

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

September 20, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:31 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, Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Councilpersons Isiah Hester and Demetrus Coonrod were not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff;
Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (September 13, 2022) were approved as published.

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

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Councilwoman Hill questioned if this item has been withdrawn, asking Councilwoman Noel if she was aware of any such action. Councilwoman Noel advised that there is no such pending action to her knowledge. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A, 7B, & 7E

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

September 27th Agenda

Mr. Thongnopnua briefed the Council on item 7D.

Councilwoman Hill requested Administration explain item 7A's purpose further.

Councilwoman Berz inquired to items 7E - 7H, and if they would be discussed further. Mr. Goldberg then briefed the Council on all four items and their updated language. Councilwoman Berz requested clarification on the impact on the existing resolutions.

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

Future Considerations

Regarding item 1C, Vice Chair Dotley requested clarification from Administration.

Councilwoman Berz advised the Council that the date for item 1H would be delayed for a future agenda, not for October 4th

Councilwoman Berz requested a briefing of item 3C, to which Mr. Goldberg explained he would brief Council on items 3A – 3D, as they all were in relation. Following Mr. Goldberg's briefing, Vice Chair Dotley inquired to what policies were being amended and why it was necessary. A discussion ensued, wherein Mr. Goldberg explained the current policies and why they necessitate the changes proposed. Councilwoman Berz requested explanation on the WIFIA Loan, its purpose, and why the debt policy requires an amendment. Discussion continued. After which, Councilwoman Berz requested further discussion at a later period.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.