

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

April 4, 2023

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 and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, and Marvene Noel. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Councilman Ken Smith joined the quorum after the call to order.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; Technology Services: Tyson Morris, Chief Information Officer.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (March 28, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

Councilwoman Hill inquired about the redline changes to this item and expressed concern about it addressing noise from motor vehicles, which would require further work and research. Councilwoman Berz and Attorney Noblett responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 5B

Mr. Thongnopnua advised of his intent to move to defer this item to the April 11th agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A-7M

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

April 4th Proposed Agenda

Councilwoman Berz requested approval for the Noise Ordinance to be added for first reading to the April 11th agenda. With no opposition from Council, Chairman Ledford granted her request and advised Attorney Noblett to make the amendment to the agenda.

Councilman Henderson advised Administration of a missing resolution regarding the John A. Patten ARP. Mr. Thongnopnua noted the missing item, and advised Councilman Henderson that he would speak with him before this evening's meeting to correct his concern.

Purchasing Questions

Councilwoman Hill inquired about the Fleet Management item, to which Mr. Thongnopnua and Ms. Bursch provided clarification on the item. She then requested further information on the Technology Services item, to which Mr. Morris responded. Councilman Henderson echoed Councilwoman Hill's concerns on the Technology Services item, requesting further elaboration. A discussion ensued.

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

Adjournment

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