

# **AGENDA SESSION MINUTES**

## **Chattanooga City Council**

### **June 22, 2021**

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd and Demetrus Coonrod. Other panelists present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Ledford** and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (June 15, 2021) were approved as published.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief Policy Officer; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Police: Glenn Scruggs, Assistant Chief; Economic Development: Anthony Sammons, Interim Administrator

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

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Councilwoman Coonrod asked Chief Scruggs the use of programs funds. Councilwoman Berz asked Ms. Madison for further clarification on use of funds and requested a list of those uses. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

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

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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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#### **Future Considerations**

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Councilwoman Hill inquired about ownership and surpluses regarding item 7B, to which Mr. Thongnopnua and Mr. Sammons responded.

Regarding item 7D, Councilwoman Hill questioned Mr. Thongnopnua and Mr. Freeman on the following:

- Why the PILOT was deemed beneficial for the community,
- Timeline for when the public would see the PILOT request
- Jobs Created
- Changes related to the IDB & HEB Boards

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the price increase for item 5A and the language of the ordinance having “additional years.” Councilman Ledford asked about specifications being met and the presentation coming before Council in the upcoming weeks. Councilman Byrd had concerns about being able to hire locally. Mr. Sammons and Mr. Freeman addressed these concerns.

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

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**Other**

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Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Thongnopnua about Administration's plan for employees whose appointments are up on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She also asked about national searches for filling appointments. 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 4:07 p.m.