

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

November 15, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:31 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, and Marvene Noel. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present.

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; Public Works: Bill Payne, City Engineer; Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (November 8, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A – 5D

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Chairman Ledford requested further information regarding Planning Version #3. Ms. Rennich presented Version #3, explaining the changes made. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B

Councilman Hester advised the Council of his intent to move to deny this item at this evening's meeting due to feedback given during several meetings with the community. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6C & 6D

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A – 7I

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

Purchasing Questions

Mr. Goldberg addressed the Council, explaining the Amazon Purchases and Finance items presented. He urged them to approve these items. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

November 22nd Proposed Agenda

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

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Hill requested more information on item 1a. Mr. Thongnopnua advised that he would reach out to Mr. Freeman to gain further information. He then introduced the new Chief Housing Officer, Nicole Heyman.

Councilwoman Hill inquired about items 9a-9g, requesting these items to be explained further. A discussion ensued between Council and Attorney Noblett. Councilwoman Hill requested a presentation for these items, which was added to the Parks and Public Works Committee meeting this afternoon.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.