

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

August 17, 2021

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of seven was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Raquetta Dotley. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present. Councilman Anthony Byrd joined the meeting after the call to order, taking the quorum to eight at that time.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff; Economic Development: Jermain Freeman, Interim Deputy Administrator; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (August 10th, 2021) were approved as published.

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

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

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

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

August 24th Agenda

Regarding Resolution 7B:

- Councilwoman Dotley asked Mr. Freeman for further information on item 7B regarding Sculpture Field.
- Vice-Chairman Smith inquired about the design phase layout and requested updates on it for the Council.
- Councilman Ledford questioned the number of acres on the property. He also asked about the term of the lease for the sculpture field.
- Chairman Henderson had questions about the buffer and the need for a barrier for separate activities.
- Councilwoman Berz spoke to not isolating art.

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

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

Councilwoman Hill asked Ms. Madison for further information on Resolution 3E.

Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Goldberg to update the Council on the new Law Enforcement Police Training Center.

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

Proposed Legislation

Chairman Henderson asked the Vice-Chairman to place the proposed legislation regarding City Court on the agenda for a Legislative Committee as soon as possible. Vice-Chairman Smith stated that the Committee could be as early as next week. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Chairman Henderson asked the Council for a consensus on limiting the Public Comment section at evening Council meeting to one hour. The Council agreed. Councilman Byrd asked about the time that each individual speaker would be allotted to address the Council. Councilwoman Berz clarified that this would be separate from the budget public hearing. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.