

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

July 6, 2021

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Vice-Chairman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (June 29, 2021) were approved as published.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief Policy Officer; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Interim Deputy Administrator; Youth & Family Development: Jason McKinney, Deputy Administrator of Education

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B

Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. McKinney for further explanation on this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Freeman answered questions from Council that covered the following:

- Next steps (Councilman Byrd)
- Possible purchases (Councilman Byrd)
- Clarification on what are minority business (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Staying on City Books and leasing (Councilwoman Hill)
- Leasing a surplus property (Vice Chairman Smith)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D

Chairman Henderson confirmed with Mr. Goldberg that this item was ready to move forward. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E, 7F & 7G

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

July 13th Agenda

Councilwoman Hill informed Mr. Goldberg that she believed item 7B had some discrepancies in language and needed to be reviewed.

Chairman Henderson confirmed with Mr. Goldberg that status of item 7A.

Councilwoman Coonrod asked, in reference for 7C & 7D, for a presentation from Mr. Sammons and Mr. Anderson on their future roles. Chairman Henderson asked that this presentation be made next week, July 13th.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Berz had questions for Mr. Goldberg on the timeline for Budget Hearings and the first and second reading of the same.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Other

Chairman Henderson informed that Council that the Skyzoo hearing would be moved to the top of the Council agenda tonight. Vice-Chairman Smith confirmed that Council action was needed on whether to revoke or not revoke the special exemptions permit for the facility. Chairman Henderson and Ms. O'Donnell confirmed that while it was a public hearing, the public would not make comment at this hearing.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Couch Cushions Report

Mr. Goldberg gave a presentation that covered the following:

- Microsoft Office License – IT
- City Resurfacing Contract – Transportation
- External Banking Services – Finance
- Property Tax Billing & Collections – Finance
- Security Upgrades – YFD
- Next Steps

A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Evergreen Clause (Councilman Ledford)
- Process for Renewing Contracts (Councilman Ledford)
- Review of Contracts (Councilman Ledford)
- Savings to Fund Balance (Councilwoman Berz)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.