

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

August 1, 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 Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilman Darrin Ledford was not in attendance at this meeting. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present.

Other Participants in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Interim Chief of Staff; Regional Planning: Dan Reuter, Administrator of City Planning/RPA Director, and Karen Rennich, Deputy Director.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (July 25, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7I

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA: August 8, 2023

Chair Dotley requested clarification and additional information on proposed Planning item 6(f) regarding Short-Term Vacation Rental Certificates. Discussion ensued [viewed [here](#)] with Ms. Rennich on the proposed amendments to the existing ordinance. Councilpersons Smith, Berz, and Hill had questions on the following:

- Whether the proposed amendments address the tax implications or land use.
- Whether there could be unintended consequences as a result of the proposed changes.
- Whether STVRs within UGC zoning were considered commercial or not commercial.

Ms. Rennich, Mr. Reuter, and Mr. Noblett responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Chair Dotley requested a one-page summary of Human Resources item 5(a) regarding the updates and amendments made to the Employee Information Guide (EIG). Mr. Freeman affirmed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.