

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

March 1, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of five was present, including Councilpersons Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Vice Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Jenny Hill and Raquetta Dotley were not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Department of Innovation Delivery and Performance: Tim Mooreland, Administrator, and Andrew Sevigny, Director of Office of Performance Management & Open Data; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator; Department of Equity & Community Engagement: Tamara Steward, Chief Equity Officer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (February 22, 2022) were approved as published.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A

Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Freeman to correct the wording on this item to reflect improvements on “facilities,” not “providers.” Mr. Freeman agreed. Councilman Hester inquired about past funds for Early Learning. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B

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

March 8th Agenda

Chairman Henderson announced that next week, March 8th at 3:00 p.m., the Council will interview applicants for the District 8 Interim Appointment. Applicants will be given 3 minutes each to address the Council on why they would be best for the appointment. On the same day, during the “Other Business” portion of the 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting, the Council will make nominations and vote on the appointee. A city judge will be present to swear in the applicant with the majority vote, who will take the seat therein.

Mr. Thongnopnua spoke to items 7a & 7b and introduced Ms. Steward to the Council who answered questions from Councilman Ledford regarding future goals.

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

Future Considerations (3 Week Agenda)

Councilwoman Coonrod had questions for Mr. Thongnopnua regarding the Stadium Corporation Board and asked for an updated list of vacancies for each board. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Councilwoman Berz asked the Chairman for the redistricting recommendations to be placed on the April 5th agenda. The Chairman confirmed that addition to the agenda with Council staff. Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about informing constituents regarding the redistricting map, to which Chairman Henderson addressed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Department Report ~ Open Data Presentation

Mr. Thongnopnua introduced Mr. Mooreland and Mr. Sevigny, who gave a presentation on Open Data that covered the following:

- Open Data Week
- Calendar of Events
- What is Open Data
- Open Data: The numbers
- Unique Rows of Data
- What's next for the open data program

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.