

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

March 14, 2023

Call to Order

Councilman Ken Smith, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Council Chairman Darrin Ledford, Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Council members Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Other participants were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (February 28, 2023) were approved as published.

Station Street Amendment Ordinance

Vice Chair Dotley presented her and Councilwoman Noel's proposed version of the ordinance alongside the areas in which the amendment is affecting, highlighting the following:

- Public Safety Concerns
 - Vehicular thru traffic
 - General, collective security in addition to private security

Discussion ensued which addressed the following questions and comments:

- Frequency of citizen complaints (Berz)
- Expanding the restriction in (g)(5) during the summer (Berz)
- Clarification on language used in section (g)(6) (Hill and Smith)
- Clarification on stipulations contained in sections (g)(5) and (g)(6):
 - Who is responsible for street closure (Smith and Berz)
 - Parking lot access (Smith and Coonrod)
 - If all businesses are required to participate and what happens if not (Smith and Berz)
 - Conditions vs. mandates (Smith)
- Input and feedback needed from Emergency First Responders (Ledford)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.