

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

May 9, 2023

Call to Order

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist. Councilman Isiah Hester joined the quorum at 3:53 p.m. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not in attendance of this meeting.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director; Wastewater: Mark Heinzer, Interim Administrator.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Hill, the minutes of the last meeting (May 2, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A Case No. 2023-0034

Councilman Henderson advised he was going to make a motion at the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting to have the Staff Version read into the record. He inquired about language regarding provisions, pursuant to a conversation he had with the applicant. Ms. Rennich responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B – 6D

B. Case No. 2023-0040

C. Case No. 2023-0054

D. Case No. 2023-0038

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6E Case No. 2023-0041

Councilwoman Noel advised that the Alternate Version of this ordinance would be read at the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6F – 6H

F. Case No. 2023-0043

G. Case No. 2023-0049

H. Case No. 2023-0057

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6I

Vice Chair Hill asked Administration to confirm that Council would be voting on the Alternate Version of this ordinance at the 6:00 p.m. meeting. Mr. Anderson affirmed. Vice Chair Hill then advised of concerns with the following:

- Sec. 38-438 (e) regarding renewal fees
 - Mr. Anderson advised that the concerns had been addressed and the language had been updated to reflect the same.
- Sec. 38-435 (m) ownership information being published could potentially lead to an increase in crime / break-ins at properties listed as STVRs.
 - Mr. Anderson advised that more research would need to be done regarding correlation vs. causation.

Vice Chair Hill also informed the Council that the cost breakdown and analysis previously requested had been provided by the Administration and was appropriate.

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7G

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Department Report - Wastewater

Mark Heinzer, Interim Administrator, presented the Annual Consent Decree Update, which can be viewed [here](#). The presentation touched on:

- EPA Compliance status for Phase 1, and Phase 2 thus far.
- Financial status of Phase 1, and Phase 2 thus far.
- Number & status of projects, both completed and underway, for Phase 1 and Phase 2 thus far.
- Timeline & status for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funded projects:
 - e2i2
 - Wet Weather Treatment Upgrade
 - THP + Aeration
- Status of program solutions: Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) & Rehabilitation
 - Sub-basins – 9 completed, 3 in progress, & 17 in planning.
 - Pump Stations – 9 completed, 1 under construction, 7 in the bidding process, and 8 in the design phase.
 - Equalization Stations (EQ Stations) – 1 completed, 2 in progress, 2 in the bidding process, and 1 in the planning phase.
 - The completed Hamm Rd. EQ Station has resulted in 250 million gallons of avoided potential sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) volume since beginning operation in July 2022.

- Kanasita Dr. EQ & Pump Station is ready to begin construction once the contract is awarded. A public meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 25, 2023, to discuss.
- Status of upgrades being made to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including the construction of EQ Basins, which will result in additional storage capacity and 10% energy savings.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Councilman Smith inquired as to when construction would begin on the Hamill Road / Kanasita Dr. facility. Mr. Heinzer advised there was not a definite date, as the bidding process was complete, but the contract had not yet been awarded.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.