

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

May 11, 2021

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the in-person and electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd and Demetrus Coonrod. Other panelists present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith was not present.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (May 4, 2021) were approved as published.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief Policy Officer; Public Works: Bill Payne, Interim Administrator; Economic & Community Development: Anthony Sammons, Interim Administrator

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

Councilwoman Hill made Councilwoman Coonrod aware of a typographical error in the list of holidays in the document. Attorney Noblett agreed to revise the document. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6E

Councilwoman Hill asked Mr. Payne for a briefing on the stormwater management program. A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions were addressed:

- Single Family Home Bill (Councilwoman Hill)
- Escrow Requirements (Councilwoman Hill)
- Waterways Program (Councilwoman Hill)
- Marketing program to the public (Councilman Ledford)

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B

Councilwoman Berz stated that she would be asking to bifurcate and separate [*“divide the question”*] the question due to questions regarding the distribution of funds. Councilwoman Hill asked Councilwoman Berz to explain the process for separating the item at tonight’s meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7F

Councilman Ledford asked Chairman Henderson for the changes in the alternate version. The Chairman asked Mr. Noblett to confirm the changes. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7J & 7K

Mr. Noblett informed the Council that he would seek to defer item 7J. Mr. Goldberg confirmed that item 7K would also need to be deferred for one week. Upon no comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7L, 7M, 7N, 7O, 7P & 7Q

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

Purchasing Questions

Councilwoman Hill had questions pertaining to the emergency purchase and the weekly expected expenses, which Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Thongnopnua addressed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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Councilwoman Hill inquired about the need for a policy change and the difference in item 6A, to which Councilwoman Berz and Mr. Noblett responded.

Councilwoman Hill requested further information on item 7C. The Councilwoman then inquired about how the input from kids was conducted. Mr. Sammons responded to both questions.

Councilwoman Hill asked for further information on item 7I from Mr. Payne.

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

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Hill asked Mr. Goldberg about the process for putting together the Future Considerations document for the Council. Councilwoman Berz and Councilman Ledford gave additional input on the need and benefit of the Future Considerations document. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Proposed Legislation

Councilwoman Dotley informed the Council that she would be seeking to rescind the decision on item MR-2021-0038. Chairman Henderson asked Council staff to ensure this is added under “Other Business” for tonight’s Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

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