

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

July 9, 2019

In Attendance

Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present including Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. Also present were Valerie Malueg, Assistant City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilman Anthony Byrd arrived after the call to order.

Others in Attendance

Economic and Community Development: Dr. Greg Harwood, Public Workforce Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (July 2, 2019) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G, 6H, 6I & 6J

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D & 7E

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Department Report – ECD

Dr. Harwood gave a presentation on the Office of Workforce Development that included the following:

- About Us
- Organization & Operations Structure
- Workforce Development Priorities
- Priority 1 & 2
- Workforce Development “Eco System”
- Frequently Asked Questions

A discussion ensued where the following the topics were discussed:

- Identifying Constituents (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Outreach Efforts (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Trainings (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Convicted felons (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Strategies for success (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Diversity among staff (Councilwoman Coonrod)

- Whether there is 30-day follow-up (Councilman Henderson)
- Wrap-around Services After 30 Days (Councilman Henderson)
- Ensuring employment for ex-offenders & veterans (Councilman Henderson)
- Disqualifications for employment (Councilman Henderson)
- Program to expunge record (Councilman Henderson)
- Outreach for Veterans (Councilman Henderson)
- Partnerships with Military (Councilman Henderson)
- Classes for CDL license (Councilman Henderson)
- Connecting with Homeless (Councilman Ledford)
- Canvassing (Councilman Ledford)
- Flyer/Publication (Councilman Ledford)
- Probation Period (Councilman Gilbert)
- Communication with other agencies (Councilman Gilbert)
- Budget for Program (Councilwoman Berz)
- Impact vs. Outcome (Councilwoman Berz)
- Longitudinal Studies & Research (Councilwoman Berz)
- Services Provided or Connected to (Councilwoman Berz)
- Assuring employment (Councilman Byrd)
- Temp services (Councilman Byrd)

Councilwoman Coonrod requested a breakdown for data collected from District 9 constituents. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.