

# **AGENDA SESSION MINUTES**

## **Chattanooga City Council**

### **December 14, 2021**

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the 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, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilwoman Carol Berz was not present.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer; Innovation, Delivery & Performance: Chris Anderson, Administrator; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy 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 Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (December 7, 2021) were approved as published.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A & 6B**

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Vice Chairman Smith expressed that he would be offering an amendment to add conditions. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6C**

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

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6D**

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Councilman Ledford informed the Council that he would seek to defer this item for a week. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6E, 6F, 6G, 6H & 6I**

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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 6J**

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Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that she would seek to defer this item for a week. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6K, 6L, 6M, 6N, 6O, 6P & 6Q**

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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 6R**

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Councilman Ledford inquired about the language being corrected and requested that be done for the agenda for the Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6S & 6T**

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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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**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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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E**

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Councilwoman Coonrod questioned Mr. Anderson and voiced her concerns about diversity on boards and in the pool of applicants. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7F & 7G**

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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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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7H**

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Councilman Ledford updated the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7I**

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

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**December 21<sup>st</sup> Agenda**

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Councilwoman Coonrod expressed concerns about diversity and inclusion for item J. The Councilwoman also inquired about hiring practices, to which Mr. Ewalt responded. Chairman Henderson asked Ms. O'Donnell, per Councilwoman Coonrod's request, to explain the difference between confirming and appointing appointments to the different boards. Councilwoman Coonrod asked Ms. O'Donnell the process for the Council to re-evaluate appointments. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

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

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Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Freeman for an update on item 1a.

Councilwoman Coonrod expressed concerns about the process of enforcement of STVRs. Chairman Henderson stated that the discussion on this matter would be added to a Strategic Planning meeting in January.

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

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## **Other**

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Councilwoman Coonrod asked for follow-up on the judicial salary conversation. Chairman Henderson stated he would look to add it to a Strategic Planning meeting in January.

Councilman Byrd requested that a Public Safety Committee take place in January to review amendments to the ordinance brought forth by the PARC Chair; the Chairman agreed. He will work with the Chairman on the committee date.

Councilwoman Coonrod requested that the City Schools item be brought back to the Strategic Planning agenda, to which the Chairman stated he would follow-up.

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

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.