

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

November 8, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:33 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, Demetrus Coonrod and Marvene Noel. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director; Engineering: Bill Payne, City Engineer.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (November 1, 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.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Councilman Henderson advised the Council that the applicant would be in attendance this evening, and that he intended to move to withdraw. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B – 6C

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6E

Councilman Hester requested confirmation that the current conditions included the requirement of a 50-foot buffer to be enforced. Ms. Rennich advised that she would review the site plan to verify. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6F

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that the applicant wishes to defer this item to next month. In accordance with this information, she then advised of her intent to move to defer until December 13, 2022, this evening. Councilman Henderson inquired if this deferral would still allow the first and final readings to be heard before the end of the year. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6G

Councilwoman Berz stated she would be presenting this item to be approved with conditions. After reading the proposed condition list, she requested Ms. Rennich to clarify the process of making additions to conditions through the zoning process.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: *This item was addressed in discussion regarding Agenda Item 7G (Resolutions)*

A discussion ensued between Council, Ms. Rennich, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Thongnopnua regarding the following questions and comments:

- UGC Restrictions
- Landscaping Conditions
- Further Council Consideration
- Concern about Restrictions
- Condition Amendments (Fencing Regulations and Max Height)
- Future Prospect
- Clarification the Ordinance and Proposed Resolution are Separate

On the conclusion of the discussion, Councilwoman Berz requested the Council to confirm the requested changes to ensure Ms. Rennich could revise the proposed condition list for this evening's meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6H & 6I

Vice Chair Dotley advised of her intent to defer these items for a week this evening. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6J & 6K

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A – 7F

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7G

Councilman Henderson requested Alternate Version #3 to be read at this evening's meeting. A discussion ensued among Council and Mr. Thongnopnua regarding the proposed Resolution and its components, including the following highlights:

- Objection to Resolution
- Concern for Restrictions
- Deferment for Further Evaluation
- Homeless Community Support
- Community Involvement/ Inclusion

- Creating a Community Advisory Committee
- Administrative Restriction Influence
- RFP Drafting
- Honoring Mayoral Promises
- Correlation between Resolution and Zoning Ordinance

Video of the full discussion is available on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

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

November 15th Proposed Agenda

Regarding items 7K & 7L, Vice Chair Dotley requested clarity on the contractor delays. Mr. Payne elaborated on the necessity for the Resolutions and the reasoning behind the delay. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Hill requested further explanation for items 9A-9D when presented, stating she would appreciate further information on the correlation of these items and the cost to build multi-family housing. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.