

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### April 26, 2022

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Ken Smith, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer;  
Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator;

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (April 19, 2022) were approved as published.

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A & 5B**

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

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Mr. Thongnopnua confirmed that the new redistricting map had been updated on the city's website last week after the presentation to the Council. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A**

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Councilwoman Berz explained why this board appointment resolution had been placed on this week's agenda and how Council appointments will be made in the future. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F & 7G**

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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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#### **May 3<sup>rd</sup> Agenda**

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Chairman Ledford asked Mr. Thongnopnua for clarification regarding the NCFC grant. A discussion

ensued.

Chairman Ledford noted next week is Election Day and proposed to move meeting times up as follows:

Strategic Planning will be moved from 2:30 pm to 1:30 pm  
Agenda Session and Committees will be moved from 3:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
Council Meeting will be moved from 6:00pm to 4:00 pm.

Upon no questions or comments, the time changes were approved by consensus.

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## **Future Considerations**

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Regarding item B, Councilman Henderson inquired about the location, to which Mr. Freeman responded.

Councilwoman Berz gave notice of the agenda for the FV2023 Budget Presentation as follows:

1. 4/25-29, 2022 - Committee Chairs' Individual Education Sessions
2. 5/10/22 - 3:30 Council Agenda Session: Budget Books distributed; Budget Overview
3. 5/17/22 - 10:00-3:30: Council Education Session regarding Operating Budget
4. 5/24/22 - 10:00-3:30: Council Education Session regarding Capital Budget; Discussion of any remaining Issues
5. 5/31/22 - 6:00 -7:00: Public Input Session (2 min. each)
6. 6/7/22 - 1st Reading
7. 6/14/22 - 2nd Reading

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Ledford yielded the chair to Councilman Henderson at 4:00 p.m.