



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 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 Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill, and Councilpersons Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube and is available to view [here](#). The meeting begins at the [2:58](#) mark.]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Ellis Smith, Director of Intergovernmental & External Affairs

Police Department: John Chambers, Chief

Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Administrator

Purchasing: Debbie Talley, Chief Procurement Officer

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Smith 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 (October 29, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Ledford took a moment to recognize the Chairman of the Beer Board, Dan Mayfield, who was present. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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 3:35 p.m., with a quorum of eight present. Councilwoman Dotley had stepped out briefly but rejoined the quorum after the call to order.

MINUTE APPROVAL: On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting (October 29, 2024) were approved as published.

Next week, November 12, 2024

Ordinances – First Reading:

Agenda Item 8(b) – Planning (Relative to zoning ordinance amendment)

Ms. Rennich briefed the Council on this item, which may be viewed [here](#), along with the ensuing discussion. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions:

Agenda Item 9(l) – Planning (Relative to WSP USA contract for multi-city [passenger rail] Corridor Identification and Development: Step 1)

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Smith to briefly explain this item; Mr. Smith affirmed. Afterwards, the floor was opened to questions and comments from the Council. The explanation and ensuing discussion may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Purpose of the project
- Source(s) of project funding
- Role the city will play in the project
- What Step 1 would entail & how project success would be defined
- Who/what WSP USA is & what they do

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

ORDINANCE 14167(1) – 14167(7):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II,
CHAPTER 5, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

[Editor's Note: An addendum for ordinances 14167(1) - 14167(7) is attached to this set of minutes.]

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14167(1) – 14167(7) APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Agenda Item VIII(a) was read as follows:

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 ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OR ABOUT MARCH 4, 2025.

Councilwoman Dotley moved to approve. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried. Later in the meeting, Chairman Henderson, upon guidance from the City Attorney, advised Council that the item needed to be amended to include ‘*or municipal*’ after ‘general state’. **Councilman Smith moved** to amend. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

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.

Councilman Smith moved to approve as amended. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED AS AMENDED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #32294

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROSALYN RUFFIN TO THE HEAD START GOVERNING BOARD FOR DISTRICT 8, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2026.

The motion carried.

ACTION: 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 #32295

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PREMISES USE AGREEMENT WITH HIXSON YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS LOCATED AT TAX MAP NOS. 100J-A-006, 100J-A-007.01, 100J-A-002.01, AND 100J-A-005, FOR THE TERM OF FEBRUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS.

RESOLUTION #32296

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD UP TO \$40,000.00 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA, TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE LOCATED AT 531 W. 37TH STREET FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

RESOLUTION #32297

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A NON-PROFIT LEASE STANDARD FORM AGREEMENT WITH EAST LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC., IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR THE OCCUPANCY AND OPERATION OF A CONCESSION STAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 3000 E. 34TH STREET ON A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL NO. 168B-U-018 FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS AT ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) PER YEAR.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve all three resolutions. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32295 – 32297 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 #32298

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & OUTDOORS TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT SCOPING AND COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS FOR CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING A TEAM SPORTS COMPLEX AT THE CURRENT SITE OF DUPONT PARK.

RESOLUTION #32299

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY’S REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER COOPER TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 1 (LOOKOUT VALLEY), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024, AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2027.

RESOLUTION #32300

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF KESSLER CUFFMAN TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REGION 5 (SOUTH), FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2024, AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2027.

Councilman Smith moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32298 – 32300 ADOPTED

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 #32301

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 32267 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & OUTDOORS TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AQUARIUM PLAZA WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE AQUARIUM, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR AN INCREASE OF FIVE (5%) PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS, BRINGING THE YEARLY TOTAL UP TO \$373,334.00 FOR THE THIRD YEAR.

RESOLUTION #32302

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF ALL PURCHASE ORDERS FOR VENDOR NO. 486695, ARTECH DESIGN GROUP, INC. TO TINKER MA, LLC, RELATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDERS: ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT(S) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. E-22-026-101, PURCHASE AGREEMENT NO. 100558 WITH PURCHASE ORDER NO. 143614 (1) FOR DRC INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS, M-23-007; 556681 (2) FOR WOOD RECYCLE CENTER FACILITY C-17-017-101; AND 552214 (3) FOR EAST LAKE YFD CENTER IMPROVEMENTS, Y-17-005-101.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to approve both resolutions. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32301 & 32302 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

[View [Here](#)]

Recommended New Purchases

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

REQ156029 Head Start	\$57,402.27
Discovery Center Sapling with Roof	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Bliss Products & Services Inc	
6831 South Sweetwater Rd	
Lithia Springs, GA 30122	

PA100369 PA100370 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$555,000.00

Installation of Supplied Lighting and Equipment for Police SUVs

Lowest/Best Bidders:

- 1) PA100369: On-Duty Depot, 2090 Reliable Pkwy Chicago, IL 60686
- 2) PA100370: Truckers Lighthouse Inc 201 Crutchfield Avenue Nashville, TN 37210

PA100380 Wastewater

Liquid Sodium Bisulfite

Lowest/Best Bidder: Southern Ionics
PO Drawer 1217
West Point, MS 39773

Increase of
\$300,000.00 for a
new annual amount
of 1,130,000.00

REQ155972 Wastewater

Pumps and Pump Parks

Lowest/Best Bidder: Southern Sales Company
2937 Kraft Drive
Nashville, TN 37204

\$149,820.00

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Emergency Purchase (1)

Ms. Talley reported the following emergency purchase:

DATE	DEPT.	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION	COST	DOCUMENT
10/28/24	Wastewater	SolutionWerks and Subcontractors	Oxygen Plant Emergency Repairs	The original emergency purchase of \$250,000.00 was for emergency repairs due to an internal liquid oxygen leak. The final invoice has been received and the total amount is \$275,640.11.	\$275,640.11	PUR139094

[No Council action was required for this report.]

Sole Source Purchase (1)

Ms. Talley reported the following sole source purchase:

DATE	DEPT.	SUPPLIER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION	COST	DOCUMENTS
10/28/24	Wastewater	Guthrie Sales & Service 7003 Chadwick Drive Suite 300 Brentwood, TN 37027	Pumps and Pump Accessories	This is a sole-source purchase for pump repair parts utilized on Primary Clarifiers.	\$20,100.00	REQ155977

[No Council action was required for this report.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee
Vice Chair Hill (No report)

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 that the committee met today to discuss the following:

- First round of Chapter 38 zoning amendments
- Extension of zoning grace period to June 18, 2025
- Multi-city corridor identification & development funded by Federal Railroad Admin.

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester (No report)

Public Safety Committee
Councilwoman Dotley (No report)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Chief Chambers to explain the Police Department restructuring process. The initial question, response, and subsequent discussion may be viewed [here](#).

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 Number	Primary Topics:
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	Their 2017 case filed with Circuit Court/Comments about a former CPD chief

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Attachment:
Addendum for Ord. 14167(1) - 14167(7)*

ADDENDUM TO NOVEMBER 5, 2024 MINUTES

ORDINANCE NUMBER	CAPTION
14167(1)	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-108, LOCATION AND SIGNS FOR LIQUOR STORES.
14167(2)	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE VI, HEARING OFFICER FOR THE BEER BOARD.
14167(3)	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-126, PERMITS, NUMBER LIMITED.
14167(4)	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-45, ARTICLE III, PERMITS, WHEN TO BE REFUSED.
14167(5)	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-42(a), TEMPORARY BEER PERMITS.
14167(6)	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-42(c), TEMPORARY BEER PERMITS.
14167(7)	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-23(b) AND 5-23(c), AUTHORITY OVER VIOLATIONS OF BEER CODE.