AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

January 31, 2023

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, Demetrus Coonrod, Carol Berz, Isiah Hester, and Marvene Noel. 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; Human Resources: Daniel Harrigan, Deputy Chief HR Officer.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (January 24, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

Case No. 2022-0237

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7E

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7F

Chairman Ledford inquired about the language update in Section 1. Introduction (A) and requested clarification. Mr. Thongnopnua addressed the language inquiry before deferring to Mr. Harrigan to further elaborate. A discussion ensued. Chairman Ledford then inquired on the effect modifying or deleting the language would have on the HR department. Councilwoman Berz requested a language clarification, suggesting alternate language be used. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7G

Chairman Ledford requested an update from the City Attorney on this item. Attorney Noblett advised of his suggestion of deferring this item to the February 7th agenda due to an ownership transition. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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Resolutions - Agenda Item 7H

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

Purchasing Questions

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

Future Considerations

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

February 7th Proposed Agenda

Regarding item 7(a), Attorney Noblett advised of an amendment which had been made to update the amounts. He noted that the changes had already been applied to the agenda, and it was reflecting correctly. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other Business

Councilwoman Berz made a motion to add the current version of the proposed STVR ordinance with the amendment discussed in today's STVR Work Session to the February 21st agenda. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

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