

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

November 9, 2021

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room in the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Interim Chief of Staff; Public Works: Donald Stone, Interim Administrator

Approval of Minutes

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

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

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6F & 6G

Councilman Ledford informed the Council that he would seek to defer both these items tonight. Upon no further comments or questions, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6H, 6I, 6J, 6K, 6L, 6M, 6N & 6O

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G, 7H & 7I

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

November 16th Agenda

Councilwoman Hill requested information on the improvements expected for item 7I, to which both Mr. Thongnopnua and Mr. Stone responded.

Chairman Henderson requested that the HR department do an in-depth pay study for item 6a. Councilwoman Berz had questions pertaining to Charter changes and spoke to budgetary concerns. Councilwoman Coonrod spoke to the pay being set by Council and the possibility of UTC doing the research/pay study. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Future Considerations

Councilwoman Hill requested that item 1a be moved back two weeks. Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Thongnopnua to update the document to reflect the date of December 14th. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.