

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

December 6, 2022

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:36 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, Carol Berz, Isiah Hester, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilwoman Marvene Noel joined the quorum at 3:55 p.m. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Recorder for this meeting was Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

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.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Coonrod and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (November 29, 2022) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 6A – 6F

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

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 6G

Chairman Ledford expressed gratitude to Dr. Lambert for her email further explaining this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A – 7H

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

December 13th Proposed Agenda

Vice Chair Dotley requested item 6o be removed from the agenda. Chairman Ledford advised he would be addressing item 6f in the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting. Councilwoman Berz requested item 6n be removed from the agenda after inquiring about procedure.

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

STVR Ordinance

Chairman Ledford advised that due to the moratorium dates, Administration has submitted a request for an extension. Councilman Henderson recommended a 30-day extension. He then advised he has been working with Mr. Noblett to draft an amendment to the current ordinance addressing density, R-1 zoning, enforcement, and creating a 7-member enforcement board. Mr. Noblett added that the amendment also will address R-3 zoning and an AHO position. Councilman Henderson stated the amendment would be submitted in lieu of a new ordinance. He requested Mr. Noblett to have the draft distributed to Council next week for review. He also advised including a change in fees for non-owner-occupied units to the amendment.

Chairman Ledford inquired if Councilman Henderson intended on proposing the item in Legislative Committee and requested clarification regarding the AHO creation.

Vice Chair Dotley expressed her support of the changes, in light of the moratorium expiring on January 9, 2023, and requested further details on the request to extend. Mr. Anderson spoke on Administration's behalf. A discussion ensued addressing the following:

- Lack of proposal to Ad Hoc Committee (Henderson)
- Prioritizing improvement of enforcement (Berz)
- Extension concerns (Hill)
- Separation of topics (Ledford)
- Moratorium clarification (Noblett)
- Ad Hoc Committee and Administration collaboration request (Ledford)
- Extension time frame expectation (Anderson)
- Expected agenda date (Smith)
- Procedural inquiry (Berz)
- Alternate version proposal (Noblett)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.