

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

January 17, 2023

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:38 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 Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Carol Berz, Isiah Hester, Demetrus Coonrod and Marvene Noel. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (January 10, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading)– Agenda Items 5A – 5I

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

Ordinances (First Reading)– Agenda Item 6A

Chairman Ledford requested an update on this item from Ms. Rennich. She advised the Council of the applicant's intent to withdraw. 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 Item 7B

Councilwoman Hill noted a clerical error on the Proposed January 24th Agenda: a duplication on Item 7b. Chairman Ledford and the City Attorney advised the error would be corrected. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C – 7K

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

Purchasing Questions

Chairman Ledford advised of the intent to defer the Airport Inn RFP to January 24th for further Council review. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Regarding item 14(a) Councilwoman Berz requested the item be moved up to the January 24th Agenda, as the due date for approval is January 31st. With no objection, the action was approved. She then requested further explanation for item 9(a), to which Mr. Noblett elaborated.

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

January 24th Proposed Agenda

Chairman Ledford requested clarification on the updates for item 7(i). Mr. Thongnopnua advised of the language changes.

Councilwoman Hill inquired on this item, requesting further information. Ms. Satterfield advised that she would compile information for this item and have Scott Martin, Administrator of Parks and Outdoors, prepare a presentation for next week's Agenda Session.

Regarding item 7(a), Councilwoman Coonrod requested to be listed as a cosponsor. Chairman Ledford advised the City Attorney to make the necessary changes.

Item 7(b) on this Agenda is to be deleted due to clerical error* (See Resolutions Item 7B)

Department Reports

Vice Chair Dotley reported on her work with Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer, to address concerns heard from employees at last week's Council meeting. She requested a department report to be added to the January 31st Agenda. With no opposition from Council, Chairman Ledford advised a Special Call Parks and Public Works Committee Meeting will be added to the agenda for January 31, 2023.

Other Business

Councilwoman Coonrod requested a presentation updating the Council on the Bayberry Apartments in her district. Mr. Freeman advised he would relay the issues to Codes Enforcement and gather more details regarding the situation.

She then requested a presentation from the Chattanooga Police Department at the next Public Safety Committee to discuss the current Violence Prevention initiatives. Councilman Henderson advised he would consult with Administration on scheduling.

Adjournment

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