

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### February 9, 2021

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilwoman Carol Berz joined the meeting after the call to order.

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

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Information Technology: Brent Messer, Chief Information Officer

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (February 2, 2021) were approved as published.

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

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

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

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Councilman Ledford had questions for Mr. Noblett about the conditions. Chairman Henderson asked the Council if there were any objections to Alternate Version 2 being brought forward on the agenda tonight. Seeing none, the issue was closed.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6C, 6D & 6E**

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

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Vice-Chairman Smith confirmed with Mr. Noblett that the alternate version had the updated language referencing the duration and early paying off. Mr. Noblett confirmed the updates. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B, 7C, & 7D**

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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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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E**

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Chairman Henderson confirmed with Mr. Noblett that there were no further concerns pertaining to this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

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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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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7I**

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Chairman Henderson updated the Council on this item. A discussion ensued wherein the following concerns were addressed by both the Chairman and Mr. Noblett:

- Item given time needed (Councilman Ledford)
- Diverse and Affordable Housing Possibility (Councilman Ledford)
- Process questions for 6pm Meeting for item in District 1 (Councilman Mitchell)
- Flooding Concerns (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Opposition from Community (Councilman Smith)

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

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7L**

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Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the amount of money spent to date. Chairman Henderson asked Ms. Sullivan or Mr. Jennings to get back to the Councilwoman regarding her concerns. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Purchasing Questions**

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Councilman Mitchell recommended that this contract be a rebid in the near future. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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## **Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)**

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Chairman Henderson updated the Council on the items that might need a couple more weeks before being placed on the two-week agenda. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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## **Department Report – IT**

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Mr. Messer gave a presentation on the “Value and Continued Savings for IT.” A discussion ensued, wherein he addressed the following questions/concerns:

- Reduction in Budget Operations(Councilman Ledford)
- General Operating Fund (Councilman Ledford)

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 3:59 p.m.

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