



City Council Building  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
September 11, 2018  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chairman Ken Smith called the meeting to order with Vice-Chairman Erskine Oglesby and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Jerry Mitchell. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman Coonrod led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 4, 2018) were approved as published.

**ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**ORDINANCE #13363**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 26,  
ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 26-56, 26-57, AND 26-58, RELATING TO MILLER PARK.**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**MR-2017-110**  
**D.L. Enterprises**  
**District No. 3**

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**ORDINANCE #13364**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT  
LOCATED AT 5565 CASSANDRA SMITH, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED  
MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Councilman Henderson noted that this was in Chairman Smith's district. The motion carried.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

MR-2018-109  
Ben Mies/Pratt & Associates, LLC  
District No. 3

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**ORDINANCE #13365**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT  
LOCATED AT 5424 CASSANDRA SMITH, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED  
MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Councilman Henderson noted that this was again in Chairman Smith's district and confirmed no concerns. The motion carried.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

2018-159 UCI, LLC c/o Kurtis Morris  
Planning Version  
District No. 1

**Agenda Item VI(a):**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II,  
CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 1005 BEASON DRIVE, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-  
T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE.**

Councilman Henderson informed the Council that he has not been able to speak to the Applicant. He noted that there were no conditions recommended by the Planning Commission; yet, Staff recommended to deny due to concerns regarding steep slopes. He asked Mr. Bridger if there is a way to come up with conditions that would allow them to develop this land for new units with the current zoning as well as protect the integrity of the slopes? Mr. Bridger indicated that Staff could develop conditions that allow the units approved by Planning while ensuring the slopes. Chairman Smith confirmed that there was no Opposition present this meeting. He then recognized the following individual on behalf of the Applicant:

- Justin Tursun – The Applicant is concerned with steep slopes as well, which is why they were requesting the RT/Z. They, too, wish to preserve those slopes. However, they have concerns about deferring this matter. They are happy to work with RPA staff to develop the conditions requested.

Councilman Henderson noted that he would having the conditions prior to considering rezoning. Mr. Bridger agreed to work with the Applicant to develop those conditions. Therefore, **Councilman Henderson moved** to defer to September 25, 2018. He was seconded by Councilman Gilbert. The motion carried.

**ACTION: DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

2018-150  
John Wise  
Planning Version  
District No. 2

**ORDINANCE #13367**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 309 TREMONT STREET AND 330 TUCKER STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-4 SPECIAL ZONE TO E-RA-2 ZONE FOR 330 TUCKER STREET AND FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND R-4 SPECIAL ZONE TO E-RM-3 ZONE FOR 309 TREMONT STREET, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Councilman Mitchell asked Mr. Bridger to explain the difference between the Planning version and the Staff version. He explained that the Staff version contained the recommendation of the height limitation on Tremont Street. Councilman Mitchell confirmed that he would make a motion on the Planning Version. He voiced concerns about Form-Based Codes creeping into neighborhoods and asked Staff to begin addressing this with developers. He recommended adding two new conditions: *(1) a stamped drawing by licensed Geotechnical engineer, and (2) a walkway between alley and Tucker Street and work with Transportation Department on planned connection.*

**Councilman Mitchell moved** the original ordinance, seconded by Councilman Henderson. The motion carried. **Councilman Mitchell moved** to amend by adding the two conditions, seconded by Councilman Ledford. Attorney Noblett confirmed the two previously-mentioned conditions and read them back to the Council. The motion carried. **Councilman Mitchell moved** to approve as amended, seconded by Councilman Henderson. The motion carried.

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

2018-152  
Jay E. Floyd, PE  
Planning Version  
District No. 3

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**ORDINANCE #13368**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 5731 AND 5739 GRUBB ROAD, 5959, 5967, 5971, AND PARTS OF 5931 AND 5953 WINDING LANE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, AND C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Councilman Henderson noted that this was in Chairman Smith's district. The motion carried.

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**Agenda Item VI(d)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2216, 2228, 2242, AND 2252 MURRAY LANE AND PART OF 7608 SHALLOWFORD ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

The Applicant and Opposition were present. Therefore, a hearing ensued. Mr. Bridger gave a presentation on this item. He discussed a previous case from 2013 at this property that had been withdrawn due to opposition. He discussed the current uses, zoning map, land use plan, site plan and staff recommendations. He informed the Council about a previous rezoning request on this property in 2013 that was withdrawn due to opposition. He discussed Staff wanting a cap due to density; therefore, Staff recommended three conditions to ensure adequate buffering. The Planning Commission endorsed Staff's recommendation. He also noted that Opposition was present at the Planning Commission meeting and voiced concerns about protecting owner-occupancy. Chairman Smith recognized individuals on behalf of the Applicant and the Opposition.

On behalf of the Applicant:

- **Mike Price** (MAP Engineers) – He had two meetings with the neighborhood. The neighborhood originally asked for 72-74 units instead of the 90 proposed in the original site plan. The Applicant reduced to the 82 units proposed today. He discussed several points: the layout of the apartments, the plan that currently shows 82 units, rental rates making this a higher-end rental complex, limiting density to 9 units per acre, the number of residents in neighboring facilities, the acreage set aside for church use, not being able to see the property from Shallowford Road, and the assisted living facility and retirement home adjacent to it. He argued that reduced density does not change the impact on this property.

On behalf of the Opposition:

- **Mary Shoemaker** (Basket Way) – She voiced concerns about safety and fire hazards with a new complex. She is concerned with the 8 units per acre originally proposed at the Planning Commission. She argued that having renters on the property would pose problems. She is concerned with the property being sold to new owners and questions if the property will be maintained once it is sold. She indicated that Staff originally recommended 'fee simple,' which, to her, means private ownership.
- **Joe Shults** (Basket Way) – He argued that this is not a quality development because it will have a chain-link fence, which he does consider to be quality. He believes that if you look at the aerial view, you will see that 52 buildings on 8.9 acres is not appropriate for this area. Shallowford Trace, in front of this property, is condominiums, not apartments. Also, he heard a rumor that their Council representative was involved in a back-door deal with the developer about this rezoning. He believes this is a done-deal and also accused the Planning Commission of back-door deals with developers.
- **Dr. Meyer** (Drake Forest) – She passed her phone around to the Council to show photos of traffic blocking the neighboring Drake Forest community. She argued that people get

aggressive driving in such heavy traffic. She has no problem with the number of units proposed with the rezoning, but her community would like to see infrastructure put in place to prevent such traffic problems. She does not believe that a traffic study done over 24 hours will reflect the true amount of traffic in this area.

Rebuttal: He informed the Council that there would be a vinyl-coated chain link fence that had been used as a barrier with other rezoning cases approved by the Council. He noted that much conversation took place in the neighborhood meeting last week about the traffic. He indicated that adding a right turn lane could take place, but a bike lane would be sacrificed to do it. The rental company is not looking to sale this property. Pratt Homes considers this a good, quality project.

Chairman Smith opened the floor to questions and comments from the Council.

- Vice-Chairman Oglesby asked Ms. Shoemaker to further detail the opposition against renters. She believes renters are transient and do not have a long-term investment in the community. She noted problems with theft in other apartment complexes. She believes this rental complex will devalue her home. She informed the Council that there are 3,000 rental units in a 1-mile radius of this property already. She argued that you cannot compare the low traffic from the retirement home to the high traffic of an apartment complex. She is not as comfortable with renters as she would be with homeowners.
- Councilwoman Berz assured Mr. Shults that there have been no back-door deals by Councilman Ledford. She was at the Planning Commission when their rezoning case came forward and has followed the case. She informed Mr. Shults that she will vote according to her conscience. She discussed her great deal of respect for the councilman and asked Mr. Shults not to accuse this Council of deals behind closed doors.
- Councilman Mitchell confirmed with Mr. Bridger that the Planning Commission recommend the 82 units rather than 72.
- Councilman Henderson confirmed with Mr. Bridger that the land use recommends “fee simple,” but that it is not a condition of Staff. Mr. Bridger discussed the need for more people to rent when looking at policy and housing conditions. Mr. Bridger indicated that the 8 units per acres is used as a reference in terms of density.
- Councilman Henderson also assured the public that Councilman Ledford has not approached him at all about this rezoning matter. He assured the Assembly that everyone votes their conscience on matters.
- Councilwoman Berz confirmed with Mr. Price that the intent is all rental units for this complex. Regarding an access lane, Mr. Price discussed the westbound evening traffic that will be in front of the driveway proposed for this development. He suggested a deceleration lane could be added into the driveway of this property from Shallowford.
- Chairman Smith discussed the traffic study that was done when 252 units were previously proposed. Mr. Price indicated that the traffic study is for much larger projects. Regarding the neighborhood’s original request for 74 units, Mr. Price argued that 74 units versus 82 units does not make much difference in the traffic and density. Chairman Smith also questioned Mr. Price about renter experience and duration. Mr. Price also confirmed that the Applicant would agree to a deceleration lane if that is the will of the Council.
- Councilman Ledford thanked his colleagues for their confidence in him. He reserved his comments on this case until the end of this hearing and did not even address the case at Planning Commission. He discussed 2009 and 2013 rezoning requests for this property. He stands with his neighbors and his former predecessor, Jack Benson, against multi-story apartment complexes on these 14 acres. On yesterday, he discovered that the core

attraction is the availability of 14 acres viewed as one piece of land. He agrees that this density is not the right choice for many reasons. The current zoning request is a “unique” housing unit option and achieves the transitional area that the community desires. It will be locally owned and managed by Chattanoogaans. As long as it is viewed as a 14-acre site, he believes this property will remain appetizing for multi-story apartment complexes. He believes this proposed housing unit will remove the option for multi-story, high density units.

**Councilman Ledford moved** to approve the original ordinance, with the intent of amending the conditions. He was seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby. The motion carried. **Councilman Ledford moved** to amend by adding two new conditions--#4 and #5--as follows:

- *Construct a deceleration lane at expense of developer as approved by CDOT; and*
- *All construction is limited to this site plan on this project.*

Attorney Noblett confirmed the wording with Councilman Ledford. The amendments were seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby. The motion carried. **Councilman Ledford moved** to approve as amended, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby. The motion carried.

**ACTION: AMENDED; SENT BACK TO FIRST READING**

2018-156  
Charles Adamson and Adamson Developers, LLC  
Planning Version  
District No. 4

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**ORDINANCE #13370**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 4900 BLOCK OF PATTENTOWN ROAD, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

2018-154  
Don Skiles c/o Rocky Chambers  
Planning Version  
District No. 6

**Agenda Item VI(f):**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2805 SILVERDALE ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3MD MODERATE DENSITY ZONE.**

**Councilwoman Berz moved** to deny, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. The motion carried.

**ACTION: DENIED**

**Alternate Version**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Mitchell,

**ORDINANCE #13366**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE V, ZONE REGULATIONS, DIVISION 16, C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER ZONE, BY DELETING SECTION 38-252, MAXIMUM HEIGHT STRUCTURE, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF, AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 38-253, MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT DEVIATION.**

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

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**ORDINANCE #13369**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLES IV AND V, COIN-OPERATED DEVICES AND FAMILY AMUSEMENT CENTERS.**

**ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert,

**RESOLUTION #29616**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF USE FEES AND DAMAGES FEES AT THE JACK BENSON HERITAGE PARK FOR THE FRIENDS OF EAST BRAINERD "BARK IN THE PARK" EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$925.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**Agenda Item VII(b):**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO RENEW BLANKET CONTRACT NO. 545655 WITH THE SOLE DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR, TOWER CONSTRUCTION, FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$580,000.00.**

**Councilman Byrd moved** to defer to one (1) week, seconded by Councilman Ledford. Chairman Smith confirmed that the deferral date would be September 18. The motion carried.

**ACTION: DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**RESOLUTION #29617**

**A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ABC WEATHERIZATION RELATED TO THE HUD OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES GRANTS FOR LEAD HAZARD CONTROL REMEDIATION SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$753,325.00 AND FOR HEALTHY HOME REPAIR SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$107,400.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$860,725.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**RESOLUTION #29618**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FROM JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 TO BE PAID IN FOUR (4) QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS OF \$25,000.00 EACH.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**RESOLUTION #29619**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTIST WALKER DESIGN STUDIO, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, FOR ARTWORK CREATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE HIGHLAND PARK PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**Chris N. Bratcher/Gamgee Enterprises, Inc.**  
**District No. 1**

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby,

**RESOLUTION #29620**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR AN EXISTING LIQUOR STORE, CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP, LOCATED AT 600 MANUFACTURERS ROAD.**

Councilman Mitchell informed the Council that he received a communication from Assistant City Attorney Keith Reisman, stating that this was the final version of the resolution. Attorney Noble

confirmed that this was the final version now that the previous issue with ownership had been resolved. **The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson abstaining.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**Punabha, LLC/  
Mason Chaudhari Investments, Inc.  
District No. 7**

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

**RESOLUTION # 29621**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR AN EXISTING LIQUOR STORE, CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP, LOCATED AT 2001 MARKET STREET.**

**The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson abstaining.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**PURCHASES:**

Anthony Sammons, Deputy Chief of Operations, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

<b>PO545597</b> Blanket Contract Renewal for Sewer Bill Printing, Treasury Division, Finance Department Lowest/Best Bidder: Pinnacle Data Systems, LLC 350 Automation Way Birmingham. AL 35210	Estimated \$180,000. Annually
<b>R175693 Information Technology Department</b> New Open Market Purchase, Update and Migration Services, Information Technology Department Lowest/Best Bidder: Temple Incorporated PO Box 2066 Decatur, AL 35602-2066	\$82,625.00
<b>R174336 - Public Works Department</b> Purchase of Two (2) Single Stage Gas Compressors, Waste Resource Division, Public Works Department Lowest/Best Bidder: Gardner Denver Nash, LLC 1800 Gardner Expressway Quincy, IL 62305	Total \$42,558.76

**R164881/PO548110 - Public Works Department**  
Increase to Blanket Contract for Elevator, Escalator  
& Lift Maintenance, Waste Resource Division,  
Public Works Department  
Lowest/Best Bidder: United Elevator Services, LLC  
4835 Airport Highway  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Estimated \$140,000.00 Annually

**R171447 - Public Works Department**  
Three (3) New Blanket Contracts for Trees,  
City Wide Services - Forestry Division,  
Public Works Department  
Lowest/Best Bidders:

Estimated \$165,000.00 Annually

1. River Rock Nursery - 469 Carl Hitchcock Road Rock Island, TN 38581 and
2. Select Trees Enterprises - 225 William Pope Road Crawford, GA 30630
3. Hidden Valley Nursery, LLC - 4456 TN-108 Morrison, TN 37357

**R161903 - Chattanooga Fire Department**  
New Blanket Contract for HVAC Service for Radio  
Shop Locations in Knoxville, TN Area - Mobile Communications Division, Chattanooga Fire  
Department  
Lowest/Best Bidder: Mountain City Service, Inc  
2408 Taft Highway  
Signal Mountain, TN 37373

Estimated \$25,000. Annually

Regarding R171447 (Public Works), Councilman Mitchell asked if this contract was for new trees. Justin Holland, Public Works Administrator, confirmed that it was for new trees. **Councilman Mitchell moved** to approve, seconded by Councilman Henderson. The motion carried.

**ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **9/11 Remembrance**

Councilman Ledford mentioned the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 (September 11, 2001) terrorist attacks. He asked everyone to pause and remember what happened that day, and to remember the heroism of first responders that day. He then requested a moment of silence to remember all first responders.

### **Interim City Treasurer**

Maura Sullivan, Chief of Operations, informed the Assembly of the appointment of Sharon Morris, as Acting City Treasurer. Ms. Morris has been Deputy City Treasurer. City Treasurer Theresa Lee has been resigned her position, effective next Thursday.

### **Miller Park Grand Opening**

Vice-Chairman Oglesby informed the Assembly of the Grand Opening for Miller Park, taking place on this coming Friday, September 14. The ribbon cutting will begin at 11:00 a.m. There will be activities throughout the evening.

## **Personal Thanks**

Councilman Gilbert expressed his thanks to everyone for their emails, cards and visitations in the loss of his mother.

## **District 5 Event**

There will be a tennis tournament at Washington Hills on Swan Road, next to the Lakeside Baseball field, to raise funds for back-to-school supplies. He invited all tennis players to take part in the fundraiser.

## **Transfer of Ownership of Liquor Stores**

Attorney Noblett informed the Council that as a result of the Council's actions this meeting in granting Special Exceptions permits for existing liquor stores, the following certificates of compliance were being presented for approval:

- a. Gamgee Enterprises, Inc. - Certificate of Compliance (District 1).
- b. Mason Chaudhari Investments, Inc. d/b/a Kanku's Bottle Shop - Certificate of Compliance (District 7).

The certificates for each of the stores were signed in this open meeting by five (5) councilpersons.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Councilwoman Berz  
(No report)

### *Economic and Community Development Committee*

Councilman Byrd

- The committee met today in open meeting where they was an update on the OS-PACE (Open Spaces Partnership and Animation Community Enhancement) program. The committee also heard about the city's Affordable Housing plan in the city.

### *Human Resources Committee (HR)*

Councilman Gilbert  
(No report)

### *Planning and Zoning Committee*

Councilman Ledford  
(No report)

### *Public Safety Committee*

Councilman Henderson  
(No report)

### *Public Works and Transportation Committee*

Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session.

*Youth and Family Development Committee*

Councilwoman Coonrod reported:

- The committee met today to hear an update by Dr. David Banks, Coordinator of Career Development, who informed the Council about 300 individuals who have been employed with a 45-percent retention rate. He also shared three of his best practices to get people to “next level” thinking in how to move people forward.

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

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items. After which, Chairman Smith recognized the following persons:

- **Christopher Dahl** (Chattanooga) – He wanted to inform Councilman Mitchell that Form-Based Code is being pushed upon neighborhoods. There was an Area 3 meeting where the plan was discussed recently. He believes that there are back-door meetings taking place with developers and in neighborhoods as well. He indicated that the public is not aware of the meetings that take place, where money is exchanged between councilpersons and developers in exchange for votes.
  - Councilman Henderson called a *point of order* after Mr. Dahl's comment about money being exchanged. Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Dahl to provide proof of such exchanges for votes. Chairman Smith ruled on the *point of order* by asking Mr. Dahl to abide by the Council's rules and not make disparaging remarks about councilpersons taking bribes for votes unless he has evidence to support his accusation. [Councilman Henderson left the meeting at this time.] Chairman Smith also told Mr. Dahl that he would
  - Mr. Dahl thanked the Council for allowing him to speak, but declined to continue during his allotted time. Mr. Dahl indicated that he if he had such evidence, he would bring it to the courts, not to this body.
  - Councilman Ledford informed Mr. Dahl that he is a member of the Area 12 Advisory Committee and that is he is supposed to be at those meetings. He thanked Mr. Dahl for the “false accusations.”
- **Russell Cliche** (Nashville) – He is the Regional Director of The Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness. He is coordinating the Governor's Healthier Tennessee Initiative and came before the Council earlier this year about the initiative and wanted to update the Council on what's planned now. He discussed the goals of the initiative. He informed the Council that five (5) communities have signed up for the initiative. He thanked Council members Oglesby, Ledford, Coonrod and Berz for working with him thus far to help identify areas where the initiative is needed. He announced the Kick-off event here in the Council Assembly Room on October 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
- **Jim Johnson** (Berkeley Cir.) – He believes it is important for citizens to be able to come to the Council and voice their opinions, both positive and negative, and to bring forth their complaints. He appreciates and values what they Council does, having attended several meetings and community events and seen the work of various Council members. He was proud of the City of Chattanooga in relation to the Moon River Festival that took place in

Coolidge Park this weekend. He noted that over 7,000 non-residents came to the city for the festival. He was glad to see residents and non-residents enjoying the music and city together. He thanked everyone involved with the festival and believes it was as flawless as possible. He named several individuals representing the City of Chattanooga who participated in the festival, including Public Works and Police Department employees, whom he considered to be ambassadors of the city during the event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby**, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**