

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

March 7, 2023

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:33 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, Isiah Hester, Demetrus Coonrod, Ken Smith, and Marvene Noel. Other participants present were Phil Noble, City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Councilpersons Jenny Hill and Carol Berz were not present for this meeting.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopua, Chief of Staff; Finance: Vickie Haley, Finance Officer.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (February 28, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

Councilman Henderson requested the removal of his sponsorship of this item, noting the ordinance has been amended since his initial introduction and sponsorship addition. Mr. Thongnopua advised of Administration's readiness for alternate legislation in the event this item does not pass final reading. He further elaborated on Administration's legislation, ensuing a discussion addressing the following:

- Regulation Clarity/Legislative Intent/AHO (Ledford)
- Absentee Regulation Clarification (Noel)
- Zoning Regulations (Thongnopua)
- Proposed Timeline (Smith)

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A-7E

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7F

Chairman Ledford introduced appointee, Richard Beeland. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

March 14th Proposed Agenda

Chairman Ledford requested further information on item 7(d). Ms. Haley elaborated on the item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Future Considerations

Councilman Henderson advised the upcoming March 28th Public Safety Committee meeting has been cancelled for further planning, advising the meeting would be tentatively rescheduled. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.