

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

October 13, 2020

In Attendance

Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council members Carol Berz, 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. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod joined the meeting after the call to order. Council Chairman Chip Henderson and Councilman Anthony Byrd were not present.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Economic & Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (October 6, 2020) were approved as published.

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

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that she would seek to defer this item for a week. Councilman Ledford inquired about obtaining the candidate's resume. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E & 7F

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

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

- Councilman Mitchell questioned if the HR Committee scheduled for next week, October 20th, would include an update from Blue Cross Blue Shield, to which Councilman Gilbert responded.
- Vice Chairman Smith asked Mr. Noblett to give further insight on the Office of the City Attorney item (VIII). Councilman Mitchell had questions about the bond deal.

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

Other

Vice-Chairman Smith opened the floor to Councilman Ledford, who asked Mr. Noblett to draft an ordinance amendment to address leniency in fines of the city codes department in conjunction with natural disaster areas. Councilman Ledford asked Ms. Williams to join the panel for further insight on the matter.

Discussion ensued. Councilman Mitchell inquired about zone designation and city limits. Councilwoman Berz wanted confirmation from Councilman Ledford whether this legislation would cover all natural disasters or just the one that occurred in April. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

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