

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### April 5, 2022

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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 of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of eight was present, including Vice Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilman Isiah Hester 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; HR: Mande Lawrence, Chief Human Resource Officer; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator, and Sandra Gober, Community Development Manager

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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 (March 29, 2022) were approved as published.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 5A**

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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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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B**

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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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#### **Purchasing Questions**

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Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Thongnopnua for further explanation on the RFP. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Future Considerations**

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Councilman Ledford asked that Mr. Freeman connect with him offline for further information regarding item D.

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about other partnership options as it pertains to item E. She also asked about the use of a City building and wanted to make sure that in the process the Community and Council were informed and kept in the loop of the updates, to which both Mr. Thongnopnua and Mr. Freeman responded.

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

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## **Department Report ~ Human Resources**

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Ms. Lawrence gave a presentation on the Department of Human Resources that covered the following:

- Overview
- Highlights
- Accomplishments
- Priorities

A discussion ensued wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Direct path of recruitment from Education Institutions (Councilman Ledford)
- Information for Mayor's Council for Women (Councilwoman Berz)
- Impact made in position in such a short time (Councilman Smith)

Mr. Ewalt informed the Council that the EIG was being revisited and that updates would be forthcoming. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Department Report ~ Economic Development**

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Mr. Freeman introduced Ms. Gober, who gave a presentation on the Housing and Community Investment Division (HCI). Her presentation included information on the following:

- 2022-2023 Action Plan for Federal Entitlement Grants
- Source of Funds
- Funding and Program Income
- HUD's National Objectives Required in Use of Funds
- 2020-2024 consolidated Plan
- Target Population
- Application and Funding Recommendation Timeline
- FY2022-2023 CDBG Funding Recommendation
- FY2022-2023 Funding Recommendation by Category
- Application and Funding Recommendation Timeline Continued

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

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.