

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

April 13, 2021

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the in-person and electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, Councilman Anthony Byrd, and Councilman Jerry Mitchell were not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; Fire: Phil Hyman, Chief

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (April 6, 2021) were approved as published.

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

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

Councilman Ledford asked Councilman Gilbert for an update on this item. Councilman Gilbert informed the Council that he would seek to defer this item for a month. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6C

Councilman Ledford inquired about communication with the applicant, to which Councilman Gilbert responded and confirmed that he would seek to defer this item for a week. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G & 6H

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

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

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

Proposed Legislation

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Noblett to draft up the ordinance for Juneteenth as a paid holiday and circulate it to the Council. Chairman Henderson informed the Council that the next step for the draft would be review through committee.

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the Parks Master Plan discussion. Chairman Henderson confirmed that it would take place at the next Strategic Planning Meeting, May 4th. Councilman Ledford asked Ms. Sullivan about the funds for the plan. Mr. Noblett informed the Council that he would prepare and send a draft to the Council.

Councilman Coonrod asked the Chairman about the Pay Plan Study discussion. Chairman Henderson informed the Council that he will schedule it for a Strategic Planning meeting in the near future.

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

Department Report ~ Fire

Chief Hyman gave a presentation that included the following:

- Snapshot from CFD Newsletter
- CFD's Newest Fire Fighters Begin Training
- Thank You, Council!

A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Down to Full Staff (Councilman Ledford)
- PTSD Services (Councilman Ledford)
- Eastdale Station 15 Project (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Unions Migrations (Councilwoman Coonrod)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.