

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

October 5, 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 in the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including 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. Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith was not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff; Community Development: Anthony Sammons, Administrator; Berry & Hunt: Steve Hunt, Managing Partner for the Downtown Chattanooga Alliance (CBID)

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Dotley and seconded by Councilman Byrd, the minutes of the last meeting (September 28, 2021) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that she has made changes in her curfew legislation to mirror the State legislation. Discussion ensued on the following:

- Difference between State law and proposed legislation (Chairman Henderson)
- Option for a motion to substitute (Chairman Henderson)
- Option for an amendment or alternate version (Councilman Ledford)
- Restrictiveness of the State law (Councilwoman Berz)
- Procedural outline for the Council meetings (Councilman Byrd)

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B

Councilman Byrd informed the Council that he would move to defer both of these STVR application matters for a week. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Mr. Hunt updated the Council on the CBID (Downtown Chattanooga Alliance) 2021 financials and 2022 budget. He also noted a recent letter that had been sent to the Council. A discussion ensued wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Redundancy in Services (Councilman Ledford)

- Councils request of Board (Councilman Ledford)
- Agreement with outside Agencies (Councilman Ledford)
- Process (Councilwoman Berz)
- Copy of letter to Council (Councilman Ledford)

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

Purchasing Questions

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Sammons to speak with him offline regarding how much the structure boarding has increased. Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Hill informed the Council that she seek to defer item 1b on the Future Considerations document until November 2nd. Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Goldberg to make that document change.

Councilwoman Coonrod asked if the nominee for Treasurer was already residing and working in the area, to which Mr. Goldberg responded.

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

Department Report ~ Police

Chairman Henderson asked that these two items be discussed next week due to lack of representation at the meeting. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Councilwoman Coonrod asked about addressing the Safe Zone Ordinance. Chairman Henderson added it to the next Strategic Planning meeting agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.