

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### July 18, 2023

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#### Call to Order

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Council Chair Raquetta Dotley 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 Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilpersons Ken Smith and Marvene Noel arrived after the call to order; Councilwoman Carol Berz arrived at 3:35 p.m. Valerie Malueg, Senior Assistant City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present.

#### Other Participants in Attendance

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Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Interim Chief of Staff, and Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff; Transportation: Ben Taylor, Deputy Administrator; and Apogee Wealth Partners LLC: Chris Hopkins.

#### Approval of Minutes

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On the motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (July 11, 2023) were approved as published.

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

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| A. <u>Case No. 2023-0096</u> | B. <u>Case No. 2023-0080</u> | C. <u>Case No. 2023-0081</u> |
| D. <u>Case No. 2023-0088</u> | E. <u>Case No. 2023-0084</u> | F. <u>Case No. 2023-0093</u> |
| G. <u>Case No. 2023-0073</u> | H. <u>Case No. 2023-0094</u> | I. <u>Case No. 2023-0095</u> |
| J. <u>Case No. 2023-0078</u> |                              |                              |

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

#### Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A & 6B

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| A. <u>Case No. 2023-0082</u> | B. <u>Case No. MR-2023-0061</u> |
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Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

#### Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7G

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

#### PURCHASING

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Ms. Satterfield advised Council that the Traffic Safety Equipment item would be withdrawn at the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting, upon request from the Public Works Department. Mr. Taylor affirmed.

Councilwoman Coonrod questioned the Sole Source item for gun violence prevention advertisements through Brewer Media. Mr. Freeman responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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### **Fire & Police Pension Fund**

Mr. Hopkins gave a presentation to Council on the Chattanooga Fire and Police Pension Fund. The presentation can be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- The history and structure of the Fund
- Fiduciary Board of Trustees for the Fund
  - How the Board is composed
  - The role of the Trustees
- The challenges to defined benefit plans / pensions in general & Chattanooga's Pension Fund in particular
- Market value fluctuations that affect the Fund
- The fund's performance for Q1 of 2023 (January-March)
- Funded status factors
- Significant achievements since switching investment consultant firms

At the conclusion, Councilman Ledford thanked Mr. Hopkins for the work he and his team had done. He also thanked Councilman Smith for bringing Mr. Hopkins to the Council's attention and nominating him for this role. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.