

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 2020

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## **In Attendance**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, all present via electronic means. Also present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist, also present by electronic means.

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

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Mayor's Office: Kerry Hayes (Chief of Staff), Maura Sullivan (Chief Operating Officer), and Tony Sammons (Deputy Chief Operating Officer); Economic & Community Development: Richard Beeland (Deputy Administrator); Finance: Daisy Madison (Chief Finance Officer), Tanikia Jackson (Deputy Chief Finance Officer) and Kate Farmer (Treasurer); Public Works: Justin Holland (Administrator)

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Vice Chairman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Mitchell, the minutes of the last meeting (April 28, 2020) were approved as published.

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## **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A**

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Discussion ensued with Mr. Hayes on the Small Business COVID-19 Coronavirus Bridge-Grants. Councilwoman Coonrod had questions about the selection process for grant recipients. Councilman Mitchell inquired about the specific analysis done. Councilman Gilbert expressed disappointment in the outcomes. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A**

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Councilman Oglesby stated that the Applicant would like to withdraw. Councilman Ledford inquired about the process to withdraw, to which Mr. Noblett and Chairman Henderson responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B**

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Councilman Mitchell had questions for Mr. Noblett pertaining to liability, if the City were to move forward, and the process for contacting and updating the teams. Councilman Gilbert inquired about the procedures of the Association. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items C**

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Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about this being an outside contract, the need for the contract, and if the property was being bought or leased, to which Mr. Beeland responded. She also had questions

about the BID process and if there were a previous contract. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D**

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

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E**

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Chairman Henderson introduced Ms. Famer, the new City Treasurer. Councilwoman Coonrod had questions pertaining to the hiring process during the pandemic, to which Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Madison addressed. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7F, 7G, 7H & 7I**

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

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### **Purchasing Questions**

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Councilman Gilbert had questions for Mr. Sammons pertaining to Police Cars and funds. Mr. Sammons will have the information for him. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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### **Next Week's Agenda: May 12, 2020**

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Discussion ensued about the following:

- Councilwoman Berz inquired about the four finance resolutions on the agenda that she did not know about. Ms. Jackson briefed the Council on these agenda items.
- Councilpersons Berz and Mitchell expressed concerns about the process of placing on items on the agenda, to which Mr. Noblett and Chairman Henderson responded.
- Councilman Byrd had questions pertaining to item 7(h), which Councilman Mitchell noted would be answered in committee. Councilman Mitchell asked Ms. Sullivan to ensure that his questions would be answered in committee. Ms. Sullivan agreed.
- Councilwoman Coonrod had concerns about the wording for the contract in item 7(i). Councilman Mitchell asked that she received a copy of the contract for review.

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

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### **Future Considerations**

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Councilman Mitchell inquired about the process for including the 3-week agenda review within committees, to which Chairman Henderson responded. Councilman Gilbert inquired about the sewage pipes removal on Shallowford road, the Brainerd area sewage problem, and the removal of the temporary lines in the area, all of which Mr. Holland responded. Councilman Gilbert also asked about the update on the Water Quality project in Brainerd and the debris pick-up process. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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**Other**

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Councilwoman Coonrod expressed concerns about the process to reopen the YFD Centers. Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Hayes to address those concerns this evening. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

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