

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2020

In Attendance

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. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Economic & Community Development: Richard Beeland, Deputy Administrator, and Charita Allen, Deputy Administrator of Economic Development; Public Works: James Bergdoll, Parks Director Maintenance; Regional Planning Agency: John Bridger, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (July 21, 2020) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D & 6E

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6F

Councilman Mitchell asked Councilwoman Berz to discuss what Southern Adventist University does at the Family Justice Center. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6G

Mr. Beeland responded to Councilman Mitchell's inquiry about the options and availability of both parties exercising them. Councilman Ledford had questions pertaining to the lease year amount, the revenue through rent, the Boat Sales portion going to the City, and the Bid process. Mr. Noblett, Mr. Beeland, and Mr. Bergdoll addressed his concerns. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6I

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6J

Councilman Byrd stated that he would move on the Staff version. Chairman Henderson asked that Mr. Bridger and Mr. Noblett give further explanation on the language of both versions. Further discussion ensued on the Area 3 Plan that included questions on the following:

- Amended version and process going forward (Councilman Ledford)
- Additions in a particular area of District 5 (Councilman Gilbert)
- Planning Commission process for recommending approvals (Councilman Mitchell)

After discussion, Councilwoman Berz confirmed from Mr. Noblett that the vote would then occur on the Staff version as amended. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6K, 6L & 6M

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

Department Report - ECD

Ms. Allen updated the Council on Workforce Development Division and it's funding support efforts.

A discussion ensued where she addressed the following from Council:

- \$24,000.00 Donation (Councilman Henderson)
- Screening process for participants (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Differences in prior programing (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Process to getting people work ready (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Guaranteed placement of jobs (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Identifying individuals (Councilwoman Coonrod)

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

Other

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Noblett what the Charter stated in reference to Police and Fire uniforms. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

Councilman Gilbert had questions about the dates on the Information Technology item (V). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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