



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2014
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order with Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz and Councilpersons Chris Anderson, Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith all present. City Attorney Wade Hinton, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Deputy Clerk Nicole Gwyn, CMC, were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Henderson led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Administrator Lurone Jennings to bring the invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (September 16, 2014) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Berz,

ORDINANCE #12853

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 11-456, RELATIVE TO THE SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

The motion carried, with Councilman Grohn voting "NO" and Councilman Gilbert abstaining.

YES - Seven (7); NO - One (1); ABSTAIN - One (1)

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2014-082
Jonathan Woche, AICP, Leed GA

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Grohn,

ORDINANCE #12860

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING OF A SEWER EASEMENT LYING BETWEEN PROPERTIES AT 1300 AND 1450 EAST 3RD STREET AND 340 NORTH HOLTZCLAW, SUBJECT TO RELOCATION OF THE SANITARY SEWER AS APPROVED BY THE CITY ENGINEER.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

MR-2014-065
Hopkins Surveying for Fountain Head Properties

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

ORDINANCE #12861

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING OF AN UNOPENED ALLEY AT 1400 FAIRLEIGH STREET AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY AT 2805 RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Mitchell,

RESOLUTION #28016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, TO ACCEPT PROPERTIES AT NO COST, BY WAY OF A LIMITED WARRANTY DEED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A BIKE PARK LOCATED ON SPEARS AVENUE.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Dr. Berz and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

RESOLUTION #28017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER GREG BECK FOR THE BENEFIT AND SUPPORT OF THE SHEPHERD COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL'S NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS PROJECT COMMUNITY BUS SHELTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,281.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Freeman,

RESOLUTION #28018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION D/B/A NEIGHBORHOODWORKS AMERICA FOR NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP TRAINING, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,110.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

RESOLUTION #28019

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF ANDRE HARRIMAN (DISTRICT 3) TO THE BEER BOARD FOR AN EXPIRED TERM OF JULY 31, 2017.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

RESOLUTION #28020

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LEE DEER (DISTRICT 5) TO THE BEER BOARD FOR AN EXPIRED TERM OF JULY 31, 2017.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Dr. Berz and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

RESOLUTION #28021

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF RON SMITH (DISTRICT 6) TO THE BEER BOARD FOR AN EXPIRED TERM OF JULY 31, 2016.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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Wadsworth Old Chicago, Inc./
Northgate Mall-Hixson Mall, LLC

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Mitchell,

RESOLUTION #28022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR USE OF A LATE NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT CENTER LOCATED AT 250 NORTHGATE MALL DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.

A discussion ensued as to whether there were other businesses immediately touching the area of the proposed center. Councilman Anderson called the Question. Hearing no objections to the Question, Chairman Henderson ended the discussion and called for the vote. The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Anderson,

RESOLUTION #28023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TENNESSEE STILLHOUSE, LLC TO OPERATE AN INTOXICATING LIQUORS MANUFACTURING PLANT AND APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A DISTILLERY AT 1439 MARKET STREET, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

John Bridger, Executive Director of Regional Planning, described the two conditions of the resolution. There being no further questions, the motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

RESOLUTION #28024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF THE EAST LAKE PARK FEES AND DEPOSIT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FREE COMMUNITY EVENT TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2014, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Berz,

RESOLUTION #28025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION C/O CALVIN JONES TO USE TEMPORARILY 4628 OAKWOOD DRIVE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN, AS SHOWN ON THE PHOTO ATTACHED AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #28026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE LYNDHURST FOUNDATION FOR THE VIRGINIA AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,500.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Grohn,

RESOLUTION #28027

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM THE COOPERATIVE.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

(Introduced by Brent Goldberg, Chief Operating Officer)

Office of Multicultural Affairs

James McKissic, OMA Director, gave a presentation on workforce development related to the Tubman demolition project. His report included the following:

- 479 applicants from zip code 37406 qualified;
- 35 applicants were chosen by lottery for the training program;
- Three (3) skilled laborers and five (5) general laborers have already been hired;
- Nine (9) trainees dropped out or were asked to leave the program because of missed days or excessive lateness.

He recognized and thanked several individuals for their work on the project: Tyler Yount (Mayor's Office), Quentin Lawrence (Hope for the Inner City), Rosie Russell (Urban League), Daniel Zink (Chattanooga State) and Angela Daniels (Youth and Family Development). Mr. Goldberg thanked Mr. McKissic and Deborah Maddox, Community Outreach Specialist, for their work on the project.

Purchases

David Carmody, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council on the following purchases:

R101669 - Finance & Administration	\$28,901.16
Payment for Election Expenses	
Lowest/Best Bidder: Hamilton County Election Commission	
R101158 - Mayor's Office	\$53,196.49
Purchase of Workstations and Chairs for 311 Call Center	
Lowest/Best Bidder: CWC	

Councilman Hakeem moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Grohn. Attorney Hinton responded to questions about R101669. **The motion carried 6-to-3**, with Councilpersons Anderson, Mitchell and Smith voting "NO."

YES - Six (6); NO - Three (3); ABSTAIN - None

ACTION: APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Liquor Licenses

(Reported by City Treasurer Barry Teague)

Liquor licenses reported for Robert and Diann Georgitso, Bacchus Wine & Spirits, Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343. Certificates of Compliance were duly signed by five (5) council members in open meeting.

A liquor license was reported for J. Campbell, JJ's Liquor Store, 4204 Rossville Boulevard, Chattanooga, TN 37407. The Certificate of Compliance was duly signed by five (5) council members in open meeting.

Industrial Development Board (IDB)

Councilman Anderson proposed a meeting next Tuesday (September 30) at 1:00 p.m. in the Council conference room to accept nominations for IDB elections. By consensus, the meeting was set accordingly.

Animal Control Board

Councilman Freeman invited Council to the next Animal Control Board meeting on Friday, September 26, at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & I.T. Committee

Councilman Grohn

- The committee met today and heard a departmental report on the Department of Information Technology by CIO Brent Messer. Councilman Grohn also noted that copies of the presentation would be available from Mr. Messer.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilman Mitchell

(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Anderson

- He stated that he was proud of the Small Business Initiative approved tonight. He thanked the Council and Nick Wilkinson, ECD Deputy Administrator, for the initiative.

HR Committee (Human Resources)

Vice Chair Dr. Berz

- The committee will meet next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Council conference room regarding personnel matters/restructuring.

Planning & Zoning

Councilman Hakeem

- The committee will meet on October 7 immediately following Agenda Session.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Freeman

(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Smith

- The committee met today to discuss agenda items for the next two weeks and received a presentation. There was also an update on paving projects.

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilman Gilbert

(No report)

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
(Non-Agenda Items)**

Attorney Hinton read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council on non-agenda matters. After which, Chairman Henderson recognized the following individuals:

- **Joanne Holiday Johnson (Chattanooga)** - Questions what has been happening to residents of Villages at Alton Park.
 - Councilman Anderson was aware of the problem that Ms. Johnson brought before the Council. He asked to meet with her after the meeting.
- **Gwen Blackmon (Chattanooga)** - Says that kids need an outlet; has worked many year working with youth; says people are calling her for a solution.
- **Steve Porter (37343/SEIU Local 205)** - Thanked Todd Dockery, Administrator of Human Resources, for allowing SEIU to work with the department to resolve pay issues.
- **Patrick Kellogg (Chattanooga)** - Hopes to hear future Tubman reports; asks the city to look into how the EPB Request for Proposal for lighting inventory (clerical positions) can serve to increase opportunities for hard-to-place employees; says the RFP is due September 30, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Anderson, the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council was adjourned until Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.



CHAIRMAN



CLERK OF COUNCIL

(A full digital audio of this Council meeting has been filed in the Clerk of the Council's office)