN RESIDENTIAL PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES.

RESOLUTION #31953

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT PROGRAM FUNDS TO CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE, INC. (CNE) TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIXTEEN (16) NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RENTAL UNITS AT 1805 S. LYERLY AVENUE OF WHICH A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) UNITS WILL BE RESERVED AS HOME UNITS, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$808,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31954

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE, INC. LYERLY AVENUE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried, with Vice Chair Hill abstaining.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31951-31954 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #31955

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES TO ACT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF FOR DIRECTING CARE FOR INJURY ON DUTY CLAIMS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31956

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF JAVAID MAJID AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The motion carried, **with Councilwoman Coonrod abstaining.**

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31957

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF SANDRA KOSS TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON AUGUST 8, 2023, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 7, 2027.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

Ms. Bursch recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

PA100346 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Federal Signal Lighting Equipment & Installation Lowest/Best Bidder: Truckers Lighthouse Inc 201 Crutchfield Avenue Nashville, TN 37210	Increase of \$20,000.00 for a new estimated amount of \$88,000.00
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200613,1 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Collision Paint & Body Repairs on Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles Lowest/Best Bidders: 1. MHC Tennessee Kenworth Inc - 7831 Lee Hwy Chattanooga, TN 37421 2. Lee-Smith Company Inc - 2600 8th Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37107	\$500,000.00
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200614 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Collision Paint & Body Repairs on Light Duty Vehicles Lowest/Best Bidders: 1. Maaco Collision Center & Auto Painting - 4005 Dodds Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37407 2. MHC Tennessee Kenworth Inc - 7831 Lee Hwy Chattanooga, TN 37421	\$900,000.00
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REQ144181 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$52,616.00
Bulk De-Icing Salt for Roadways - 400 tons
Lowest/Best Bidders: Compass Minerals America Inc
9900 West 109th Street Suite 600
Overland Park, KS 66210

PA100409 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$575,000.00
Grinding of Wood, Brush, Leaf Materials & Removal Services
Lowest/Best Bidders: Big Woody's Tree Service
4018 Alabama Road
Apison, TN 37302

PUR122288 Office of Community Health \$65,000.00
Gift Card Incentives for Health Literacy
Lowest/Best Bidders: Transcard Payments LLC
1010 Market Street Suite 400
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Office of the Mayor ([Documents](#)) \$175,000
Quantum Collaborative
Lowest/Best Bidders: Chattanooga Quantum Collaborative

Discussion ensued. Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Ewalt to further elaborate on the Quantum Collaborative. Vice Chair Hill also noted that the initials "MHC" had been transposed once and read incorrectly as "MCH." After noting that, **Vice Chair Hill moved** to approve. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Vice Chair Hill (No report)

Budget & Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (Not present)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Education & Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity & Community Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning & Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting.

Parks & Public Works

Councilman Hester reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

[Councilman Henderson exited the meeting at this time.]

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(View on YouTube [here](#))

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

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Antoinette Duncan	(N/A)	Crosswalk light on Cummings Highway/Need for Hamilton Place Mall parking garage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Dotley directed the speaker to Mr. Ewalt.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Smith, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL