

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

April 11, 2023

Call to Order

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 3:32 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, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: 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 Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (April 4, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Anderson to inform Council of the latest alterations made in this version 6 of the ordinance. A discussion ensued on the following:

- Chairman Ledford asked if the changes constituted a major modification
 - Mr. Noblett responded
- Clarification was requested and objection was raised to the language as is in subsection 3; request was made to add language regarding quiet hours (Coonrod and Hill)
 - Mr. Noblett and Councilwoman Berz responded
- Clarification was requested and objection was raised to the language as is in subsection 5; request was made to add language regarding quiet hours (Coonrod and Hill)
 - Mr. Noblett responded
- Vehicle noise and glasspack mufflers (Hill)
- Process for offering amendments (Ledford, Berz, and Smith)
- Clarification on what constituted a residential area, specifically in regard to subsection 5; request was made to add language regarding distance restrictions from main thoroughfares (Smith)
 - Mr. Noblett responded.

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 5B-5E

B. Case No. 2023-0031

C. Case No. 2023-0027

D. Case No. 2023-0033

E. Case No. MR-2023-0030

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A-7J

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7K

Councilwoman Hill asked for clarification on this item. Ms. Bursch responded and informed Council of the Administration's intent to ask for a two week deferral. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7L-7M

Chairman Ledford asked for guidance on the order of the C-PACER resolution and ordinance on the agenda for tonight. Mr. Noblett recommended moving tonight's public hearing on these items so that it would occur before the reading of these two items instead of holding the public hearing at the beginning of the 6:00 meeting. Accordingly, the public hearing was moved with no objection from Council.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7N-7U

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Other Business

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council of her proposal for a Reparations Study [Racial Equity] ordinance and Reparation Committee. Chairman Ledford added this to the next Strategic Planning agenda for discussion with no objection from the Council. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.