Second Reading: September 29, 2020

## ORDINANCE NO. 13602

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 13558, KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE," SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATION CONNECT INITIATIVE WHICH HAS BEEN COVERED BY FAVORABLE OPERATIONS DURING FY20.

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton County Schools (HCS) is joining with EPB of Chattanooga, City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County and other community partners to ensure all students can access the internet for online learning as the COVID-19 crisis continues; and

**WHEREAS**, HCS EdConnect powered by EPB is a new initiative that will provide internet services to about 28,500 economically challenged students in Hamilton County Schools in the greater Chattanooga area—at no charge to the family; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to participate in this \$8.2 million HCS EdConnect initiative by contributing \$1.5 million from General Fund Reserves which has been covered by favorable operations during FY20; and

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE,

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That there be and is hereby approved an amendment to Ordinance No. 13558 to appropriate \$1,500,000.00 from the General Fund Reserves to the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga in support of the HCS EdConnect initiative which has been covered by favorable operations during FY20.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage on second reading as provided by the law.

PASSED on Second and Final Reading: September 29, 2020

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ROVED:

**MAYOR** 

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