

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 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, Jr., all present via electronic means. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Economic and Community Development: Richard Beeland, Deputy Administrator; Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator, and Anna Mathis, Parks Outreach Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 1, 2020) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

Chairman Henderson stated that he will be adding conditions this evening. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E & 6F

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Councilman Mitchell asked Mr. Beeland for further details on the specifics of Affordable Housing. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D & 7E

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7F

Chairman Henderson confirmed that this was a change in ownership for the liquor store. Mr. Noblett informed the Council that the Clerk had the necessary paperwork for the Council to sign. Chairman Henderson confirmed with Ms. Gwyn having the ability to use electronic signatures for councilpersons wishing to sign this documentation. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7G, 7H, 7I, 7J & 7K

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

Departmental Report – Public Works

Mr. Holland introduced Mr. Mathis who gave a presentation on improving and coordinating Land Management at the City that included information on the following:

- City of Chattanooga Managed Lands
- Responsibility and Oversight
- City Land Managers
- Collaboration and Coordination
- Goals and Commitments
- Phased Action Plan
- Understory Gardens
- Thank You

A discussion ensued, in which Mr. Holland and Ms. Mathis addressed the following questions and concerns from Council:

- Bee City, USA (Councilman Henderson)
- Landscaping goals for YFD Centers (Councilman Henderson)
- Uniformity of YFD Centers (Councilman Henderson)
- City Parcels/Properties (Councilman Ledford)
- Working in conjunction with properties on CBID (Councilman Ledford)
- Missing trees on City owned property (Councilman Ledford)
- Replacement Reporting (Councilman Ledford)
- Identifying City property (Councilman Ledford) (Councilman Ledford)
- Jack Benson Heritage Park (Councilman Ledford)
- Changing flow of water/erosion (Councilman Gilbert)
- Wild Flowers (Councilman Gilbert)
- Grooming of Highways (Councilman Gilbert)
- Tree Farms/Donated Trees (Councilman Mitchell)
- Functioning and Decision Making (Councilman Mitchell)
- Land Management (Councilman Mitchell)

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

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

- Councilman Mitchell inquired about the STVR discussion taking place next week. Chairman Henderson confirmed with Councilwoman Coonrod, who is introducing STVR legislation, that this discussion would take place during Strategic Planning next week (September 15th).
- Councilman Ledford had questions regarding the transfer property at Enterprise South. Councilman Oglesby informed the Council that this would be discussed in next week's ECD Committee meeting.
- Chairman Henderson announced that the Form-Based Code appeal would be taking place in three weeks (September 22).

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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