

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

October 26, 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 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.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief of Staff; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (October 19, 2021) were approved as published.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A

Councilwoman Berz updated the Council on this item. A discussion ensued wherein Mr. Freeman address the following questions and concerns:

- Funding (Councilman Smith)
- Expectation of additional cost (Councilman Smith)
- Onsite management (Councilman Ledford)
- Revamping/Redesign of property (Councilman Ledford)
- Square footage (Councilman Hester)
- Near property and/or adjacent (Councilman Hester)
- Number of units (Councilman Byrd)
- Communication with Community (Councilwoman Berz)

Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E & 7F

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

Purchasing Questions

Councilwoman Hill asked Ms. Bursch about the need for the alarm monitor increase.

Ms. Bursch updated the Council on the RFP Recommendations.

Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that she would be recusing herself from voting on the upcoming PILOT. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Department Report

Mr. Freeman gave an update on the trade school. A discussion ensued wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Number of students participating (Councilwoman Hill)
- Communities being served (Councilman Byrd)
- Support (Councilman Ledford)

Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.