

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### October 3, 2023

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#### Call to Order

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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, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present. Video of this meeting is available on YouTube [see [here](#)].

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#### Other Participants in Attendance

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Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Interim Chief of Staff; and Economic Development: Richard Beeland, Administrator.

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#### Approval of Minutes

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**On the motion of Councilman Ledford** and seconded by Councilwoman Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (September 26, 2023) were approved as published.

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#### Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 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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#### Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7C

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Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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#### Future Considerations

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Chair Dotley requested additional information on the proposed Economic Development items:

- 1(a) regarding Harbor Hotel, LLC
- 1(c) regarding the Forgotten Child Fund, Inc. lease of space at 1815 E. Main Street
- 1(d) regarding the Forgotten Child Fund, Inc. lease of space at 1715 E. Main Street

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. Beeland, who responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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#### Meeting Recessed

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Chair Dotley recessed the agenda session meeting at 3:34 p.m.

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**Meeting Reconvened**

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Chair Dotley reconvened the agenda session meeting at 4:10 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Henderson, Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Noel, and Coonrod.

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**Other Business**

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Councilwoman Coonrod brought up the issue of gun violence in the City and stressed the need for outreach and intervention programs targeted towards older individuals, not just children. She suggested having an education session to discuss further. 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 4:15 p.m.