

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

May 24, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, and Marvene Noel. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilpersons Carol Berz and Demetrus Coonrod were no present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives; Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Finance Officer; CPD: Celeste Murphy, Chief, and Jerome Halbert, Captain; Regional Planning Agency: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director; Parks & Outdoors: Scott Martin, Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (May 17, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final 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

Councilman Henderson asked Ms. Rennich about the alternate version being reflected on the current agenda. Chairman Ledford confirmed that the alternate version should be the version read at tonight's Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B

Councilman Hester informed the Council that he would be creating an amendment for this item. Upon no questions or further comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6C

Councilman Henderson informed the Council that he would make an amendment on this item at tonight's Council meeting. Councilwoman Hill asked Mr. Anderson to provide the Council with an updated copy of the legislation. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E & 7F

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

Purchasing Questions

Chairman Ledford asked Mr. Thongnopnua for further information pertaining to the drone purchase. Chairman Ledford also inquired about the availability of devices to EMS and the Fire Department, as well as the funding. Captain Halbert and Chief Murphy both responded to these questions. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

May 31st Agenda

Chairman Ledford ask Mr. Goldberg for further procedural information on the Public Input Session to be held May 31st.

Chairman Ledford inquired from Mr. Anderson regarding the Mayoral appointments on the agenda for next week. Councilman Smith requested confirmation on which boards had current vacancies to be filled.

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

Future Considerations

Regarding item 1, Vice Chair Dotley asked Mr. Thongnopnua for further information on the Court cost and fees, the participation of the County, and the process for the choosing of streets.

Regarding 10a (1), Chairman Ledford requested further information regarding the ongoing relationship with the Trust for Public Land. Ms. Bursch asked Mr. Martin to address his question.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.