

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

April 12, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of seven was present, including Vice Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Darrin Ledford, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Marvene Noel and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Phil Noblett, Special Council to the City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilpersons Jenny Hill and Isiah Hester were not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Finance: Andrew Sevigny, Office of Performance Management

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (April 5, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A through 6O

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A

Chairman Henderson informed Mr. Noblett that an amendment changed would need to be made for this item prior to the next Council Meeting. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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

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

Future Considerations: Redistricting Item 6A

Chairman Henderson asked Councilwoman Berz if we could proceed with Item 6A (redistricting ordinance) on the April 19th agenda. The Councilwoman stated that there were some errors discovered in the data from the State relative to the census and redistricting that needed to be addressed and revised. She asked Mr. Thongnopnua to inform the Council of those data inconsistencies. Mr. Thongnopnua introduced Mr. Sevigny, who gave a presentation that included

information on the following:

- Agenda
- Data Inconsistencies
- Proposed Changes
- Proposed District with Population
- Proposed District Changes Compared to Current
- Changes on Map

A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Issue specific to Chattanooga (Councilwoman Dotley)
- Two Weeks (Councilwoman Noel)
- Assurance of Integrity of Data (Councilman Ledford)
- Changes between district 8 & 9 (Councilwoman Coonrod)

Councilwoman Berz asked for the timeline for this item. Chairman Henderson asked for the redistricting ordinance to be placed on agenda for April 26th on First Reading. Attorney Noblett agreed to add it to the 26th agenda. At the request of Councilwoman Berz, Chairman Henderson scheduled the same presentation on the revised redistricting data to be presented under "Special Presentations" at tonight's Council meeting. Attorney Noblett agreed to add it to the agenda for tonight. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.