



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 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, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilwoman Raquetta Dotley 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: Jermaine Freeman, Chief of Staff; Mande Green, Chief Operating Officer; and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiative

Public Works: Jerramy Wood, Administrator

Police: John Chambers, Chief

Fire: Phil Hyman, Chief

Community Development: Joy Bullard-Moore, Deputy Administrator

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, 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 Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (November 19, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Public Works – Case No. MR-2024-0138

Vice Chair Hill asked Mr. Wood to brief the Council on the existing conditions for this item and the Public Works Department's recommendations. Mr. Wood affirmed [view [here](#)]. Vice Chair Hill advised she would be making a motion to amend this item based on the recommendations made. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VIII(b) – Planning – Case No. 2024-0069

Councilman Smith advised he would be making a motion to withdraw this item at the applicant's request. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Agenda Item IX(e) – Mayor's Office (Relative to ARP Funds allotted to Partnership FCA)

Councilwoman Berz advised there was a typo in the wording of this item & that the word 'upgrade' should be included after 'domestic violence shelter'. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item IX(g) – Transportation (Relative to Bike Chattanooga agreement with PBSC Urban Solutions, Inc.)

Councilman Smith and other Councilmembers expressed concerns about this item and requested additional, clarifying information. Mr. Wood, Chief Chambers, Mr. Anderson & Attorney Noblett responded. The discussion may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety and touched on the following:

- Scooter docking, identification, & GPS
- Scootering while intoxicated
- The number & location of the scooters and scooter stations
- The existence of a scooter law & whether the [additional] conditions would be handled by ordinance(s) or policies, as well as how they would be enforced
- Whether or not the scooter contract contains an escape clause

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

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (December 10, 2024)

Agenda Item 9(f) – Fire (Resolution relative to FEMA 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for heavy rescue apparatus)

Councilman Ledford requested additional information about this item; Chief Hyman responded [view [here](#)]. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Hearing

Councilman Ledford reminded those present of the public hearing on the official zoning map was scheduled for next week.

Fire Department

Councilwoman Coonrod thanked Chief Hyman and the Fire Department for the Safe Haven box recently installed at Station #6. Vice Chair Hill thanked Chief Hyman and the Fire Department for their response to the recent fire on Frazier Avenue.

Mass Violence Ordinance (relative to community centers)

Councilwoman Coonrod requested an update on this; Ms. Green and Ms. Bullard-Moore responded. The discussion may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety. Upon no objection from Council, the Mass Violence ordinance will be placed on the December 17, 2024, agenda for first reading.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Chairman Henderson yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Ledford for the Planning & Zoning Committee. [View the committee [here](#).]

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Ledford, Committee Chair, called the Planning & Zoning Committee to order at 3:59 p.m., with a quorum of eight present. Councilwoman Dotley was not in attendance of this meeting.

MINUTE APPROVAL: **On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting (November 5, 2024) were approved as published.

Sign Code Update

Mr. Anderson gave Council a brief update on the sign code, which may be viewed [here](#). The next update will be given on January 7, 2025. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Equivalency Map

Chairman Henderson requested an updated copy of the zoning equivalency map. Ms. Rennich affirmed, stating she would distribute hard copies of the updated versions to Councilmembers by District. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Next week, December 10, 2024

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(a) – Relative to the adoption of the new official zoning map

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on the updates that had already been & would be made to this item [view [here](#).] Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(b) – Case No. 2024-0182

Chairman Henderson questioned the wording used in the caption of this item and requested clarification regarding the conditions contained therein. Ms. Rennich responded. The discussion may be viewed [here](#) in its entirety. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(c) – Case No. 2024-0162

Ms. Rennich informed Council that the Planning Commission recommendation was listed incorrectly and stated what it should be [view [here.](#)] Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(d) – Case No. 2024-0165

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item; she then gave a more in-depth presentation at Councilman Smith’s request. Afterwards, discussion ensued regarding condition(s) for approval, lot size(s), lot width(s), and density. The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here.](#) Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(f) – Case No. 2024-0184

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(h) – Case No. 2024-0183

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item. Councilman Ledford informed the Council that he would be moving [on Councilwoman Dotley’s behalf] to defer this District 7 item until December 17, 2024. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(l) – Case No. 2024-0159

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item; afterwards, discussion ensued. The presentation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here.](#) Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item 8(n) – Relative to text amendments to the Chattanooga Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item [view [here.](#)] Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RECESS

Councilman Ledford adjourned the Planning & Zoning Committee at 4:39 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 5:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Henderson reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Smith, Ledford, Hester, Noel, and Coonrod. Councilwoman Berz joined the meeting later. Councilwoman Dotley was not present at this meeting. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

MR-2024-0138
Waters-Holland, LLC
Planning Version #2
District No. 2

ORDINANCE #14170

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 900 BLOCK OF ELINOR STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAPS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve with the intent to amend. Councilman Smith seconded. **Vice Chair Hill moved** to amend the ordinance by deleting the current conditions 1-4 and leaving the following condition [formerly condition #5]:

(1) Subject to revised plats being submitted to the City on order to consolidate and/or subdivide parcels to avoid creation of any landlocked parcels.

Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried. **Vice Chair Hill moved** to approve as amended. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING

2024-0069
Towerco c/o Verizon Wireless
Staff Version
District No. 3

Agenda Item VIII(b):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5755 CASSANDRA SMITH ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PORTION OF THE CELL TOWER LEASED AREA.

Councilman Smith moved to withdraw. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: CASE NO. 2024-0069 WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32327

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF HEATHER MCCLENDON TO THE HEAD START GOVERNING BOARD REPRESENTING DISTRICT 6, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 4, 2024, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 3, 2026.

RESOLUTION #32328

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSH SHANTHA TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32329

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF KAITLIN SIMS TO THE STORMWATER REGULATIONS BOARD, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 4, 2024, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 3, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32330

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF ARMAND WINE TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 7 (DODSON), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 7, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32331

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AWARD OF UNALLOCATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS AS PART OF THE CHATTANOOGA RELIEF AND RECOVERY ALLOCATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND ADULTS, INC. FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

Councilman Hester moved to approve all five resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. Chairman Henderson advised the Clerk that the following wording, “...*upgrade of the...*” had been added to the American Rescue Fund item (Resolution #32331) caption during the first portion of today’s meeting. The Clerk acknowledged. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32327 – 32331 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32332

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 32144 BY AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ENGAGE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL AND LOBBYING SERVICES: (18) PHILIP M. MEYER, II, FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 27, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION #32333

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND BIKE CHATTANOOGA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PBSC URBAN SOLUTIONS, INC., AS THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR THIRTY (30) SCOOTERS THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE BIKE CHATTANOOGA DOCKING STATIONS IN PLACE AS DOCUMENTED IN THE ATTACHED SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FORM.

RESOLUTION #32334

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER TO RENEW THE ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT NO. W-22-006-201, SANITARY SEWER INSTALL AND REPAIR BLANKET CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER, FOR YEAR THREE (3) OF FOUR (4) WITH TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, OF ROSSVILLE, GA, FOR USE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS, FOR THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$4,500,000.00.

Mr. Anderson (Mayor's Office) confirmed the stipulation that numbers and letters would be applied to each of the scooters. **Councilman Hester moved** to approve the three resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32332 – 32334 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

[View [Here](#)]

Recommended New Purchases

Ms. Talley (Purchasing) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

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| REQ156830 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works | \$65,865.60 |
| De-icing Salt | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Compass Minerals America Inc
P.O. Box 277043
Atlanta, GA 30384 | |
| PA100409 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works | \$607,000.00 |
| Grinding of Wood, Brush, Leaf Materials & Removal Services | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: Big Woody's Tree Service
4018 Alabama Road
Apison, TN 37302 | |
| Solicitation 200730 Chattanooga Fire Department | \$119,700.00 |
| Screening For Cancer and Disease Assessment | |
| Lowest/Best Bidder: NDS Radiology, Inc.
28700 Cabot Drive, Suite 500
Novi, MI 48377 | |

REQ156826 Chattanooga Fire Department	\$900,000.00
Firefighters Protective Gear	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Siddons-Martin Emergency Group	
3500 Shelby Lane	
Denton, Texas 76207	
PA100207 Wastewater	\$1,668,150.00
Mechanical Services	
Lowest/Best Bidder: H & H Brown, Inc	
1803 Polk St	
Chattanooga, TN 37408	
REQ157006 Parks & Outdoors	\$1,768,165.00
Synthetic Turf	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Astro Turf Corporation	
2680 Abutment Road	
Dalton, GA 30721	

Councilman Ledford moved to approve. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL NEW PURCHASES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee

Vice Chair Hill reported:

- The committee will meet next week (December 10) regarding missing middle housing progress and Chattanooga being nationally recognized.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz (Not present yet)

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 committee met today.
- There will be a public hearing next week, December 10th, on the equivalency mapping.

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (Not present)

OTHER BUSINESS

Donation Report

Jermaine Freeman, Chief of Staff, announced a \$600.00 donation to the Chattanooga Fire Department. He agreed to get the details to the Council for this donation.

Settlement Announcements

Attorney Noblett announced two settlements in the following cases:

(1) A dispute between Reeves Young LLC vs. the City of Chattanooga that had been filed in Circuit Court, case number 24-C-107 has been resolved at this point in time and all matters from that dispute between the parties regarding the Dupont Pump Station and Basin improvements have been resolved based upon that settlement.

(2) A dispute between the City of Chattanooga and J. Cumby Construction Company and Jacobs Engineering Group, filed in the Chancery Court for Hamilton County on January 17, 2023, docket number 23-0028 has been resolved as to any claims as to the City.

Mass Violence Ordinance

Chairman Henderson added the mass violence ordinance proposed by Councilwoman Coonrod to the December 17th agenda.

[Councilwoman Berz joined the meeting at this time.]

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 No.	Primary Topics:
• Ben Turner	7	Automatic fire sprinklers / IRC mandates / Shared fees for water billing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Anderson asked to speak with Mr. Turner after the meeting for specifics on the problem.
• Tiffany Rankin	8	Recommends moving Council business meeting time back to 6:00 p.m.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Newton 	<p>3</p>	<p>Problems with Oxford House in their community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilman Smith commented on the police calls [handout distributed] for service at the house's address. • Council discussion ensued with Attorney Noblett about a nonprofits operating out of a residential homes.
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ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Hester, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL