

# PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 7, 2021

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## **In Attendance**

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Committee Chairman Isiah Hester called the hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, and Council members Darrin Ledford, Jenny Hill, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod. Councilwoman Carol Berz was not present. Others present: Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney; Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist; and Sherrell Ware, Administrative Support.

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Ledford** and seconded by Councilman Byrd, the minutes of the last meeting (August 24, 2021) were approved as published.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff; Public Works: Donald Stone, Interim Deputy Administrator.

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## **Resolutions (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 7C**

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There were no questions or comments; therefore, the issue was closed.

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## **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6F, 6G 7I & 7J**

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There were no questions or comments; therefore, the issues were closed.

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## **Resolutions – 7I & 7J**

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Councilman Ledford requested more information about Resolution 7I. Mr. Stone explained the invoice coming before the Council because it exceeded the purchasing threshold amount. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Parks Act Ordinance**

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Discussion ensued on this legislation sponsored by Councilwoman Coonrod. Chairman Henderson requested more information about the ordinance from its sponsor. Councilwoman Coonrod explained the intent for more safety zones around the recreational community sites utilizing the Parks Act ordinance.

Chairman Henderson questioned applying a parks ordinance to a recreational center. Mr. Goldberg recommended separating the Parks Act Ordinance from any ordinance regarding community recreation sites. Councilman Ledford also recommended a separate ordinance regarding community recreation sites. Councilman Byrd requested a broader conversation with police about increasing their presence at safe zones. Mrs. O'Donnell recommended updating language in the Parks Act Ordinance. Councilwoman Coonrod also commented on the need for more parental oversight.

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**Other Information**

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Councilman Ledford requested an update from Mr. Stone on the special recycle pick up this week. Mr. Stone responded on the dates of pick up and the open hours of the recycle centers.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Hester ended the meeting at 4:33 p.m.