



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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 30, 2024

3:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the business meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilman Darrin Ledford arrived after the call to order. Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilwoman Carol Berz were not in attendance of 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: Jermaine Freeman, Chief of Staff, and Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman Dotley led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

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

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**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**VIII(a) – Public Works – Case No. 2024-0128**

Councilman Ledford advised he would be making an amendment to the alternate version of this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

*[Councilman Ledford joined the meeting during this section.]*

## RESOLUTIONS

### Agenda Item IX(b) – Economic Development (Relative to donation of surplus property at 7725 Lee Highway)

Mr. Freeman stated it was the Administration's request that this item be withdrawn; the Council affirmed. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

## NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA – August 6, 2024

### Public Hearing – Form-Based Code Appeal FBC-24-4 (1846 Market Street)

Chairman Henderson confirmed whether this hearing would take place; Councilwoman Dotley affirmed. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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## RECESS

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Upon no objections, at 3:36 p.m., Chairman Henderson recessed the business meeting until 4:00 p.m.

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## MEETING RECONVENED

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Chairman Henderson reconvened the business meeting at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Smith, Ledford, Hester, Dotley, Noel, and Coonrod. Vice Chair Hill and Councilwoman Berz were not present. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Bardoner were also present.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:** (None)

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**PROCEDURAL NOTE:** The alternate version of this item is included in the caption below, but the Planning Commission version was the one read into the record [before voting took place].

**2024-0128**

**BNTR SFOWNER, LLC c/o Travis Allen**

**Abandonment**

**Alternate Version**

**District No. 4**

### ORDINANCE #14139

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE WEST SIDE ROW OF THE 1700 BLOCK OF JOINER ROAD, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**Councilman Ledford moved** to approve the Alternate Version and noted his intent to amend. Councilman Smith seconded. **Councilman Ledford moved** to amend by striking conditions nos. 2 and 3. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried. **Councilman Ledford moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALTERNATE VERSION PASSED  
AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING**

2024-0127  
**BNTR SFOWNER, LLC c/o Travis Allen**  
**Lift and Amend Conditions**  
**District No. 4**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #14140**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO LIFT AND AMEND CONDITIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 13280 OF PREVIOUS CASE NO. 2018-0017 FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 1700 THROUGH 1900 BLOCKS OF HENEGAR CIRCLE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

2024-0129  
**BNTR SFOWNER, LLC c/o Travis Allen**  
**District No. 4**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

**ORDINANCE #14141**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PARTS OF 1730 GUNBARREL ROAD AND 1721 JOINER ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-4 SPECIAL ZONE.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilwoman Noel,

**RESOLUTION #32173**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL C. WRIGHT TO THE (OLD) SPORTS AUTHORITY BOARD FOR DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 31, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 30, 2030.**

The motion carried.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**Agenda Item IX(b):**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SURPLUS OF PROPERTY AT 7725 LEE HIGHWAY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NO. 139F-A-033.04 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH WOODBINE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE DONATION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE CLOSING TRANSACTION, WITH A CLOSING DATE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

**Councilman Ledford moved to withdraw this item. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.**

**ACTION: WITHDRAWN**

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

**RESOLUTION #32174**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO PROVIDE EXTENSIVE CANCER AND DISEASE SCREENING FOR FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE AT A MUCH HIGHER RISK TO DEVELOP CERTAIN TYPES OF CANCERS AND ILLNESSES DUE TO EXPOSURES TO HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTS, WHICH FUNDING IS BASED ON A QUOTE BY UNITED DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES, LLC (UDS) AT A COST OF \$350.00 PER FIREFIGHTER, WITH A TEN (10%) PERCENT MATCH BY THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,968.19, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$139,681.81.**

**RESOLUTION #32175**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A TENNESSEE STATE METRO GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES, FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO AND/OR CIRCULATING LIBRARY MATERIALS IN A VARIETY OF FORMATS, PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, TO PROMOTE GENERAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES, AND TARGETING MATERIALS TO PERSONS HAVING DIFFICULTY USING A LIBRARY AND TO THE UNDERSERVED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$430,500.00.**

**Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve both resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.**

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32174 & 32175 ADOPTED**

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

**RESOLUTION #32176**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF VERONICA DUNSON TO THE BEER BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 31, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 30, 2027.**

**RESOLUTION #32177**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF BRAD FOLSOM TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 31, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 30, 2028.**

**RESOLUTION #32178**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ANN JONES-PIERRE TO THE WASTEWATER BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 11, 2023, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 10, 2027.**

**RESOLUTION #32179**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID HIGNEY TO THE WASTEWATER BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 11, 2023, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 10, 2027.**

**RESOLUTION #32180**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES RICHARDS TO THE WASTEWATER BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 31, 2024, AND ENDING ON JULY 30, 2028.**

**Councilman Smith moved** to approve all five resolutions. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32176 – 32180 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 #32181**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONTRACT NO. T-22-007-101, HAMILL ROAD SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT, TO INCLUDE THE DESIGN OF A SLOPE STABILIZATION SOLUTION, PERMITTING SERVICES, AND BIDDING OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,600.00.**

**RESOLUTION #32182**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR ROBERT ROBERTS, LLC, OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION #15, CONTRACT NO. F-18-001-201, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$263,660.97, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,520,869.47.**

**Councilwoman Dotley moved** to approve both resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32181 & 32182 ADOPTED**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Recommended New Purchases**

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

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| <b>REQ151662 Fleet Management Division, Public Works</b>  | <b>\$422,164.52</b> |
| Ford F-550 (D) 2x4 Lateral &<br>Mainline CCTV Inspection System<br>Lowest/Best Bidder: Cues, Inc<br>3600 Rio Vista Avenue<br>Orlando, FL 32805                    |                     |
| <b>REQ150819 / REQ151348 Fleet Management Division, Public Works</b>  | <b>\$62,847.00</b>  |
| Lubecore Python Lube Kit for Autocar ACX 64 Garbage Trucks<br>Lowest/Best Bidder: Stringfellow, Inc<br>2021 East 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street<br>Chattanooga, TN 37404 |                     |
| <b>REQ151774 Wastewater</b>   | <b>\$146,740.30</b> |
| Caterpillar 308 Mini Excavator<br>Lowest/Best Bidder: Stowers Machinery Corporation<br>4066 S. Access Road<br>Chattanooga, TN 37406                               |                     |

**REQ151690 Wastewater**

\$120,420.85

Caterpillar 299D3 Compact Truck Loader  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Stowers Machinery Corporation  
4066 S. Access Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

**PA100539 Facilities Management Division, Public Works**

Increase of \$15,000.00  
for a new annual  
estimated spend of  
\$60,000.00

Industrial Gases & Welding Supplies  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Industrial Welding Supply Company  
P.O. Box 4014  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

**Councilwoman Dotley moved** to approve. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Affordable Housing Committee*  
Vice Chair Hill (Not present)

*Budget and Finance Committee*  
Councilwoman Berz (Not present)

*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 (No report)

*Public Safety Committee*  
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Office of City Attorney**

Attorney Noblett informed the Council of a settlement for the Wastewater Division in the amount of \$56,402.68, regarding cleanup and remediation of sewer backup.

## 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:
• <a href="#">Josh Branum</a>	(N/A)	The speaker notified Council of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ the deadline extension (to August 31<sup>st</sup>) for the Placemaking Project grant</li><li>▪ Greater Chattanooga REALTORS' Economic Outlook Luncheon at the Convention Center on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup></li></ul>

## ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Councilwoman Dotley**, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

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**COUNCIL CHAIR**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**