

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

August 27, 2019

In Attendance

Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present including Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert and Darrin Ledford. Also present were Valerie Malueg, Assistant City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilmen Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith were not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief of Operations, and Tony Sammons, Deputy Chief of Operations; Regional Planning Agency: John Bridger, Executive Director; Youth & Family Development: Lurone Jennings, Administrator; Purchasing: Bonnie Woodward, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Byrd, the minutes of the last meeting (August 20, 2019) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A & 5B

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

Councilman Ledford stated that a public hearing was forthcoming on this District 3 item. Councilman Gilbert had questions regarding language, to which Mr. Bridger responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G, 7H, 7I, 7J & 7K

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Resolutions – Agenda Items 7L & 7M

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Jennings for a briefing on these items. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7N

Councilman Henderson inquired about the mutual termination, the benefits for the citizens and funds for maintenance, all questions that Ms. Sullivan addressed. Councilman Gilbert also had questions pertaining to the bond money and the repairs being proposed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Purchasing Budgeting Information

Ms. Woodward gave a presentation of department updates that covered the following:

- Government Procurement Overview
- Public Purchasing history
- Public Purchasing – What is the difference
- Introduction – Purchasing Division
- Purchasing/Doing Business with the City
- Procurement methods large purchases
- Blanket Contract examples
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Construction

A discussion ensued in which the following topics were addressed by Ms. Woodward, Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Sammons:

- Follow-up after bid is awarded (Councilman Gilbert)
- Consequences in place if contract is not being abided by (Councilman Gilbert)
- Small Contracts (Councilman Gilbert)
- Hiring out versus City use (Councilman Gilbert)
- Attendance for development meeting with OMA (Councilman Gilbert)
- Review of awarded bids (Councilman Byrd)
- Review Process (Councilman Byrd)
- Qualifications for Contract (Councilman Byrd)
- RFP Process (Councilman Ledford)
- State Code vs. City Code (Councilman Ledford)
- Language on website explaining authorization of funds (Councilman Ledford)

Councilman Gilbert requested that the expenditure for per previous years be sent to Council and Councilman Byrd asked for a copy of the presentation. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.