

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

February 1, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson 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, including Vice Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Raquetta Dotley and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilman Anthony Byrd was not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator; Friends of the Festival: Mickey McCamish, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (January 18, 2022) were approved as published.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6D & 6E

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6F

Councilwoman Hill asked that Mr. McCamish address the body regarding the Riverfront Nights series to clear up any misconceptions. A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Diversity at Festival (Councilwoman Hill)
- Welcoming event (Councilman Ledford)
- Councilperson Sponsoring Legislation (Councilman Smith)
- Inclusiveness of event (Councilwoman Dotley)
- Need for two sponsors on legislation (Councilman Ledford)
- Obtaining data for the event (Councilwoman Hill)

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6G

Mr. Thongnopnua requested that the Council withdraw this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 6H

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

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

Councilwoman Coonrod asked about the allocation plan for Economic Development item. Mr. Freeman confirmed that this would be addressed during the presentation Economic Development Committee meeting today. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.