

# **AGENDA SESSION MINUTES**

## **Chattanooga City Council**

### **August 31, 2021**

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting to order at 3:39 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. 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. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief Police Officer; Regional Planning Agency: Karen Rennich, Interim Director; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith** and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (August 24th, 2021) were approved as published.

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A & 5B**

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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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Councilwoman Berz asked Ms. Rennich if the applicant would be attending the Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7B, 7C & 7D**

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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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#### **September 7<sup>th</sup> Agenda**

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Chairman Henderson updated the Council on item 6A. Councilwoman Hill asked Mr. Goldberg about the need for an additional inspector and other LDO staff. Councilwoman Berz inquired about the change in process and the impact on centers without a proposed budget.

Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Thongnopnua about additions to the job description for the Community Forward Coordinator and inquired about tracking children's progress to be kindergarten ready.

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

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**Future Considerations (3-Week Look Ahead)**

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Councilman Ledford inquired about the location of item B, to which Mr. Freeman responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Proposed Legislation**

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Councilwoman Coonrod stated that she wanted to discuss the Parks Act ordinance. Chairman Henderson asked her to address this during next week's, September 7<sup>th</sup> Parks and Public Works Committee Meeting.

Councilwoman Coonrod requested that the jurisdiction legislation be taken off the table as she does not want to move forward with this item.

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about amending the curfew legislation. Chairman Henderson recommended bringing this during an upcoming Public Safety Meeting. Councilman Byrd confirmed that he would set up that meeting. Councilwoman Berz recommending inviting Police for that committee topic. Councilwoman Coonrod requested Judge Philyaw be present as well.

Councilwoman Coonrod stated that she would like to the Interim Police Chief and the City Attorney in work on legislation for citations and City Court. Councilman Byrd offered to allow discussion on this legislation in Public Safety Committee.

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

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.