

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

August 18, 2020

In Attendance

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 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, Jr., 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)

Mayor's Office: Kerry Hayes (Chief of Staff), Maura Sullivan (Chief Operating Officer), and Tony Sammons (Deputy Chief Operation Officer); Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams (Administrator); Information Technology: Brent Messer (Chief Information Officer)

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (August 11, 2020) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A, 5B & 5C

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B

Councilman Byrd had questions for Mr. Noblett pertaining to the language on the Alternate Version of this District 8 rezoning. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A

Councilman Gilbert asked Mr. Hayes about a permanent home for the Forgotten Child Fund. Councilman Byrd had questions pertaining to funds and operations, to which Ms. Williams addressed. Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Hayes about rezoning, location, and the possibly of moving. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B

A discussion ensued on this item, wherein Mr. Messer addressed the following:

- Need for this implementation (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Pricing (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Right Decision Moving Forward (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Alternative Until Next Administration (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Staff Need Going Forward (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Contract Additions (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Approvals in 2007 (Councilman Gilbert)
- Pink Slips (Councilman Gilbert)
- Time Frame Request (Councilman Ledford)
- Obligations for Next Administration (Councilman Ledford)

Councilman Byrd requested that Mr. Sammons join the panel to speak on the purchasing process for the platform. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Purchasing Questions

Councilman Ledford asked Ms. Sullivan about equipment post-COVID on the Canon contract. He also inquired about tracking and identifying positions that could continue to work remotely going forward. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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