

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

July 25, 2023

Call to Order

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley 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 Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present.

Other Participants in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Interim Chief of Staff; Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff; and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (July 18, 2023) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A Case No. 2023-0082

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Councilman Ledford inquired whether this was the final, comprehensive version of this item. Mr. Noblett responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B Case No. 2023-0075

Councilwoman Noel advised that she had been unsuccessful in connecting with the developers and would be asking for a two-week deferral on this item at the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA: August 1, 2023

Vice Chair Hill requested clarification and additional information on item 6(d) regarding the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC). Ms. Satterfield responded and announced a Public Safety Committee meeting would be held next week, on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Vice Chair Hill requested a chart comparing Chattanooga's PARC ordinance with the new legislation. Councilwoman Coonrod requested information on Knoxville's PARC board. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Vice Chair Hill requested additional information on item 9(a) regarding amending the General Pension Plan. Mr. Noblett responded.

Vice Chair Hill questioned item 16(a) and inquired about the requirements for certain board appointments. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Anderson responded.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.