

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

October 4, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:29 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, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim; Public Works: Bill Payne, City Engineer

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (September 27, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A & 7B

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7C

Vice Chair Dotley advised the Council of an amendment of this item to update the total amount to “...not exceed \$2,500,000.00” rather than the stated “...not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.” Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7G

Chairman Ledford requested Mr. Payne to elaborate on this item and explain the impact the grant could have for the Public Works program. Mr. Payne then went into further detail regarding the grant and its uses. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Purchasing Questions

Chairman Ledford requested Mr. Goldberg to brief the Council on the proposed RFPs. Mr. Goldberg then briefed the Council and noted that all Sole-Sources are being reported to the Council, rather than those only over a certain amount. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

October 11th Agenda

Mr. Freeman requested that item 7B under Economic Development be deferred to the October 20th Agenda, to which the Council agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Chairman Ledford requested an explanation of the caption changes for items 3A – 3D under Finance, which were discussed earlier in the Strategic Planning meeting. Mr. Goldberg explained the changes and impact of these resolutions. Chairman Ledford then highlighted that the WIFIA loan will create a supplemental funding tool for the city. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.