

# FY21 BUDGET EDUCATION SESSION #3

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

### COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 9, 2020

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#### Call to Order

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Councilwoman Carol Berz, Committee Chair, called the electronic conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice- Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Valerie Malueg, Assistant City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk.

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#### Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

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Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan (Chief Operating Officer); Signal Centers: Donna McConnico, (CEO), Christy Murphy (Chief Marketing Officer), and Mary Ellen Galloway (Homeless Initiative)

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#### Public Hearing for FY21 Proposed Budget

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Councilwoman Berz led a discussion on the format and procedure the for public hearing tonight in the 6:00 p.m. meeting. Vice-Chairman Smith informed the Council that 172 people were registered thus far. The Council discussed the time limit per speaker, the number of speakers allowed, the amount of time allotted for the full hearing, and the order of the hearing in relation to the rest of the meeting agenda.

Ms. Sullivan joined the discussion to identify the time-sensitive items requiring Council action tonight. She noted a board appointment resolution and a Public Works item. Councilman Ledford noted that one Planning item would be deferred tonight, and that Bryan Shults would give the staff presentation on behalf of John Bridger.

**Chairman Henderson moved** to limit the public hearing to two hours, with two minutes per speaker. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. He noted his intent to amend the main motion. Discussion ensued, during which, Chairman Henderson moved to amend by adding the following details: the hearing will start at the top of the meeting agenda for 30 minutes, then the Council would take a brief recess, resume the remaining of the legislative agenda, then return to the public hearing. Councilman Byrd seconded this amendment. After consulting with Attorney Malueg on the Council rules of procedure and the public notice, the Council came to a consensus about the hearing. The Council agreed to a brief (30 minute estimated) meeting to go through the legislative items requiring action, and then would start the public hearing. Each speaker would have a two-minute time limit. The hearing will run until all registered speakers have been heard. Speakers may only speak once during the entire meeting, either during the public hearing or at the end of the meeting during the regular public comment section.

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## **Other Business**

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Councilwoman Berz proposed changing the dates of the first and second readings. The Council came to a consensus that the first reading of the budgets will take place on June 16 and the second reading on June 23.

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## **Presentation: Signal Centers, Inc.**

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Ms. McConnico gave an 8-minute video presentation that included information on the five areas of services utilizing City of Chattanooga funding: Adult Day Services, The Camps, Baby U, Homeless Services, and Child Care WAGE\$ Tennessee. After the presentation, Councilman Ledford questioned Ms. Galloway on the services for the homeless quarantined during the COVID-19 pandemic and next steps once they are no longer quarantined. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Department of Youth and Family Development**

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Councilwoman Coonrod asked Councilwoman Berz to allow Lurone “Coach” Jennings, YFD Administrator, to join the electronic meeting. Discussion ensued with Mr. Jennings responding to questions on the following:

- YFD resources for youth and families (Councilman Byrd)
- Diversity and inclusion (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Divesting from sports (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Eliminating trauma in families (Chairman Henderson)
- Moving Workforce Development Under YFD (Councilwoman Coonrod)

Action Items/Follow-up:

- How money could be reallocated and spent
- Numbers on whether programs are working
- 911, Police, YFD will be added to the June 16 session

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## **Adjournment**

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Councilman Berz adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

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