



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 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, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod arrived after the call to order.

[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: Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives

Finance: Javaid Majid, Chief Financial Officer

Public Works: Ross Pitcairn, Administrator

Economic Development: Richard Beeland, Administrator

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist

CARTA: Charles Frazier, Chief Executive Officer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Hester led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford the minutes of the last meeting (February 20, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Mayor's Office (Amendment relative to the Beer Board)

Mr. Anderson informed Council of the amendments made regarding the distance requirements per zone, as well as the implementation date. Mr. Anderson requested Council defer this item one week, when the alternate version would be read. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VIII(b) – Mayor’s Office (Amendment relative to the Wrecker Board)

Mr. Anderson requested Council defer this item one week, to coincide with the Beer Board item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

Agenda Item IX(b) – Human Resources (Revisions to EIG Policy 7 – Employment Actions)

Councilwoman Coonrod expressed appreciation for these revisions. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK’S PROPOSED AGENDA (March 5, 2024)

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(a) – Public Works / Transportation (Amendment relative to Excavations and Restoration of Paving)

Chair Dotley requested an update on this item. Mr. Pitcairn responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions:

Agenda Item 9(b) – Economic Development (Relative to execution of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for a Shallowford Road parcel)

Councilwoman Berz requested additional information on this item. Mr. Beeland responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – CARTA

Mr. Frazier recognized the CARTA board members and employees in attendance before beginning the presentation [[here](#)], which touched on the following:

- Brief background information about himself & what brought him here
- The impact CARTA currently has on the community
- The future vision & opportunities for CARTA moving forward
 - Comprehensive mobility plan
 - Infrastructure, parking, and transit-oriented development strategy
- Strategic imperatives: establishing trust & community partnerships, unlocking Federal grants & other funding strategies, maximizing efficiency & eliminating waste

Afterwards, the floor was opened to questions and comments from the Council. Discussion ensued, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Utilization of previous tools and past relationships at CARTA’s disposal
- Possibility of partnering with the RPA in regard to a transit overlay for inclusion within the zoning ordinance

[Councilwoman Coonrod stepped out of the meeting temporarily.]

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

RECESS

Upon no objections, at 4:04 p.m., Chair Dotley recessed the business meeting until 4:34 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chair Dotley reconvened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Henderson, Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Noel, and Coonrod. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Bardoner were also present.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Chair Dotley took a moment to recognize and welcome the city's new Chief Financial Officer, Javaid Majid, who was in the auditorium.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

2024-0015
Tess Wentland
Planning Commission Version #2
District No. 9

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #14089

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1400 NORTH CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

AGENDA ITEM VIII(a):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, RELATING TO THE BEER BOARD.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Chair Dotley reminded Council that Administration wished to defer this item one week. Mr. Anderson requested clarification from Attorney Noblett on the proper procedure. **Councilwoman Berz rescinded her motion to approve and moved** to defer one week. Vice Chair Hill seconded.

[Councilwoman Coonrod exited the meeting at this time.]

Councilman Smith questioned whether an alternate version would be needed. Attorney Noblett affirmed. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 5, 2024

AGENDA ITEM VIII(b):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 35, RELATIVE TO THE WRECKER BOARD.

Vice Chair Hill moved to defer one week to March 5, 2024. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 5, 2024

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31982

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATING TO THE FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-USE STADIUM.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31983

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION GUIDE (EIG) POLICY 7 – EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS WITH RELATED TABLE OF CONTENTS UPDATES, TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following three resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31984

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN HALE TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REGION 2 (SHALLOWFORD), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025.

RESOLUTION #31985

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF RYAN PERRY TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REGION 5 (SOUTH), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31986

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF LINDA BULLARD TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REGION 6 (BUSHTOWN-GLENWOOD), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025.

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31984 – 31986 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #31987

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ERLANGER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA’S CARE COALITION TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN CHATTANOOGA THROUGH WORK IN HEALTH LITERACY, HEALTH DATA, AND CONTINUED COVID-19 RESPONSE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

PA100412 Fleet Management Division, Public Works	\$160,000.00
BMW R 1250 RT-P Motorcycles for CPD	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Pandora’s European Motorsports	
5337 Ringgold Road	
Chattanooga, TN 37412	

REQ145114 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$1,672,000.00
 2025 Autocar ACX64 with Heil 28 Cubic Yard
 Durapack Python Side Loading Body (4)
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Stringfellow, Inc
 2710 Locust Street
 Nashville, TN 37207

PA100563/PA100564 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works Increase of \$600,000
 Concrete for a new annual
 amount of \$1,000,000
 Lowest/Best Bidder: 1. Ready Mix USA
 604 Hudson Road
 Chattanooga, TN 37405
 2. TNT Concrete LLC
 996 County Road 20
 Calhoun, TN 37309

PA100140 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$54,000.00
 Bags of Ice
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Tennessee Valley Ice Company
 4116 S. Creek Road
 Chattanooga, TN 37406

REQ144486 Chattanooga Fire Department \$168,000.00
 Firefighter Protective Gear
 Lowest/Best Bidder: Siddons-Martin Emergency Group
 3500 Shelby Lane
 Denton, TX 76207

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

[Councilwoman Coonrod rejoined the meeting at this time.]

Emergency Purchase (1)

Ms. Bursch reported the following emergency purchase:

DATE	DEPT.	DESCRIPT.	COST	SUPPLIER	EXPLANATION	DOCUMENT
2.21.24	Fleet Management Division, Public Works	Rental of Garbage Trucks	Increase of \$23,900.00 to update PUR134277 to \$54,600.00	Big Truck Rental 4221 W. Boy Scout Blvd Suite 400 Tampa, FL 33607	This is an additional increase of \$23,900 for truck rentals needed due to repairs being made on three (3) Garbage Trucks awaiting parts. The original request was reported to Council on 1/30/24 as an emergency purchase of \$30,700. The new total for PUR134277 is \$54,600.	PUR134277

[No Council action was required for this report.]

RFP Format Recommendation

Ms. Bursch recommended the following for approval as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Parks and Outdoors	The Public Arts Division of the Parks and Outdoors Department is soliciting artists for the Lynnbrook Park Public Art Project. Each artist will approach the work differently and it will be up to the selection panel to determine which artist is the best fit for the project.	DOCUMENTATION LINK

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve issuing the RFP. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE THE RFP

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee

Vice Chair Hill reported:

- Frazier Avenue Traffic Pattern Presentation & Conversation will take place on Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Philip Grymes Outdoor Chattanooga Center, located at 200 River Street. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate.

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 reported:

- The second work session on the zoning ordinance updates was held earlier today. A third work session on the proposed zoning ordinance will take place on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the J.B. Collins Conference Room of the Council building.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester (No report)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (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, Chair Dotley recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Rev. Dr. Charlotte Williams	(N/A)	CALEB – Affordable Housing
• Janice Gooden	(N/A)	CALEB – Affordable Housing
• Brad Rayson	(N/A)	SEIU – Due process rights for terminated employees
• Jason Gates	(N/A)	Termination from the City
• JonJon	9	Affordable Housing
• Chris Heintz	8	CALEB – Affordable Housing
• Rev. April Berends	6	CALEB – Affordable Housing
• Jessica Bonham	9	CALEB – Affordable Housing
• Allen Shropshire	(N/A)	CALEB – Affordable Housing

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Berz, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL