



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 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, and Marvene Noel. Councilpersons Raquetta Dotley and Demetrus Coonrod 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: Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Parks & Outdoors: Monica Kinsey, Deputy Administrator

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

River City Company: Dawn Hjelseth, V.P. of Marketing & Communications

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Ledford led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (November 5, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Henderson announced due to the upcoming holidays, the City Council meetings scheduled for the following Tuesdays in 2024 had been cancelled: November 26, December 24, and December 31.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (November 19, 2024)

Item 8(a) – Planning – Case no. 2024-0069

Councilman Smith advised that he plans to defer this agenda item until December 3, 2024. He will bring it up again at next week's Council meeting.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Upon no further questions or comments, Chairman Henderson yielded control of the meeting to Councilman Hester for the Parks & Public Works Committee.

PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Hester, Committee Chair, called the Parks & Public Works Committee to order at 3:36 p.m., with a quorum of seven present. Councilpersons Raquetta Dotley and Demetrus Coonrod were not in attendance of this meeting. [View the committee [here.](#)]

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last Parks & Public Works Committee meeting (October 29, 2024) were approved as published.

Councilman Hester instructed the clerk to read the final ordinance and resolutions on the committee agenda. Upon no comments or questions from Council, the issues were closed.

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Case No. 2024-0138 (Waters-Holland, LLC (Abandonment))

Councilwoman Vice Chair Hill recommended some conditions for Case No. 2024-0138 and asked for clarification on official definitions, to which Ms. Rennich addressed.

River City Company Presentation

Ms. Kinsey and Ms. Hjelseth gave a presentation on the “River City Reindeer on the Riverfront” event. They noted it as one of the largest events in Chattanooga, in partnership with Chattanooga Presents. [View the full presentation is available [here.](#)] Their presentation included information on the following:

- Lighted Boat Parade
- 44th Year of the event
- Real live Reindeer
- Pictures with Santa
- Holiday actors
- Servicing 15,000 to 20,000 people
- Iconic holiday tradition
- Grand fireworks show
- Giving back to the community

There being no further business, Councilman Hester adjourned the Parks & Public Works Committee at 3:45 p.m.

RECESS

With approval of Chairman Henderson, Councilman Hester recessed the business meeting from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Henderson reconvened the meeting at 4:15 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Dotley, and Noel. Councilpersons Coonrod and Dotley were not present. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

Version #6

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

ORDINANCE #14168

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND ALL ACTS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER CHARTER PROVISIONS AMENDATORY THEREOF, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI, SECTION 9, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE (HOME RULE AMENDMENT) SO AS TO CHANGE THE CITY CHARTER BY DELETING CHARTER TITLE SECTION 3.1.1 IN ITS ENTIRETY SO THAT EMPLOYEES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND THAT THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL CERTIFY THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND REQUEST THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT TO BE USED IN THE GENERAL STATE OR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OR ABOUT MARCH 4, 2025.

The motion carried.

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| ACTION: APPROVED |
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ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

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

Agenda Item VIII(a):

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 defer to December 3, 2024. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO DECEMBER 3, 2024

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #14169

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, THE CHATTANOOGA ZONING ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED AT FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #32303

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN MACPHEE TO THE HIXSON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32304

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH ZAGAMI TO THE HIXSON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32305

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ARIEL ROBINSON TO THE WASHINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32306

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GREG LANE TO THE WASHINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32307

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF VEATRICE CONLEY TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: SOUTH, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32308

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMESEN REES TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: SOUTH, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

Councilwoman Noel had pointed out a clerical error in the end dates for Resolution 32303 and 32304. Those term end dates had been listed as “2017” but were supposed to be “2027.” Under advice of Attorney Noblett, Chairman Henderson allowed the clerical corrections to be made. Upon no further questions or comments, **Councilwoman Noel moved** to approve all six resolutions. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32303 – 32308 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32309

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEEDS CONVEYING TEN (10) CERTAIN OR CERTAIN COMBINATIONS OF PARCELS, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, TO THE APPROVED HIGHEST BIDDERS ON PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND HAMILTON COUNTY AS ACQUIRED THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES.

RESOLUTION #32310

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF JULES JACKSON TO THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32311

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE SMITH TO THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2025.

RESOLUTION #32312

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF SARAH PAGE TO THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 17, 2024, AND ENDING ON MARCH 16, 2027.

Councilwoman Noel questioned the difference in the term lengths for the two Public Art Commission resolutions that had been read into the record. Mr. Anderson (Mayor's Office) explained the 1-year appointment for working visual artists based upon commission bylaws. [View the full discussion [here](#).] Upon no further questions or comments, **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve all four resolutions. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32309 - 32312 ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #32313

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & OUTDOORS APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$50,000.00 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S REACH GRANT TO HELP FUND THE RENOVATION DESIGN PLAN FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PARK WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF NOT MORE THAN \$50,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32314

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF PLANNING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WSP USA FOR THE ATLANTA-CHATTANOOGA-NASHVILLE-MEMPHIS CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT: STEP 1 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$472,426.98.

RESOLUTION #32315

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW CITY OF CHATTANOOGA ZONING ORDINANCE (CITY CODE CHAPTER 38) AND EXTENDING THE ASSOCIATED GRACE PERIOD ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN RESOLUTION NO. 32246 WITH A NEW EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS OF DECEMBER 18, 2024, AND THE GRACE PERIOD ENDING ON JUNE 18, 2025.

RESOLUTION #32316

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A FY2024 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, ALSO KNOWN AS THE JAG GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO AWARD CPD \$113,662.00 FOR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL RECEIVE \$48,711.00, FOR A GRANT PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$162,373.00.

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve all four resolutions. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32313 - 32316 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases [View [here](#)]

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

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| REQ155683 Parks & Outdoors Construct a Skatepark Structure Lowest/Best Bidder: California Skateparks 273 N. Benson Avenue Upland, CA 91786 | \$2,092,807.00 |
| REQ156276 Parks & Outdoors Rivermont Ballfields & Champions Club Tennis Lighting Improvements Lowest/Best Bidder: Musco Sports Lighting, LLC | \$1,084,360.00 |
| PA100082 Facilities Painting Services (Citywide) for jobs under \$25K Lowest/Best Bidder: Quality Mechanical Group, Inc 431 Graham Road Lakesite, TN 37379 | Increase of \$325,000.00 for a new annual amount of \$875,000.00 |
| REQ156189 Technology Services Dashboard License Lowest/Best Bidder: First Arriving IO, Inc 9555 Kings Charter Drive Suite K Ashland, VA 23005 | \$85,671.43 |
| REQ156381 Fleet Management Division, Public Works (3) 2026 International HV607 4x2 Chassis Hook Hoist Trucks Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith Inc 2600 8th Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37407 | \$636,913.14 |
| PA100610 Fleet Management Division, Public Works Sedans, SUVs, Vans & Light Trucks Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford of Dalton P.O. Box 519 Dalton, GA 30722 | \$5,000,000.00 |
| Solicitation 200716-2 Chattanooga Police Department Surveillance Van Upgrade Lowest/Best Bidder: Point Blank Enterprises 2102 SW 2nd Street Pompano Beach, FL 33069 | \$68,429.19 |
| PA1000616 Wastewater Liquid Calcium Nitrate/ Sodium Chlorite Lowest/Best Bidder: Source Technologies 157 Venture Court Suite 9 Lexington, KY 40511 | \$2,120,000.00 |

Councilwoman Berz 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 on December 10, 2024, regarding missing middle housing.

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 and heard a presentation by River City Company regarding the Reindeer on the Riverfront event.

Public Safety Committee

Councilwoman 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 No. | Primary Topics: |
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| • Monty Bell | (N/A) | Circuit court matter/issues with the Office of City Attorney |

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL