

**SPECIAL CALLED
PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Chattanooga City Council
January 31, 2023**

In Attendance

Councilman Isiah Hester, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:56 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Council Chair Darrin Ledford, Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Carol Berz, Ken Smith, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present during this meeting. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer; Public Works: Sanitation: Roshonda Woods, Manager; Citywide Services: Ricky Colston, Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Chairman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (January 24, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Items 7I & 7L

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

***NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA
February 7, 2023***

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7B

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Public Works: Solid Waste & Recycling Presentation

Councilman Hester opened the floor to Mr. Ewalt for a presentation on the Solid Waste and Recycling Department including the following items:

- Employee Recognition
- Successful Hiring Fair on 1/25
- Agenda
- Values
- City-Wide Employee Engagement Survey Results
- Areas of Improvement City-Wide
- Public Works: Solid Waste & Recycling Team Results
- Leadership Team Actions
- Requested Data for Solid Waste & Recycling
- Values Continued
- Complaint Process Clarification

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Ewalt, Ms. Woods, and Mr. Colston addressed the following questions and comments from Council:

- Time Clock Process/Time Management/Schedule/Leadership Actions (Noel)
- Enforcement Process/Department Highlight/Cross Training/CDL Regulations/ Upward Mobility for Seniority (Coonrod)
- Importance of Public Works Department/Gratitude (Henderson)
- Emphasis on Values (Coonrod)
- Expression of Gratitude to all Public Works Employees (Hester)

Following the discussion, Councilman Hester opened the floor to comments from Public Works employees who were present for the meeting, giving each employee two minutes to speak. Councilman Hester and Mr. Ewalt recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	Title	Primary Topics:
• Sherry Hudson	Crew Supervisor	Supervisor Involvement/Ride along invitation to Council.
• Trina Coker	Truck Driver	Rebuttal to Previous Speaker/Hiring Inquiry & Disbursement of New Hires
• Alonzo Strickland	Truck Driver	Clarification of Employee Complaints/Overtime Concerns/Holiday Schedule for Solid Waste Drivers

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Hester adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.