



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019
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 and Jerry Mitchell. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present. Councilman Darrin Ledford was not present this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Byrd led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence in memory of the 113th anniversary of the lynching of Ed Johnson on the Walnut Street Bridge.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (March 12, 2019) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

2019-022
Adam Ellsworth % Hickory Capital Group, LLC
Planning Version
District No. 4

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

ORDINANCE #13445

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2100 HAMILTON PLACE BOULEVARD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE.

ACTION: APPROVED

2019-021
ASA Engineering
Planning Version
District No. 7

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

ORDINANCE #13446

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 207 AND 209 OLD MOUNTAIN ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO UGC URBAN GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

ACTION: APPROVED

Alternate Version

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

ORDINANCE #13447

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, SECTIONS 38-2, 38-185, 38-187, 38-321 AND ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 2, OTHER SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS RELATIVE TO CREATING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR CONTRACTOR'S BUSINESSES IN THE C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE.

Councilman Henderson noted that Chairman Smith was the sponsor of this legislation and moved on the legislation. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2019-0224
MAP Engineers, LLC
District No. 3

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

ORDINANCE #13448

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE 2700 BLOCK OF NORTHPOINT BOULEVARD, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

ACTION: APPROVED

MR-2019-0010
Chazen Engineering % Justin Tirsun,
agent for owner of adjacent property,
Central of Georgia Railroad Company
District No. 7

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

ORDINANCE #13449

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE 500 BLOCK OF THE UNOPENED KENNEDY ALLEY AND THE 500 BLOCK OF EAST 16TH STREET, AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: (NONE)

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #29846

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF USE AND DAMAGE FEES FOR THE PEARL GROUP FOR THE OMEGA PSI PHI FIFTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE PICNIC TO BE HELD AT HARRIS-JOHNSON PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29847

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2015, FOR GESTAMP CHATTANOOGA, LLC TO INCLUDE EXTENDING THE TERM OF IN LIEU PAYMENTS BY THREE (3) YEARS TO REFLECT PROPOSED ADDITIONAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$48 MILLION RESULTING IN THE CREATION OF AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL 150 FULL-TIME JOBS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29848

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2015, FOR GESTAMP CHATTANOOGA, LLC.

ACTION: ADOPTED

2019-14

Steven Keith Michaels.

District No. 7

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

RESOLUTION #29849

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL APPLICATION NO. 18-STVR-00175 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1719 WILLIAMS STREET, SUBJECT TO FINAL INSPECTION AND APPROVAL BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

ACTION: ADOPTED

2019-15

Joshua and Noelle Coleman

District No. 2

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #29850

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL APPLICATION NO. 19-STVR-00003 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 516 MOONHOLLOW LANE.

ACTION: ADOPTED

2019-17

Hamilton Gallant

District No. 2

RESOLUTION #29851

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL APPLICATION NO. 19-STVR-00015 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 616 COLVILLE STREET.

Since there was Opposition present, Councilman Mitchell requested a hearing on this case. Caleb Fisher of the Land Development Office made a presentation that included the map of the surrounding STVR applications, pictures of the house and street parking and the application history. After which, Chairman Smith recognized the Applicant and Opposition.

Applicant:

- **Hamilton Gallant** – He has owned this property for 14 years. He lives down the street, one block up, with his wife and two children. The motivation to run a STVR was his wife wanting to get back into the workplace, but choosing to be a full-time mom. He also noted that English is her second language, so STVR works well for her. His wife’s family lives overseas, so they would like to have this property for his relatives who come to visit for one to six months.

Opposition:

- **Anna McMillan (Colville Street)** – She is against STVRs because vacationers do things in the rentals that they wouldn’t do at home. She believes there are too many STVRs in this area and was told by her neighbor that there are 100 STVR in this community.

Councilman Mitchell asked Mr. Fisher to confirm his map of the owner-occupied and non-owner occupied properties in the area. After confirmation, **Councilman Mitchell moved** to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby. The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #29852

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 28367 ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA EMPLOYEE INFORMATION GUIDE AND ALLOWING CHANGES TO ANY AND ALL INFORMATION PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF THE RESOLUTION EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER” TO REFLECT CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2019.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29853

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CIO) TO RENEW THE CITY’S CONTRACT WITH SMART HOMES (D/B/A SMART SYSTEMS) CHATTANOOGA FOR SYSTEMS AUTOMATION AND TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 16, 2019 THROUGH MAY 15, 2020, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 PER CONTRACT YEAR.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PURCHASES:

Bonnie Woodward, Purchasing Director, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

R133771 - Public Works Department Increase \$100,000.00 ~~~~~
Increase Blanket Contract - Wet Weather Polymer – Estimated Revised Total \$220,000.00
Waste Resource Division - Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Polydyne, Inc.
One Chemical Plant Road
Riceboro, GA 31323

PO548113 - Public Works Department Estimated \$115,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal - Front End Loader &
Refuse Pick-up Services - City Wide Services –
Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Waste Services of Tennessee, LLC
1387 Wisdom Street
Chattanooga, TN 37406

PO548110 - Public Works Department Estimated \$160,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal - Elevator, Escalator &
Lift Maintenance - City Wide - Facilities Management Division –
Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: United Elevator Services, LLC
P.O. Box 1301
Knoxville, TN 37901

PO547953 - Public Works Department Estimated \$150,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal - Air/Vacuum Valve
Actuator Services – Waste Resource Division –
Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: H & H Brown, Inc.
1803 Polk Street
Chattanooga, TN 37408

PO547954 - Public Works Department Estimated \$200,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal - Valve Actuator Services –
Waste Resource Division - Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Industrial Valve Sales & Service, Inc.
510 Industrial Drive SW
Cleveland, TN 37311

R169669 - Public Works Department Estimated \$71,000.00 Annually
New Blanket Contract - Bags of Ice - City Wide –
City Wide Services - Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Tennessee Valley Ice Company, LLC
4116 South Creek Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

R177532 - Public Works Department

Total Estimated \$82,000.00 Annually

Two New Blanket Contracts - Common Brick & Pavers –
City Wide Services - Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidders:

- 1. Acme Brick & Tile 308 West 47th Street Chattanooga, TN 37415
- 2. Acme Block & Brick 308 West 47th Street Chattanooga, TN 37415

R180102 - Public Works Department

Estimated \$80,000.00 Annually

New Blanket Contract - Protective Footwear –
City Wide - Park Division - Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Cintas Corporation
2131 Polymer Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421

R181269 - Public Works Department

Estimated \$55,000.00 Annually

New Blanket Contract - Water Analysis Services –
Water Quality Division - Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Waypoint Analytical Tennessee, LLC
2790 Whitten Road
Memphis, TN 38133

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

East Chattanooga Improvement, Inc. (ECI)

Councilman Byrd asked the Chair to recognize two individuals from the Avondale community: James Moreland and Ken Smith, officers of the Avondale Neighborhood Association. Chairman Smith gave them the floor.

Mr. Moreland informed the Council about ECI, which consists of eight (8) neighborhood associations in the East Chattanooga community and meets the last Tuesday of every month. Formerly known as the East Chattanooga Task Force, Mr. Moreland discussed the background of ECI in relation to the Tubman site. He distributed information to the Council that discussed ECI's concern about the Tubman site. *[See attached.]* He voiced concerns about outside organizations coming into East Chattanooga regarding the Tubman Site without attempting to work with neighborhood associations there.

Councilman Byrd expressed his support of the associations of ECI and committee to relaying information to ECI. Chairman Smith expressed kudos to the ECI associations for joining together despite being distinctly different.

Interlocal Agreement

Councilman Henderson informed the Assembly of the Public Works Committee meeting earlier today and hearing about WWTA contractual agreements. He asked Mr. Holland about deficiencies that might be gained. Councilman Henderson asked the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to adopt an interlocal agreement with Hamilton County to conduct a benefit analysis

study concerning consolidated services between Moccasin Bend, Wastewater Treatment Plant and WWTA. Councilman Smith asked for the resolution to be on next week's agenda, if the Council so desired. A discussion ensued about when the resolution would go to agenda. Councilwoman Berz inquired about the resolution going to committee first and also inquired about whether the resolution would be discussed in Strategic Planning meeting prior to committee. Councilman Mitchell noted that there is Opposition to the interlocal agreement. When asked by Chairman Smith, Mr. Noblett noted that the resolution could be done in two weeks. Upon no further discussion, the Council came to a consensus to discuss the resolution in two weeks at the next Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting. After which, the Council will have a one-week review period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Human Resources Committee (HR)

Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

(Councilman Ledford was not present)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson reported:

- The committee will meet next week (March 26) for a discussion on a Police Advisory and Review Committee. Chief David Roddy is confirmed to attend.

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Mitchell reported:

- The committee met today in open meeting. The committee will meet again in two weeks (April 2) to discuss the aforementioned resolution.

Youth and Family Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod
(No report)

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Oglesby
(No report)

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:

- **Tiffany Rankin (Lincoln Park)** – She is the secretary for the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association. First, she wanted to respond about ECI. Her mother has been active in the ECI for years. Lincoln Park had requested to be part of Area 7, but had not been included as of yet. She just wanted to confirm that.
- **Helen Burns Sharp (Chattanooga)** – She represents ATM, Accountability with Taxpayer Money. ATM is one of a collective of eight organizations working almost exclusively to bring a community benefits agreement to the Tubman Site. She named several organizations that are part of the collective, including The Unity Group and Concerned Citizens for Justice. She did not know that others in the Avondale community were working on a community benefits agreement, which is the purpose of the coalition. She is not a spokesperson for the coalition, but sees a lot of common ground between the coalition she's been working with and the ECI.
 - Councilman Byrd commented on Mr. Smith wanting to work with everyone. He believes this is a good opportunity for all parties to buy-in. He noted that ECI would like to be put in the loop and would like to work with those doing the door-to-door knocking

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Attachment:
ECI Document*



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CONCERNING THE HARRIET TUBMAN SITE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2014 The Harriet Tubman Site was purchased by the City of Chattanooga from the Chattanooga Housing Authority after a very strong request from the Avondale Neighborhood Association with the support from eight other associations in the East Chattanooga Area (East Chattanooga Improvement, Inc). The Tubman Complex had a history of many negatives that the community did not want the complex to be opened back up as a housing unit. After much discussion from the Avondale Association an agreement was reached that the city to purchase the site for Job creation.

OUTSIDE GROUPS

Now that the site is being marketed for new business opportunities there is several out side groups that has position themselves to be an negotiation factor for the Tubman Site disrespecting the neighborhoods that has been at the table from the beginning.

AVONDALE AND THE E.C.I. PARTNERSHIP DIRECTION AT TUBMAN

East Chattanooga Improvement, Inc team is qualified and has a role at the table from the beginning. We are addressing the needs of the residents of the East Chattanooga Communities in a way that build strong partnerships with residents, businesses, churches, not just for the Tubman Site but all of East Chattanooga.

Our team has a history of working in partnerships with residents, businesses, churches other organization especially the City of Chattanooga all Departments.

EAST CHATTANOOGA IMPROVEMENT, INC.

Fifteen Years ago the East Chattanooga Area formed a network of nine neighborhood associations under the name of East Chattanooga Improvement, Inc to make changes within the East Chattanooga Area that's good for all parties including both residents, businesses, and supporting organizations such as the City of Chattanooga and others.





ECI Mission

"Our Mission is to empower the residents of East Chattanooga to improve the quality of their life by connecting the resources of our partners with community needs." We are the front line for information, desires of the people, and more importantly the voice that needs to be heard. We are about partnerships, networking with others to make positive changes in the area that will encourage new growth. When you look at the East Chattanooga Area today you see efforts that has gone into making our neighborhoods more safe and livable.

A MILLION DOLLARS FEDERAL GRANT MANAGED BY ECI

In 2009 we earned and managed a million dollars federal Weed and Seed grant with strong support from the ECI residents. The team worked together and accomplished many of its goals by building on the team's strength.

We established some fifty partnerships throughout the Chattanooga and Hamilton County Area and a large number of those partnerships continue today.

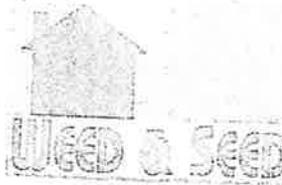
BOTTOM LINE: We feel this team is qualified and ready to move forward in developing a working relationship with our to be named partners for the Tubman Site. We want to work with all of our partners and stakeholders including the City of Chattanooga.

We are proud of the progress we see in the Area and want to build on our strengths and not destroy our progress.

EAST CHATTANOOGA IMPROVEMENT, INC. NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Avondale - Bushtown - Churchville - Glenwood - Orchard Knob - Riverside Drive
Wheeler Avenue - Boyce Station - Glass Farm





Weed & Seed Steering Committee Celebrates \$1 Million Grant Opportunity with the Community

September 27, 2007 – Today, members of the East Chattanooga Weed & Seed Steering Committee joined Mayor Ron Littlefield and Chattanooga Housing Authority Executive Director Bob Dull in celebrating a five-year, \$1 million grant designed to create safer places for residents to live.

The U.S. Department of Justice recently awarded the first funding cycle of the East Chattanooga Weed & Seed grant initiative, which officially starts on Monday, Oct. 1. Sgt. Doug Edmisten, the Weed & Seed liaison representing the U.S. Attorney's Office, also took part in today's press conference where officials shared their high expectations for the grant.

"This is going to allow us to take back our community," said James Moreland, chairman of the East Chattanooga Weed & Seed Steering Committee. Because East Chattanooga is now designated as a Weed & Seed area, Mr. Moreland said persons who commit certain crimes will be subjected to stiffer federal penalties.

The East Chattanooga Weed & Seed grant will provide federal dollars to "weed" out crime in 11 neighborhoods occupied by 15,000 residents with low- to moderate-income levels. Funds will also be used to "seed" in support services to create structured youth activities and safe havens like the Avondale Recreation Center, as well as to promote neighborhood pride and boost economic development.

"This is a dedicated and determined group of residents who have organized themselves and are addressing the various issues affecting our neighborhoods," Mayor Littlefield said.

"What began as the Eastside Taskforce has grown from a grassroots initiative into a collaboration of 11 neighborhoods and although we have a lot of hard work that remains to be done, we are confident that we can accomplish it with the help of this Weed and Seed Grant."

From 2004 to 2006, the 11 target neighborhoods in East Chattanooga saw a 50 percent increase in homicides; a 27 percent increase in auto theft; a 25 percent increase in drug arrests; and a 16 percent increase in aggravated assaults. Officials said much of this increase is because of a re-emergence of gang activity in the area.

"We believe brighter days are ahead of us because we'll have more resources to help get rid of the crime in our neighborhoods," Mr. Moreland said. "Whenever a community sees a decrease in crime, there's a better chance of attracting more businesses and creating job for residents."

Last summer, Mayor Littlefield convened a group of community leaders together after two gang-related murders occurred in two public housing communities in a single week. Shortly afterward, City officials decided to apply for the federal Weed & Seed grant with CHA as the fiscal agent.

Mr. Dull said the housing authority has a major investment in East Chattanooga because several public housing communities are located in this area.

"We're very close to opening a new housing complex called The Oaks at Camden that will primarily serve working families," Mr. Dull said. "As the Weed & Seed grant initiative develops, I can see East Chattanooga becoming a hub for more affordable housing opportunities and sustainable economic growth." ###

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