

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

December 8, 2020

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; 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; Fire: Phil Hyman, Chief

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (December 1, 2020) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

Chairman Henderson asked that Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Madison be brought into the panel to update the Council on this item. A discussion ensued in where the following questions and concerns were addressed by Council:

- Expenditures covered by Grants (Councilwoman Berz)
- Things that will not be reimbursed (Councilwoman Berz)
- Covering Budget (Councilwoman Berz)
- Anticipation Money (Councilwoman Berz)
- Safety Net (Councilman Ledford)
- Loans/Grants (Councilman Ledford)
- Allocations (Councilman Ledford)
- Reduction in COVID-19 related expenses (Councilman Ledford)
- Anticipated Spending (Councilman Ledford)
- Reserves (Councilman Henderson)
- Alternate Version (Councilman Gilbert)
- Separating Agencies out (Councilwoman Coonrod)

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B

Chairman Henderson informed the Council that he will move on alternate version with added language for this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6C

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6D

Councilman Ledford informed the Council that he would be moving to withdraw. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6E & 6F

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6G

Councilman Gilbert would like to speak to the applicant about the conditions prior to the vote. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6H, 6I & 6J

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F & 7G

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

IDB Discussion

Chairman Henderson stated that districts 7, 8 & 9 had submitted a resume. Councilwoman Berz had questions on who the candidate was replacing on the board and how many vacancies needed to be filled. She also inquired about when this nomination would need to be done. Councilman Oglesby confirmed that this nominee would represent District 9. Chairman Henderson assigned the nomination to the December 15th agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Department Report - Fire

Chief Hyman gave a presentation that covered the following:

- CFD Impacts during a Pandemic
- How staffing challenges are being addressed
- Promotional testing and Pay Plan discussion

Councilwoman Berz inquired about promotional testing and Chairman Henderson asked about the smoke detector replacements programs. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

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