

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

September 12, 2023

Call to Order

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley 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 Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod arrived after the call to order. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present.

Other Participants in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Interim Chief of Staff, and Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (August 29, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A Case No. MR-2022-0257

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7E

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7F

Ms. Bursch advised that the Administration would be requesting an additional one-week deferral on this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7J – 7Q

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Next Week's Proposed Agenda – September 19, 2023

Councilman Henderson questioned proposed item 6(b) regarding the creation of a Parks and Outdoors Advisory Commission. He requested that Council be given a presentation on the item before voting on it. Upon affirmation from Mr. Freeman and no objection from Council, the Administration will be giving a presentation on this item during the Parks & Public Works Committee on September 19, 2023; the proposed ordinance will be on first reading September 26, 2023. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other Business

Form-Based Code Hearing

Councilman Henderson requested clarification and additional information regarding the process and procedure. Chair Dotley and Mr. Noblett responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.