

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

June 30, 2020

In Attendance

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. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator; Economic & Community Development: Richard Beeland, Deputy Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Byrd, the minutes of the last meeting (June 23, 2020) were approved as published.

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

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that she would be moving to table this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B, 7C, 7D & 7E

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

Purchasing Questions

- Councilman Gilbert inquired about the voting process for the Waster Services of TN item and he also questioned the Company's official name.
- Councilman Mitchell asked Mr. Holland to give further explanation on said contract.
- Councilwoman Coonrod questioned who the contact involves and the language of the contract. She inquired as to why the City contracts with Santek and asked for clarification from Councilman Gilbert about his specific concerns.
- Councilwoman Berz inquired about the number of city contracts with Santek and their subsidiaries.

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

Other

Councilman Gilbert had questions pertaining to the Governor's Executive Order and what the order meant for meeting going forward, to which Chairman Henderson responded. The Chairman asked Holland about the set up in the Council chambers going forward and the possibility of Plexiglas between the Councilpersons seats. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

July 7th Agenda

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the Lucy Boiler planning item and when it would be added to the agenda. The Chairman confirmed with Mr. Noblett that it would be added for July 14th. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

- Chairman Henderson inquired from Councilwoman Coonrod about the YFD item and the possibility of having a committee meeting to discuss better implementation since schools have not been in effect.
- Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Beeland about the Riverfront contract and its payment structure.
- Chairman Henderson asked Councilman Mitchell to cover the two CDOT items in the next Public Works & Transportation Committee. Councilman Mitchell agreed.
- Councilwoman Coonrod stated she wanted the Racism as a Public Health item to be put on the agenda. Councilman Mitchell and Councilwoman Berz asked to discuss the resolution prior to adding to an agenda. Vice-Chairman Smith offered to discuss the resolution during the next Legislative Committee.

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

Other

- Councilwoman Coonrod inquired from Mr. Noblett about drafting the "8 Can't Wait Reform" as a resolution. Mr. Noblett discussed elements of the reform that had already been implemented by the Chattanooga Police Department.
- Councilman Mitchell asked about what the Council was looking to achieve with the Racial Equity Training and was hoping to have a discussion on providing better services during the Council meetings for the hearing impaired. The Chairman asked the Clerk to add these items to the next Strategic Planning Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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