

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### October 25, 2022

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:34 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, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim; Parks and Outdoors: Scott Martin, Administrator; Information Technology: Tyson Morris, Chief Information Officer.

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On the motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (October 18, 2022) were approved as published.

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#### **Ordinances (Final 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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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A**

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Councilwoman Noel advised the Council that she intended to move to approve this item, after amending with one condition. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A, 7B & 7C**

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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 Item 7D**

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Councilwoman Hill stated that she intended to move to amend the alternate version of this item (Alternate Version 2). She advised the Council that the City Attorney's office was composing a new resolution that would be presented at tonight's meeting. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E – 7H**

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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 Item 7I**

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Chairman Ledford requested Mr. Martin to further explain this item and the event plans in further detail.

Councilwoman Coonrod expressed gratitude to the Parks and Outdoors Department for creating events which bring the city together. She then inquired about bringing events in likeness to her district.

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

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## **November 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed Agenda**

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Chairman Ledford requested Mr. Thongnopnua to further elaborate on item 6a, focusing on the purpose of the resolution. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Future Considerations**

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Regarding item 6a, Chairman Ledford inquired with Mr. Morris about the previous request for further information on this item being sent to the Council. Mr. Morris advised the Council that the information had been sent by email prior to this meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **November 8 Meeting Time Change**

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Recognizing that Election Day was Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Chairman Ledford raised the question of the scheduled meeting times for that date. After conferring with the Council, the meeting start times were amended for November 8<sup>th</sup> only as follows:

- Agenda Session – 2:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

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## **December 27 & January 3, 2023**

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Chairman Ledford advised the Council that the Assembly Room would be closed for construction on December 27, 2022, and January 3, 2023. In conjunction with the closed dates, Chairman Ledford questioned if the Council had any objection to cancelling all meetings on these dates. With no objection, Chairman Ledford approved the cancellation, noting that Council would resume their regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.