

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

August 3, 2021

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that included Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Raquetta Dotley, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, and Darrin Ledford. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief Policy Officer; Community Development: Anthony Sammons, Administrator; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator; Police: Eric Tucker, Interim Chief; Transportation: Eric Asboe, Deputy Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (July 27, 2021) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Readings) - Agenda Item 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D & 5E

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7B

Councilwoman Dotley informed the Council that she will move to defer this STVR hearing to the August 10th agenda. Upon no questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7C

Councilwoman Hill had a question about the HOME program funds. She asked for a presentation on affordable housing. Mr. Thongnopnua offered to discuss Administration's Affordable Housing plan and benchmarks in September or October.

Purchasing Questions

There were no questions on tonight's proposed purchases. Therefore, the issue was closed.

August 10th Agenda

Regarding item 7B, Councilwoman Hill questioned why the speed limit was being changed on these streets. Mr. Goldberg explained the two street changes.

Regarding 7F, Councilwoman Hill questioned funding this installation without assurance of maintenance of the area. Councilwoman Coonrod had questions about maintenance in light of this being a donation. Mr. Goldberg offered to defer the item until Administration has a maintenance plan in place.

Regarding 7H, Councilman Byrd informed the Council that the notation for this item should read District 8, not District 9. Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to ensure the notation is changed.

Future Considerations

Regarding Item A under Economic Development, Councilwoman Coonrod had questions about the delay in the project, to which Mr. Freeman responded. She later questioned CDBG funds going to the Chattanooga Housing Authority, to which Mr. Sammons responded.

Regarding Item C under Economic Development, Councilwoman Coonrod questioned if there were city-owned properties that could house the Department of Information Technology, to which Mr. Freeman responded.

Regarding Item b(1) under Public Safety, Councilwoman Coonrod asked for more information on the police grant for equipment and training, to which Chief Tucker responded.

Department Report

Mr. Goldberg informed the Council that Administration did not need to make department reports at this time. Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to make the change on future agendas.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.