

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

August 2, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, and Marvene Noel. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; OCA: Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney; Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator; CFD: Seth Hutcheson, Senior Firefighter

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (July 26, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7B, 7C & 7D

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

Purchases

Vice Chair Dotley requested more information regarding the Human Services RFP for Behavioral Health Service for sworn employees. A discussion ensued with Mr. Goldberg, who updated the Council on the specifics of the RFP. Chairman Ledford requested clarification on the PTSD extension and showed gratitude for the RFP's purpose. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

August 9th Agenda – Agenda Items 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G & 7H

A discussion ensued with Mr. Thongnopnua and Mr. Goldberg on the following:

- TIF amendment information (Henderson)
- Lease and Bond clarification (Henderson)
- MOU regulations (Henderson)
- Taxpayer investment protection (Henderson)

- Clawback information (Henderson)
- Clarification on the need for a separate Sports Authority Board (Ledford)
- TIF district length (Henderson)
- Revenue timeline (Henderson)
- Current Sports Authority Board awareness (Berz)

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

Future Considerations – Agenda Item 8A

Vice Chair Dotley requested further details regarding the resolution in question. Mr. Thongnopnua deferred the clarification and elaboration to Mr. Hutcheson. A discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Hill requested an expansion of the language of the resolution, to which Mr. Noblett advised the caption could be expanded. She also requested an explanation of the process, as the item occurs on both the August 9th agenda and Future Considerations. Mr. Thongnopnua advised that there was a mistake in the publishing and advised on the date to hear the item. Council came to a consensus to hear the item on the August 9th agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.