



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2024

3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilpersons Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. [Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube and is available [here](#).]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Chief of Staff

Economic Development: Richard Beeland, Administrator

Finance: Vickie Haley, Deputy Administrator

Council Office: Kristal Becker, Administrative Assistant, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Berz led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (July 16, 2024) were approved as published.

PROCEDURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Henderson announced that there would be no recess during this business meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

***Recognizing the Retirement of Vickie Haley
By Councilwoman Berz & Jermaine Freeman, Chief of Staff***

Councilwoman Berz and Mr. Freeman commemorated the retirement of long-time employee Vickie Haley with proclamations from the City Council and the Mayor respectively Leaving her

position of Deputy Chief Finance Officer for the final time, Ms. Haley received the proclamations and expressed thanks. She also recognized her colleagues in the Finance division for their work over the years. The full presentation may be viewed [here](#). The Council proclamation read as follows:

Whereas, I, Councilwoman Carol Berz, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, along with all of my colleagues of the Chattanooga City Council, do extol this day with one voice our utmost thanks to Vickie Haley for her many years of willing service to the citizens of Chattanooga. She has held ever-increasing roles of leadership and inspired many individuals to achieve their best for the city as a whole. We commend Vickie Haley for her constant professionalism and insurmountable experience in public service. Today, we deem Vickie Haley as a world-class citizen and send her off with a "Happy Bon Voyage" and a "Job Well Done" as she journeys from the halls of City Hall to a well-deserved vacation to the British Isles.

Now Therefore,
the Chattanooga City Council gives a heartfelt thanks to

Vickie Haley

for three decades of outstanding service and dedication
to the citizens of Chattanooga. This 23rd day of July, 2024.

-----Signed by the full City Council-----

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Agenda Item VII(a) – Planning - Case no. 2024-0091

There were no comments or questions on this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VII(b) – Planning (Relative to adopting new Ch. 38 Zoning ordinance)

There were no comments or questions on this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VII(c) – Planning (Relative to zoning restrictions - certain building materials)

There were no comments or questions on this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

VIII(a) – Public Works - Case no. 2024-0079

There were no comments or questions on this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

Agenda Item IX(a) – Council Office (Relative to reappointment of J.T McDaniel)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(b) – Council Office (Relative to appointment of Oliver Parks)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(c) – Council Office (Relative to appointment of Robert Thomas)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(d) – Mayor’s Office (Relative to reappointment of Dionne Jenkins)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(e) – Mayor’s Office (Relative to appointment of Amy Lowdermilk)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(f) – Mayor’s Office (Relative to appointment of Lori Stenger)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(g) – Public Works (Relative to the Warner Park Pool Liner Replacement)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(h) – Public Works (Relative to the Fire Administration Roof Replacement)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK’S AGENDA – July 30, 2024

Agenda Item 9(b) – Economic Development (Relative to Donation Agreement with Woodbine Community Organization, Inc.)

Chairman Henderson asked Councilwoman Berz about this District 6 matter of donating the Airport Inn subdivision. Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that the community will meet on this Friday to come to certain determinations that are still left open at this time. She indicated that there are some items still left to discuss with the Applicant and the community. A discussion ensued [view in full [here](#)] with Mr. Beeland (Economic Development). Further discussion ensued about a loan for this property by the Applicant and the “Resolution of Intent To Issue Bonds” that was passed at the Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (HEB) meeting. Attorney Noblett commented on what happens if renovations on the property do not take place after the bond. Mr. Beeland responded to questions about how the decisions from the upcoming community meeting will be made known presented to the Council since Councilwoman Berz will be absent from the Council business meeting next week.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Item 5(a) – Human Resources (Relative to increase to 22nd Century Technologies, INC.)

There was no discussion needed for this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

2024-0091
Ben Van Gaasbeek
District No. 6

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #14136

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO AMEND CONDITION #4 BY ADDING A NEW CONDITION AND LIFTING ORIGINAL CONDITION #1 FOR ORDINANCE NO. 13132 OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 2016-0165 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6684 EAST BRAINERD ROAD, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

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

Alternate Version

ORDINANCE #14137

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE.

Alternate Version

ORDINANCE #14138

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIRES CERTAIN BUILDING MATERIALS TO BE RESTRICTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS (NOTIFICATION PER TENN. CODE ANN. § 68-120-101(B)(7)(A(IV))).

Councilman Ledford moved to approve. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14137 & 14138 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

MR-2024-0079
Campbell Lewis
District No. 2

Agenda Item VIII(a):

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE UNOPENED 300 BLOCK OF E. MANNING STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Vice Chair Hill moved to defer to August 6, 2024. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO AUGUST 6, 2024

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32171

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J.T. MCDANIEL TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 24, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 23, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32172

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF OLIVER PARKS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 10 (WASHINGTON HILLS), WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 24, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 23, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32165

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT THOMAS TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 10 (WASHINGTON HILLS), WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 24, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 23, 2027.

Councilman Hester moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32165, 32171 & 32172 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32166

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF DIONNE JENKINS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 10, 2024, AND ENDING ON MARCH 9, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32167

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF AMY LOWDERMILK TO THE LIBRARY BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 24, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 23, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32168

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF LORI STENGER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 24, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 23, 2027.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32166 – 32179 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32169

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. R-24-004-201, WARNER PARK POOL LINER REPLACEMENT, TO DWR AQUATICS, INC., OF VONORE, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431,866.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$450,866.00.

RESOLUTION #32170

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. F-24-003-201, FIRE ADMINISTRATION ROOF REPLACEMENT, TO TRI-STATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS, LLC, OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,592.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,600.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$127,192.00.

Councilman Hester moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32169 & 32170 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

Ms. Bursch (Mayor's Office) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

200689-2 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair Services Lowest/Best Bidder: White Lightning Harley-Davidson 7720 Lee Hwy Chattanooga, TN 37421	\$61,000.00
PO# 561695 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Bulk Fuel Top Loading for Fuel Trucks Lowest/Best Bidder: Sweetwater Valley Oil Company Inc 1236 Hwy 68 W Sweetwater, TN 37874	No Money will be added
REQ151376 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Wood & Recycling Yard Above Ground Tank Fuel Island Installation Lowest/Best Bidder: Blue1 Energy Equipment 3040 White Horse Road Greenville, SC 29611	\$247,672.00
REQ151267 Chattanooga Fire Department/ Mobile Communications Motorola Solutions System Upgrade Agreement (SUA) Implementation Services for Lafayette, GA Site Lowest/Best Bidder: Motorola Solutions 500 W Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60661	\$52,918.94

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Vice Chair Hill (No report)

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford (No report)

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester reported:

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

Public Safety Committee
Raquetta Dotley (No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

[View [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:
• Jon Jon	9	The speaker discussed an article in the newspaper on pedestrian and cycling incidents. They offered their assistance with pedestrian safety.
• Josh Branhum	(N/A)	The speaker discussed the June housing data for the City of Chattanooga and the July 31 deadline for their Placemaking Project grant.
• Janice Gooden	8	The speaker attended the HEB meeting yesterday and is disappointed with the presentation.

[Councilman Smith exited the meeting during this section.]

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL