

# **AGENDA SESSION MINUTES**

## **Chattanooga City Council**

### **May 18, 2021**

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#### **Call to Order**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the in-person and electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley, Anthony Byrd and Demetrus Coonrod. Other present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Ledford** and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (May 11, 2021) were approved as published.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff; Police: Eric Tucker, Assistant Chief, and Jonathan Chambers, Sergeant; Fire & Police Pension Fund: Chris Hopkins, President

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D**

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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 7A**

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Councilwoman Berz recommended further conversation on the fee waiver process. Chairman Henderson asked Council staff to table that conversation for the June 1<sup>st</sup> Strategic Planning meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

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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 7D**

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Chairman Henderson confirmed with Councilwoman Berz that this item would be discussed during the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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

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Chairman Henderson asked about the need to defer this item for 30 days, to which Mr. Goldberg discussed the bid protest that had been filed with Purchasing. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7F & 7G**

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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 7H**

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Councilman Ledford confirmed with Mr. Goldberg that this was with the Explosive Ordinance Department. Chairman Henderson inquired about the liability wording on the agreement and the need for a waiver, to which Mr. Noblett, Chief Tucker, and Sgt. Chambers responded. Councilwoman Berz asked for additional language that would resolve the need for a waiver. Chairman Henderson asked for the updated language in the form of an alternate version. Mr. Goldberg addressed concerns about the adding the language to departmental policy. Chairman Henderson requested that both Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Noblett come up with language that would be best suited. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7I, 7J & 7M**

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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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## **May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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Councilwoman Hill stated that she had questions regarding item 7b. Chairman Henderson asked the Councilwoman to address those during the Public Works Committee. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Future Considerations**

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Councilwoman Coonrod had questions for Mr. Goldberg regarding item 9b. Chairman Henderson asked that these concerns be address during the Public Works Committee. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Quarterly Report: Fire & Police Pension Fund**

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Mr. Hopkins updated the Council on the Fire & Police Pension Fund. Councilman Ledford had question pertaining to the impact on the fund due to the assumed return. Chairman Henderson asked for further clarification on the cost of living adjustment. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.