

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

July 30, 2019

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### **In Attendance**

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Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, and Jerry Mitchell. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Lydia Christoph Sanchez, Administrative Support, were also present.

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### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director; Human Resources: Beverly Moultrie, Chief HR Officer; EPB: Joe Ferguson, Outgoing Board Chair

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Jerry Mitchell, the minutes of the last meeting (July 23, 2019) were approved as published.

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### **Special Guest**

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Mr. Ferguson came to express his thanks to the members of the Council for their cooperation with EPB and him. He discussed the progress that he and the Council had made in the city over the years, and predicted future growth in the technological sector and the need to teach children technological skills. Councilman Smith commented to Mr. Ferguson that Mr. Ferguson's impact on the tech sector in Chattanooga was greater than he knew. Chairman Oglesby commented that he appreciated Mr. Ferguson's friendship and character and asked him to stay engaged in city life.

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### **Ordinances (Final Readings) - Agenda Item 5A**

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After the reading of the item, Councilwoman Berz asked the City Attorney several questions. She asked if the BID ordinance would expend any tax dollars, and the Attorney said "no." Attorney Noblett confirmed that the City was indemnified by the BID ordinance, that the Sunshine Law applied to the BID meetings, that no BID income would flow through the City budget, that no properties or NGOs were initially excepted from the BID ordinance, but all properties involved had the right to appeal, and that appeals of BID board decisions would go directly to circuit court. Attorney Noblett confirmed that a financial and behavioral audit report of the BID project would be given to the City Council annually. Attorney Noblett also read the rules for the 6:00 p.m. BID public hearing.

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### **Ordinances (First Readings) - Agenda Item 6A**

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This zoning ordinance was deferred to August 13<sup>th</sup> on the request of Councilman Ledford.

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**Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D**

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There were no questions after the reading of each of these resolutions.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.