

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

November 22, 2022

Call to Order

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, Jenny Hill, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilmen Ken Smith and Isiah Hester were not present.

Others in Attendance

Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Finance Officer; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim; Regional Planning Agency: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (November 15, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D & 5E

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A, 7B & 7C

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

Purchasing Questions

Chairman Ledford asked Mr. Goldberg about the process for ranking and assigning a vendor when there are multiple ones. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

November 29th Proposed Agenda

Councilwoman Hill requested Mr. Freeman update the Council on item 7a. The councilwoman inquired about City Code and the housing policy. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Councilman Henderson informed the Council that he would like RPA to draft an amendment regarding the Airport Inn item that would address density issues. A discussion ensued wherein the following topics were covered by Ms. Rennich and Mr. Freeman:

- Multi-Family Parking (Councilman Henderson)
- Amending of categories (Councilwoman Berz)
- Possibility of creating a similar issue (Councilwoman Berz)
- Density as a problem (Councilwoman Berz)
- Cleanliness and Dignity (Councilwoman Berz)
- Other Consequences (Councilwoman Hill)
- Pros and Cons (Councilwoman Hill)
- Affordability Standards (Councilwoman Hill)
- Revamp of current zoning (Councilwoman Dotley)
- Apartments in C2 (Councilman Ledford)
- Adjust Density (Councilman Ledford)

It was decided by consensus and stated by the Chairman Ledford that Council will continue this discussion in a future Strategic Agenda session. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.