

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

January 11, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the 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 Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Anthony Byrd and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilpersons Carol Berz and Raquetta Dotley were not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Finance Officer; Fire: William Matlock, Deputy Chief; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Interim Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Hill, the minutes of the last meeting (January 4, 2022) were approved as published.

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

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6D

Councilman Ledford stated he would seek to table this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6E, 6F, 6G, 6H, 6I & 6J

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6K

Chairman Henderson asked Ms. Rennich to brief the Council on this item. 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

Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Thongnopnua about the process for the appointment as it refers to the dual positions. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Councilman Ledford informed the Council that he would seek to defer this item on behalf of Councilwoman Berz. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Purchasing Questions

Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Goldberg if there was still a need to withdraw the Gallagher Benefit Services item on tonight's purchasing list. Councilman Ledford inquired about the process to do so. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

January 18th Agenda

Councilwoman Hill inquired about the increase to the contract for item 7a. Chairman Henderson informed the Councilwoman that this item would be addressed in today's Parks & Public Works Committee. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Chairman Henderson asked Chief Matlock for an update on the Fire Fighter that was injured over the weekend. A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed by both Mr. Matlock and Mr. Thongnopnua:

- Building status (Councilman Henderson)
- Ongoing issues at this location (Councilman Henderson)
- Building ownership (Councilman Ledford)
- Same issues in residential areas of Avondale & Eastdale (Councilman Byrd)

Mr. Thongnopnua informed the Council that a presentation could be facilitated at the February 1st Strategic Planning meeting to address these public safety issues to a greater extent; Chairman Henderson agreed to that date. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.