

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

September 22, 2020

In Attendance

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr., all present via electronic means. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan (Chief Operating Officer); Finance: Daisy Madison (Chief Finance Officer); Economic & Community Development: Donna Williams (Administrator); Transportation: Blythe Bailey (Administrator), Kevin Comstock (Smart Cities Director); Berry & Hunt: R. Steve Hunt (Agent/Broker); UTC Center for Urban Informatics Progress: Mina Sartipi (Director), Austin Harris (Testbed Manager), Jeremiah Roland (Emergency Service Analyst).

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (September 15, 2020) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A

Chairman Henderson affirmed the amendments made last week. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5B, 5C, 5D & 5E

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B

Councilwoman Berz asked that Ms. Sullivan join the panel to shed clarity on this item. A discussion ensued, wherein Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Madison addressed the questions and concerns on the following:

- Compensation Study Amount (Councilman Gilbert)
- Using \$1.5 Million for pay increase (Councilman Gilbert)
- Actual use of \$1.5 Million (Councilman Gilbert)
- Operational Funds (Councilman Gilbert)

- Ordinance Versions and which will be voted on (Councilman Byrd)
- Specific Job Classifications receiving pay increase (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Raise vs. Promotion (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Increase vs. Federal Poverty Rate (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- CPD & CFD Pay Scale (Vice-Chairman Smith)

Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6C & 6D

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Ms. Sullivan if a city-owned building was being considered as a possible location. Chairman Henderson requested that the Administration update the Council on Good Will Industries Inc. at the October 6 Strategic Planning Meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D

Chairman Henderson asked Ms. Williams update the Council on this item. Councilman Ledford had questions pertaining to funds being divided with the County. Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the protocol with County residents. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E & 7F

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7G

Councilman Ledford had questions for Mr. Noblett pertaining to the amended version of this resolution. He also inquired about the process for proceeding with the alternate version. Chairman Henderson asked that Mr. Hunt join the panel. A discussion ensued wherein the following questions were addressed by Mr. Noblett and Mr. Hunt:

- Budget Amendment Date (Councilman Henderson)
- Original/Current Budget (Councilwoman Berz)
- Approving Budget with a Deficit (Councilwoman Berz)
- Operation of Reserves (Councilman Gilbert)
- Language of the Resolution (Councilman Ledford)
- Letter to Council addressing Concerns (Councilman Ledford)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7H, 7I, 7J, 7K, 7L, 7M, & 7N

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

September 29th Agenda

Councilman Mitchell had questions for Mr. Noblett about the redline version for Item 6A. Chairman Henderson asked Councilman Oglesby for an ECD Committee Meeting to be held next week, September 29, to review the STVR legislation. Councilwoman Berz stated that she was not a co-sponsor on this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue were closed.

Purchasing Questions

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the janitorial services contract and asked Ms. Sullivan for an update on the services for the downtown buildings. Chairman Henderson asked Ms. Sullivan to contact the councilwoman offline to address her concerns. Councilwoman Coonrod also had questions about the uniforms for the Fire Department. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

Councilwoman Coonrod had questions for Mr. Bailey pertaining to the Bike Chattanooga Operations contract and how to expand the services to other areas. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Departmental Report – CDOT

Mr. Bailey informed the Council that they would be presented with an update from the Smart Cities Division. Mr. Comstock introduced Ms. Sartipi, who explained the CUIP Project to the Council. She then introduced team members, Mr. Harris and Mr. Roland. They gave a presentation that included information on the following:

Pedestrian Analysis

- Motivation – Pedestrian Safety
- Pedestrian Safety Analysis
- Current Approach
- Proposed System
- Deployment
- Summary

Chattanooga Region Crash Prediction Model

- Societal Costs: Monetary
- Societal Costs: Human Life
- Crasher by Hour and Weekday
- Hex Prediction 1-23-2020 Day Frame 4
- Issues Faced by First Responders
- Infrastructure Adjustment
- Summary

Chairman Henderson inquired about heat-censored devices. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

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