

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

March 30, 2021

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 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, and Tyler Yount, Civic Engagement Coordinator; Economic and Community Development: Richard Beeland, Deputy Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (March 23, 2021) 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 had question for Mr. Noblett regarding the alternate version being added to the agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B

Councilman Mitchell informed the Council that he would offer an amendment to this item at tonight's Council meeting. Councilwoman Berz had questions for Councilman Ledford regarding the percentage for identifying as a steep slope. Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Noblett about State requirements as it relates to percentages. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6C

Councilwoman Berz inquired about the subpoena power from Mr. Noblett. She also asked him about the process for giving that power to a Mayoral-appointed committee. The Councilwoman also inquired about the process for citations and fines for developers, to which Mr. Beeland responded. Councilman Ledford asked for Mr. Beeland about the conversations that will take place with stakeholders during the process of establishing LDO and the Storm Water Board. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7B

Councilwoman Coonrod had questions about the previously-appointed treasurer, to which Ms. Sullivan responded. Councilman Ledford inquired about offering the position of Treasurer to Ms. Jackson. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7C

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D

Councilwoman Coonrod had questions regarding the length of terms and process for selecting appointees. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E, 7F, 7G, 7H & 7I

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

April 6th Proclamation

Councilman Mitchell asked Councilwoman Coonrod for clarification on the “Second Chance Month” proclamation that would be presented in the Council meeting next week. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the need to change the start date for the Chatt Inn item, to which Mr. Yount responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Schedule Change for April 13th

Chairman Henderson started a discussion on Councilman Ledford’s proposal to change the start times of meetings on April 13th, Municipal Run-off Election Day. The Council came to a consensus to start the Agenda Session at 1:30 p.m. and the Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on said date. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Proposed Legislation

Councilwoman Coonrod requested to move the Juneteenth resolution to committee. Chairman Henderson asked that Councilwoman Berz to place it during a Budget and Finance Committee. Councilwoman Berz inquired if this would be better suited during the upcoming Budget Education Sessions since enactment would take place during the FY22 Budget. Chairman Henderson asked Vice-Chairman Smith to resolution during today’s Legislative Committee meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.