



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2019
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Gilbert 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 (June 25, 2019) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

ORDINANCE #13478

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE XX, SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL CERTIFICATE, SECTION 11-510, BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF “SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL DISTRICT” TO ADOPT A NEW SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP FOR PROPERTY EXTENDED ON SEMINOLE TO END AT 3218 PINWOOD AVENUE.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

ORDINANCE #13479

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 24-511, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF DOCKLESS ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #29970

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS OF AN ABANDONED TEN (10') FOOT SLIVER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1134 E. 14TH STREET, IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF TAX MAP NO. 146P-E-008, AND TO QUITCLAIM THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THE SLIVER TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF RECORD.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice-Chairman Henderson and Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29971

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO RENEW THE CITY'S EXISTING BLANKET AGREEMENT WITH CARAHSOFT TECHNOLOGY CORP. TO PURCHASE ACCELA PUBLIC SERVICE PLATFORMS, INCLUDING TREASURY/FINANCE, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES, FOR THE CONTRACT YEAR BEGINNING MAY 24, 2019 THROUGH MAY 23, 2020, FOR AN ANNUAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$234,214.63.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Councilman Byrd,

RESOLUTION #29972

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF OTIS L. MOORER TO THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #29973

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WARREN E. LOGAN, JR. AS A MEMBER OF THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF UNTIL APRIL 15, 2024, AND THEREAFTER UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

ACTION: ADOPTED

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

RESOLUTION #29974

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCUS SHAW AS A MEMBER OF THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF UNTIL APRIL 15, 2023, AND THEREAFTER UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod,

RESOLUTION #29975

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR REYNOLDS CONSTRUCTION, LLC RELATIVE TO CONTRACT NO. W-09-011-201, ORCHARD KNOB PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$189,193.99, TO RELEASE THE CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$140,806.01, FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$3,508,193.99.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Vice-Chairman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #29976

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY PURCHASING DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ORGANIZATION, FORMED BY MERGING THE FORMALLY SEPARATE COOPERATIVES (1) THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK (TCPN); (2) NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE (NATIONAL IPA); AND (3) U.S. COMMUNITIES.

ACTION: ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

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

R184440 Public Works Department Estimated \$32,575.00 Annually

Purchase of - Geerbox Replacement for Thickener System –
Waste Resource Division - Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Walker Process Equipment Division of McNish Corporation
840 North Russell Ave.
Aurora, IL 60506

R185725 - Public Works Department

Estimated \$145,000.00 Annually

New Blanket Contract - Vibration Analysis & Infrared Thermographic Services - Waste Resource Division – Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Chattanooga Armature Works
1209 E. 23rd Street
Chattanooga, TN 37408

R185730 Public Works Department

Total Estimated \$245,000.00 Annually

Two (2) New Blanket Contracts - Variable Frequency Drives, Direct Current Drives, & Electronic Board Services – Waste Resources Division - Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder:

1. Rome Electric Motor Works - 36 Wetside Industrial Blvd., Rome, GA 30165
2. REMCO - 1066 North Hall Road, Alcoa, TN 37701

R185624 - Public Works Department

Estimated \$135,000.00 Annually

New Blanket Contract - Auto Glass; Windshield, Installation & Replacement - Fleet Management Division – Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Aaron's Auto Glass
P.O. Box 727
Hixson, TN 37343

PO546382 - Public Works Department

Increase \$300,000.00 ~~~~~
Revised Total Estimate \$850,000.00

Increase to Authorized Expenditures – Painting Services - Waste Resources Division – Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Daca Specialty Services
6550 McDonough Drive
Norcross, GA 30093

PO544724 - Public Works Department

Estimated \$350,000.00 Annually

Blanket Contract Renewal - Concrete – City Wide Services - Public Works Department

Lowest/Best Bidder: Ready Mix USA
604 Hudson Road
Chattanooga, TN 37405

R184418 - Information Technology Department

Total Estimate \$1,000,000.00 Annually

Two (2) New Blanket Contracts – Structured Cabling Services – Information Technology Department

Lowest/Best Bidders:

1. Integrated Networking Technologies, LLC - 6111 Heritage Park Dr. Ste A-100, Chattanooga, TN 37416
2. Institutional Network Communications - 121 Lyle Lane, Nashville, TN 37210

On motion of Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Vice-Chairman Henderson, all proposed purchases were approved.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS:

CDOT Update Near Avondale Center

Councilman Byrd asked Blythe Bailey, Transportation Administrator, to update the Council on the traffic plans around Wilcox Boulevard and Dodson Avenue, in light of the new Avondale Center. Mr. Bailey informed the Council that CDOT will look at the remaining construction and made modifications appropriate for the safety of children at the center and the community. He indicated that CDOT will do what is necessary in counting cars and spaces. Councilman Byrd asked Mr. Bailey to keep him in the loop on information that he will bring to the next community meeting.

Board Appointment

Vice-Chairman Henderson appointed Randall Addison to represent District 1 on the *Board of Sign Appeals*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz
(No report)

Economic and Community Development Committee
Councilman Byrd
(No report)

Human Resources Committee
Councilman Gilbert
(No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilman Ledford reported:

- The committee met today to review planning and zoning agenda items. The committee also looked at two amendments in relation to outdoor storage and the A-1 Urban Agricultural zone.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Smith reported:

- The committee will meet next week after the Public Works and Transportation Committee to hear a presentation on opioids.

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

Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman Henderson

(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 Oglesby recognized the following persons:

- **Marie Mott** (Oak Grove) – She saw in the business section of the newspaper that Chattanooga is ranked as the 4th “worst-run city.” She informed the Council that the standard of living has increased 9.9-percent. She does not believe that what the Council is doing is working because of the state of debt, education and housing. She does not see equity and progress for African Americans, Latinos and poor whites that pulls people up in this city. She believes this Council is being led by rich, affluent whites. She reminded the Council that they should fight for citizens, not the State. She advised the Council not to be ignorant to the taxes being passed down to tenants in the proposed Business Improvement District (BID). She vowed to continue fighting for her district once elected to office for District 8. She indicated that she cannot wait to take the seat for District 8.
- **Doug Eckert** (North Crest Rd.) – He has just finished serving a 3-year term as Missionary Ridge President. Before that, he spent two decades working for state and local governments. He asked the Council to stop the use of the city’s logo for selling private residential sewer insurance. He thinks that a company is masquerading as the City by using the city’s logo on its envelopes. He has received two letters pitching the idea of sewer insurance. He indicated that the letter does not say “private insurance,” but that is what it will be. He thinks the use of the seal in this manner is the City trying to trick its own citizens. He called it “disgusting” and a “shame.” He would like for these letters to stop.
 - Councilwoman Coonrod asked Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff, to address these letters that citizens have received. Ms. Richardson discussed the use of this company’s services in other cities. She informed the Council how the program is used to offset low-income sewer bills. She offered to return at a different date to discuss the program further with the Council.
- **Elea Wright** (Chattanooga) – Since the 4th of July is this week, she took the opportunity to remind the Council about the history of the Stamp Act, which was a British tax on colonists for printed materials. She gave a historical overview of the Stamp Act, which ultimately led to the Revolutionary War. She informed the Council of one of the most famous quotes from this time in history by James Otis: “Taxation without representation is tyranny.” She believes this is one our country’s mantras. She believes that not much has changed since that first 4th of July. She understands the pros and cons of the proposed BID and believes that the only con is that it is “undemocratic.” She believes that those who support the BID

need to look for a more democratic way of meeting needs. She urged the Council to vote “NO” to privatization of public space.

- **Darion Wood** (Chattanooga) – He saw that a country star recently opened a free grocery store in Nashville because the housing market in Nashville has created a problem. He is against overpriced homes in working-class neighborhoods. He sees profits coming. He is a native son of Chattanooga who lived here, worked here and paid taxes here. He stayed during days of recession when Chattanooga was considered the “dirtiest city.” Yet, now he feels that citizens like himself who remained are no longer welcome in this city due to the housing problems. He wonders if citizens will have to leave the city and live outside of it, like Nashville citizens had to move to Antioch and other areas outside of the city just to afford housing. He asked the City to be innovative about real housing solutions. He abhorred the Council not to let investors turn homes into hotels. He cautioned against home flippers driving up prices in neighborhoods. He believes this city needs a homeowner district with home loans backed by the city. He believes this city has an “iceberg in our current path.” He vowed to be relentless in this matter of affordable housing. He believes all the people who stayed in this city should be welcome in it.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Henderson, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL