

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### August 23, 2022

---

#### **Call to Order**

---

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford 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 that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

---

#### **Others in Attendance**

---

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives; Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer; Regional Planning Agency: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director

---

#### **Approval of Minutes**

---

**On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (August 16, 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 & 6B**

---

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

---

#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6C**

---

Councilman Henderson asked Ms. Rennich to update the Council on this item. Chairman Ledford had questions pertaining to the suburban infill lot and public process. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

---

#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A**

---

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

---

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

---

Councilwoman Coonrod expressed that she still had concerns pertaining to this item. Vice Chair Dotley stated that she was in full support of the appointment and spoke on the credentials of the candidate. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

---

---

**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G, 7H, 7I & 7J**

---

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

---

**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7K**

---

Chairman Ledford asked Ms. Rennich about a possible presentation to take place at the hearing this evening. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

---

**August 30<sup>th</sup> Agenda**

---

Councilwoman Hill inquired from the Chairman about item 6a, specifically the language changes. Chairman Ledford informed her that he would have a redline version of the legislation available for the Council.

Regarding appointments on the agenda, Chairman Ledford asked Mr. Anderson to update the Council, specifically on the joint appointments with the County.

Regarding item 7p, Chairman Ledford requested that Mr. Thongnopnua update the Council on this item. Vice Chair Dotley had questions regarding services and follow-up with individuals. Councilwoman Berz inquired about where the funds were coming from and requested elaboration on the long-term plan.

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

---

**Future Considerations**

---

Chairman Ledford asked Mr. Goldberg to update the Council on the upcoming Budget Amendment Proposal, finance item b.

Regarding finance item a, Chairman Ledford inquired about the necessity to align with our calendar year.

Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Anderson about the residency of board members.

Councilwoman Coonrod requested an update on the renaming of the facility in E. Brainerd, to which Mr. Thongnopnua responded.

Chairman Ledford requested that the Full Council be the sponsor for item (a) under the Mayor's Office.

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the process for the sponsorship of the full Council on a piece of legislation. Chairman Ledford asked Council Staff to make this a point of agenda at the next Strategic Planning Meeting.

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

---

**Adjournment**

---

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.