

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### August 15, 2023

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill 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 Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Council Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Isiah Hester and Carol Berz were not in attendance at this meeting. Valerie Malueg, Deputy City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present.

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#### **Other Participants in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Interim Chief of Staff; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director; Hamilton County Department of Education: Rachel Emond, Strategic Partnership Coordinator; The Enterprise Center: Geoff Millener, Chief Operating Officer; EPB Chattanooga: Evann Freeman, Director of Government Relations; Community Development Department: Ty Armour and Chris Brown, Directors of Community Centers; and Chattanooga Police Department: Celeste Murphy, Chief of Police.

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On the motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (August 8, 2023) were approved as published.

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A**

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

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5B & 5C**

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B. Case No. 2021-0213

C. Case No. 2023-0083

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

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A Case No. 2023-0075**

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Councilman Ledford inquired whether this item was ready to move forward; Councilwoman Noel affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7F**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## **NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA – August 22, 2023**

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Councilman Henderson questioned item 6(b) regarding Short-Term Vacation Rental Certificates, to which Ms. Rennich responded. Discussion can be viewed [here](#). Councilmen Henderson and Ledford requested an alternate version #3 of this item; Ms. Rennich and Ms. Malueg affirmed.

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

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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### **HCS EdConnect Presentation**

Ms. Emond, Mr. Millener, and Mr. Evann Freeman presented the HCS EdConnect end of year 3 update to Council. The presentation can be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- What EdConnect is, who it serves and why it is needed
- The impact EdConnect has had, currently has, and will continue to have on individuals and communities
- Concurrent research efforts and ongoing evaluative work that is happening alongside EdConnect
  - <https://edconnect.bc.edu/#/>
- How the research data collected is being used & actionable items that have resulted from it
- EdConnect's continued commitment to the long-term

### **Officer Involved Shooting**

Vice Chair Hill welcomed Chief Murphy, who briefed Council on the officer involved shooting incident that had occurred over the weekend. Chief Murphy's address and the subsequent discussion can be viewed [here](#).

### **Community Centers**

Councilwoman Coonrod questioned Mr. Armour and Mr. Brown about the Community Centers, to which Mr. Freeman stepped in and responded.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Vice Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.