



City Council Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 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

Councilwoman Coonrod led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Sylvester Harris to give the invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (March 19, 2019) were approved as published.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Proclamation "National Vietnam War Veterans Day"
By Councilman Chip Henderson

Councilman Henderson made the following proclamation on behalf of the City of Chattanooga to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 203:

Whereas, here in 2019, we continue the commemoration that over fifty years ago, our nation ended military involvement in the Republic of South Vietnam, thus ending military involvement in what was then the longest war in our country's history; and

Whereas, it is important to honor the men and women who survived and the over 58,000 men and women who gave their lives; and

Whereas, there were over 10,000 from our Tennessee Valley community that served in the Vietnam War and there were one hundred fifty-six casualties; and

Whereas, as Chattanooga, we must never forget the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and women who fought with honor and distinction, in the name of freedom and democracy for all; and

Whereas, since their return, these veterans have contributed tremendously to our community; and

Whereas, today, we again have the opportunity to honor, give thanks and pay tribute to these men and women who saw our country through one of the most challenging missions we have ever faced and who answered the call of duty with courage and valor; and

Whereas, with this ceremony here today on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, let us strive to continue to show our Vietnam Veterans and their families the fullest respect and support of a grateful Chattanooga Community:

NOW, THEREFORE,

**I, Andy Berke, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga,
do hereby proclaim March 27, 2019, as a day in the
commemoration of the**

**50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War
in the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee**

Andy Berke, Mayor

Councilman Henderson asked the war veterans to stand for recognition by the Assembly. After which, a representative for VVA Chapter 203 accepted the proclamation and informed the Assembly of the Tennessee Memorial Wall being on display at Hamilton Place Mall on March 29, 2019.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING: (NONE)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Mitchell,

ORDINANCE #13450

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2,
ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-49, RELATING TO LEGAL LIABILITY
CLAIMS.**

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

Agenda Item VI(b):

An ordinance amending Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 4, Article II, Rules, Regulations, Criteria, Standards, Section 4-41, Rules Adopted and Chapter 20, Article II, Health Nuisances, by adding Sections 20-29 through 20-32, relating to Noxious Odors and Nuisances. (Sponsored by Chairman Smith)

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An ordinance amending Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 4, Article II, Rules, Regulations, Criteria, Standards, Section 4-41, Rules Adopted and Chapter 20, Article II, Health Nuisances, by adding Sections 20-29 through 20-32, relating to Noxious Odors and Nuisances. (Alternate Version #3)

Vice-Chairman Oglesby thanked Chairman Smith on his leadership on this item and made comments on ensuring the quality of life for all citizens. **Vice-Chairman Oglesby moved** to defer to April 9, seconded by Councilman Byrd. The motion carried, with Chairman Smith and Councilman Mitchell voting “No.”

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 9, 2019

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION #29854

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF USE AND DAMAGE FEES AT THE CREAMERY AT ROSS’ LANDING SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF COLDSTONE FOR THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE VETERANS COALITION TO BE USED FOR THE “FREE DENTAL CARE FOR VETERANS” EVENT TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019, AT 7:00 A.M., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.

Vice-Chairman Oglesby repeated the date and time of the event of the free dental care for veterans and thanked Mickey McCamish for his coordination of this event. He also asked the Council to get the word out to veterans about the event. The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29855

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT SPONSORED BY THE FOOTPRINT FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE MENTORSHIP COMPONENT OF THE PUBLIC ART DIVISION’S CITY ARTIST PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29856

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF FUNDS RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA FOR THE FALLEN FIVE MEMORIAL FUND TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTING THE FALLEN FIVE MEMORIAL, "WREATH OF HONOR" BY SHANE ALBRITTON AND NORMAN LEE IN THE TENNESSEE RIVERPARK.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #29857

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION.

Councilwoman Coonrod asked members of the Public Art Commission to stand and thanked Kaitlyn Kirnie for ensuring the diversity on the board.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #29858

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PURCHASES:

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

R182499 - Information Technology Department Estimated \$1,250,000.00 Annually
New Blanket Contract - Electric Power Board of Chattanooga for Fiber Optics and Support – Information Technology Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Electric Power Board of Chattanooga
10 West M.L. King Blvd.
Chattanooga, TN 37402

PO537275 PO537292 PO537294 PO537298 – Chattanooga Police Department Total Estimated \$50,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewals - Police Uniforms – Chattanooga Police Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Summit Uniforms Solutions, Inc.
2901 East Magnolia Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37914

R181567 - Chattanooga Police Department Estimated \$125,000.00 Annually
New Blanket Contract - Ballistic Body Armor –
Chattanooga Police Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: GT Distributors of Georgia, Inc.
100 McFarland Avenue
Rossville, GA 30741

PO537403 PO537404 - Public Works Department Total Estimated \$180,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal - Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies –
City Wide - Facilities Management Division –
Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidders:
1. American Paper & Twine Company - 2134 Amnicola Highway Chattanooga, TN 37406
2. Jacobs Wholesale Paper Company - 1300 Chestnut Street Chattanooga, TN 37402

PO542771 - Public Works Department Estimated \$275,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal - Building Automation Systems
Installation & Service - Facilities Management Division –
Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Electronic Controls, Inc.
4129 South Creek Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

PO548122 - Public Works Department Estimated \$510,000.00 Annually
Blanket Contract Renewal - Asphaltic Concrete –
City Wide Services – Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Southeastern Materials Company, Inc.
1751 McFarland Avenue
Rossville, GA 30741

R182160 - Public Works Department Estimated \$1,300,000.00 Annually
New Blanket Contract - Flottweg Centrifuge
Repairs Parts – Waste Resource Division - Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Flottweg Separation Technology, Inc.
10700 Toebben Drive
Independence, KY 41051

PO548590 - Public Works Department Increase \$133,000.00 ~~~~~
Increase to Authorized Expenditure - Bucket Trucks – Estimated \$533,000.00 Annually
Fleet Management Division Public Works Department
Lowest/Best Bidder: Lee-Smith, Inc
2600 8th Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37407

Councilman Mitchell moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Henderson. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

District 8 Event

Councilman Byrd announced “Coffee with Councilman Byrd” on this Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the Carver YFD Center from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The topic will be home ownership. There will also be people there to help with credit repair, home repair and affordable homeownership.

District 9 Event

Councilwoman Coonrod announced several events:

- Free home ownership workshop – The Village Church on North Chamberlain (former site of Mount Canaan) - April 13, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Job Fair – Brainerd BX at 4011 Austin Street – March 28, 2019 – 5, 2019
- Southeast Tennessee Works has partnered with Chattanooga State for a 12-week jobs manufacturing training program. Jobs start at \$12.50 per hour. Applications are being accepted through Chattanooga State’s website at www.chattanoogaastate.edu/set-works.

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

Chairman Smith reported on behalf of Councilman Ledford:

- The committee will meet next week (April 2) after the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson
(No report)

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Councilman Mitchell reported:

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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:

- **Sylvester Harris (Curtis St.)** – He voiced concerns about the homelessness and mental illness problems in the East Chattanooga community, particularly at Midland and one adjacent street. There are people hanging out at the gas station in the area. He does not want passersby's to think that this is the norm for East Chattanooga. He asked the Council about passing a loitering ordinance. There is trash in the area and he believes this is associated with people's needs. He informed the Council of the need to clean up these areas and wants to clean up these eyesores. He wants to help people with alcohol, drug and mental illness problems, especially in those two streets.
 - Councilwoman Coonrod informed Mr. Harris that she will work with him in a community cleanup if he would like.
 - Councilman Byrd informed the Assembly that he participated in a walk-through of that area and encouraged citizens to place service requests with 311 to report waste. He encouraged business owners to report when people are loitering on their properties. He also notified the Assembly that a dumpster will be available in the area in three weeks for a community cleanup.
 - Councilman Henderson informed the Council that there is a group of 320 people coming to East Chattanooga on June 16-21, 2019, to provide free work on 64 homes. He also noted that this was done in partnership with the city's Department of Economic and Community Development.
 - Mr. Harris thanked Councilman Henderson for helping him get vouchers for needy people recently.
- **Monty Bell (Chattanooga)** – He is suing the city for \$24 Million dollars, of which he plans to send \$19 Million to Brainerd High School. He believes there has been a lack of due process since the attorney started as an intern with the city. He believes that he has been denied the ability to come before the Council to address problems in his community. He was arrested in 1992 because he wanted to uplift fallen humanity in his community. He wants the Council to tell him about his money so that he can send \$19 Million to Brainerd High School. He wants to know why UTC did not want him to teach. He wants to know the punitive and compensatory damages. He is demanding his payment now before the city helps the previous speaker.
- **Darrion Wood (Chattanooga)** – He got a parking ticket and was concerned with the fact that the \$11 parking ticket goes up to \$41.50, an extra \$30, if not paid in 10 days. He gets paid every two weeks, so that would be difficult for some working class people, especially since his wife just had a baby. He feels like this extra \$30 is extortion, especially for people who do not have the money within 10 days. He noted that his vehicle could be immobilized. He would like for the Council to lower the fees.
 - Councilwoman Coonrod asked if there was anything the Council could do. Attorney Noblett informed the Assembly about City Code and collections fees.

Councilwoman Coonrod then asked Mr. Wood to leave his contact number with her after the meeting so that she can notify him if the Council can do anything.

- **Kenneth Adams (Chattanooga)** – He is a homeless man whose dogs were recently seized and put into a shelter. He wants his pets back because his dogs are his life. He noted that took good care of the mother dog and took it from being an aggressive dog to a passive one.
 - Chairman Smith asked Mr. Adams to speak with the city’s Constituent Services Director in the back of the Assembly to see if they can contact someone at McKamey.
 - Councilwoman Coonrod thanked the labor union for turning out today to show support and solidarity for what is on the Council’s agenda. She indicated that seeing people face-to-face in the audience makes a world of difference to her.

[Councilman Mitchell exited the meeting at this time.]

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Oglesby, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL