

PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 3, 2022

In Attendance

Councilman Isiah Hester, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Chairman Darrin Ledford, Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Carol Berz, Ken Smith, Demetrus Coonrod Chip Henderson, and Marvene Noel. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Public Works: Tom Hutka, Administrator; Chattanooga Zoo: Darde Long, CEO and President; A.D. Engineering Services: Donna Shepherd, Engineer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Chairman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (April 5, 2022) were approved as published.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7F, 7G, 7H, & 7I

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

Next week, April 12, 2022

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6W, 6X, 6Y

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7I, 7J, 7K, 7L, 7M, 7N, & 7O

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

Chattanooga Zoo Presentation

Councilman Hester opened the floor to Ms. Long, who gave a presentation that included the following:

- Friends of the Zoo
- FY21 Attendance
- 2021 Impact Report

- FY21 Gross Revenue
- Eye on Education
- PEDZ Program
- 2021 Volunteers
- Zoo Camp
- Online Audience
- New Expansions

A discussion ensued, wherein the following was expressed:

- Gratitude for the programs and growth of the Zoo (Councilman Henderson)
- Gratitude for the culture that the Zoo brings (Councilman Smith)
- Gratitude for enriching District 8 (Councilwoman Noel)
- Gratitude for the impact of the Zoo and genuine hospitality (Chairman Ledford)
- Congratulations and gratitude for Ms. Long (Councilwoman Berz)
- Gratitude for the impact of the children's programs (Councilwoman Hill)
- Gratitude on behalf of the entire Council (Councilman Hester)

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Hester adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.