

# **AGENDA SESSION MINUTES**

## **Chattanooga City Council**

### **June 15, 2021**

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd and Demetrus Coonrod. Other panelists present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (June 8, 2021) were approved as published.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Hamilton County Schools: Bryant Johnson, Superintendent; EPB: Evann Freeman, Director of Government Relations; The Enterprise Center: Deb Socia, President and CEO; CultureFest: Ricardo Morris, Creator

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E & 5F**

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

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A**

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Vice-Chairman Smith stated that he will be submitting a motion to move this item to the end of the agenda during the Council meeting tonight, for which Councilman Ledford asked for clarity. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B, 6C & 6D**

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

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#### **Purchasing Questions**

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Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Goldberg for an explanation on how past due invoices are handled and processed.

Councilwoman Hill inquired about the process and price increase for recycling materials.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## **June 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda**

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Councilwoman Hill asked Ms. Madison for explanation on the revenue differences and balance of the confiscated funds for item 6A. Councilwoman Berz inquired about the impact and need for amendment of the same item.

Councilman Ledford confirmed that item 7A was a continuation of the operational budget.

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

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## **Update on HCS EdConnect**

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Dr. Johnson, Ms. Socia, and Mr. Freeman gave a presentation on HCS EdConnect program that covered the following:

- 14,000 Students
- Total Installation
- Installation Rate by Eligibility
- One Family's Story
- A National Challenge
- Leading the Way
- How We Did It
- Sustainability Update
- Next Steps
- The Team

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

- Long-term Sustainability Plan (Councilman Ledford)
- Model from Boston College (Councilwoman Berz)
- Impact (Councilwoman Berz)
- Requirements from Employer (Councilwoman Hill)
- Digital Divide (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Safeguards around browsing sites (Councilman Byrd)

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

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## **Juneteenth/Black Wall Street Presentation**

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Councilwoman Coonrod introduced Mr. Morris, who gave a presentation on Juneteenth and Black Wall Street. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.