

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

March 29, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 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, Marvene Noel and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Phil Noblett, Special Council to City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Public Works: Tom Hutka, Administrator; Economic Development: Caleb Fisher, Code Enforcement Inspector

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (March 22, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Chairman Henderson informed the Council that he would present an amendment to this item that would allow for an additional two weeks. A discussion ensued wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed by Mr. Noblett and Mr. Fisher:

- Current STVR's (Councilman Ledford)
- What does this mean for the current process (Councilman Ledford)
- Expectations on April 5th (Councilwoman Dotley)
- Possibility of pushing back 30 days (Councilwoman Hill)
- Timeline for Agenda (Councilman Ledford)
- Number of Non-Owner occupied approved in the last year (Councilman Ledford)
- Local Residents (Councilman Smith)
- 30 Mile Radius (Councilman Smith)
- Public Input/Awareness (Councilwoman Hill)

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Hutka about the possibilities of other sports at the facility. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D

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

Other Business: Redistricting Public Input Session

Councilwoman Berz explained the process for the public input session that would be taking place at tonight's Council Meeting. A discussion ensued wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed by the Chairman and Mr. Thongnopnua:

- Data based on presentation given to Council (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Demographic of people leaving district (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Measuring gains & losses (Councilman Hester)
- Original Data (Councilwoman Dotley)
- Explanations of Rules to be stated (Councilman Smith)

Chairman Henderson asked Council staff to place the "discussion of the map based on data" on the next Strategic Planning agenda for April 5th. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.