

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

June 23, 2020

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### In Attendance

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, all present via electronic means. Also present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney, Valerie Malueg, Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist, also present by electronic means.

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### Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

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Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan (Chief Operating Officer), Jermain Freeman (Deputy Chief of Staff), Tyler Yount (Civic Engagement Coordinator); Finance: Daisy Madison (Chief Finance Officer); Economic & Community Development: Donna Williams (Administrator), Charita Allen (Deputy Administrator), Johnetta Langston (Homeless Program Outreach Specialist); Youth & Family Development: Lurone Jennings (Administrator), Ariel Ford (Director of Early Learning); CARTA: Lisa Maragnano (Executive Director); Fire: Phil Hyman (Chief); Police: David Roddy (Chief); Transportation: Blythe Bailey (Administrator), Greg Herold (Transportation Project Manager); Family Justice Center: Ruben Muriente (Interim Executive Director).

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### Approval of Minutes

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**On motion of Councilman Mitchell** and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (June 16, 2020) were approved as published.

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### Other

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The Chairman inquired from the Attorney's the outcome of the pending Law Suit against the City to which Mr. Noblett responded. Upon no further questions or comments the issue was closed.

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### Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A & 5B

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Councilwoman Berz expressed gratitude to the Constituents who she had met with during the past week and their willingness to address concerns about the budget. The Councilwoman thanked her Colleagues for the manner in which things had been handled thus far and asked the Chairman to give the floor to Ms. Sullivan to give the final update on the budget. Ms. Sullivan gave a PowerPoint presentation along with Department Heads on the following:

- FY21 Budget
- Affordable Housing and Economic & Community Development
  - Home Funds
  - PILOT's
  - Affordable Housing Fund
  - COVID-19 Emerge Rent & Utility Assistance
  - Growing Small Business Grant

- Construction Mitigation
- Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds Loan/Gran
- Innovation Grants
- COVID – 19 Stabilization Program
- Early Learning
  - Family Leadership
  - Early Education Development
  - Health
- Public Transit
- Help For Homelessness
  - 2017
  - 2020
  - Todd
- Office Of Family Empowerment
  - Assessment
  - Long-Term Case Management
  - Rent and Mortgage Payments
  - Energy Assistance Program
  - Data Tracking
- Fire
  - Fire Social Support
- Police
  - Alternate Approaches in CPD
  - Joe Johnson Pre - Arrest Diversion Program
  - Crisis Intervention Training
  - Continued Partnership for Mental Health and Homeless Outreach
- Office of Community Resilience
  - Social Work
  - Recidivism Reduction Programs
  - Support for Justice-involved Youth
  - Neighborhood-based Planning
  - Independent Budget Analysis
- Family Justice Center

A discussion ensued in where the Council addressed the following:

- Copies of Presentation to Council and website (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Recidivism Reduction (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Leadership of Community Resilience Office (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Racial Equity and Reconsolidation Training (Councilwoman Coonrod)

- Names to consider for Community Resilience Office (Councilmen Byrd and Henderson)
- Disparity Study (Councilwoman Berz)
- Input from Council for Community Resilience Office Leadership (Councilman Mitchell)
- Citizens' Concerns and need for inclusivity (Councilman Mitchell)
- Results and Outcomes (Councilman Gilbert)

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A**

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Councilman Mitchell inquired from Mr. Noblett about the differences between items 5A and 6A. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B**

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

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C**

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Councilman Ledford had questions in reference to education purposes on bond process for Councilwoman Berz. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D & 7E**

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

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### **Departmental Report - CDOT**

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Mr. Bailey introduced Mr. Herold go gave the Council and update to the Council via PowerPoint on the following:

- T-15-09 Transit Stop Accessibility Improvement
- Purpose
- Cost
- Timeline
- Location
- Issues and Barriers to Mobility

A discussion ensued in where Mr. Bailey and Mr. Herold addressed the following concerns from Council:

- Community Kitchen Walkway (Councilman Gilbert)
- FEMA Funds for Wilcox Tunnel Area (Councilwoman Coonrod)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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**Purchasing Questions**

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Councilman Gilbert requested further information on the Companies the City is working with. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

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**June 30<sup>th</sup> Agenda**

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Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about item 5A under Finance and it's amendments to which Ms. Madison and Mr. Noblett responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

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**Other**

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Councilwoman Coonrod had questions for Councilwoman Berz pertaining to FY20 Council Funds. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

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