

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

December 20, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:30 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, Carol Berz, Isiah Hester, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod entered the quorum at 3:34 p.m. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua (Chief of Staff); Economic Development: Nicole Heyman (Chief Housing Officer); Regional Planning: Dan Reuter (Administrator).

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (December 13, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

Vice Chair Dotley advised that Administration and the industry have come to a compromise on the fee rates, and an amendment of the initial ordinance will be presented. Mr. Thongnopnua spoke for Administration on the item. A discussion ensued among Council and the City Attorney regarding the process of changing the presented ordinances. Mr. Noblett advised on the process and explained that a roll call vote at this evening's meeting should occur. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5B – 5L

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7E

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Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7E

Councilwoman Berz further explained the purpose of this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7G

Mr. Thongnopnua advised of Administration's request to remove this item from the agenda for further preparation. Councilman Henderson inquired about process for removal, to which Chairman Ledford advised the item would stay on the agenda for this evening with an intent to move to withdrawn from Council. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Purchasing Questions

Councilwoman Hill invited Ms. Heyman to further elaborate on the 3 RFPs for the Economic Development items. Ms. Heyman obliged and explained each request and its purpose.

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired on the Chattanooga Police Department item, requesting to be provided with further information from Administration. Mr. Thongnopnua advised he would obtain the requested information and provide it to her offline. She then requested clarification on the on role alterations this item would cause. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Hill requested Mr. Reuter to further explain item 7a, requesting that he and Ms. Heyman collaborate on language presentation. Chairman Ledford clarified the funding source for this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

STVR January 10th Work Session

Councilman Henderson advised that he contacted Chris Acuff with UTC regarding the STVR Work Session on January 10, 2023, and due to scheduling concerns, the session will need to be moved to 11:30 a.m. on that date.

Vice Chair Dotley advised she met with the applicant for Planning Case 2022-0240, which was previously removed from the agenda. She then requested the item be added to the January 10, 2023, agenda for first reading. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.