

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### August 8, 2023

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#### **Call to Order**

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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, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilwoman Marvene Noel was not in attendance at this meeting. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present.

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#### **Other Participants in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director; Land Development: Dallas Rucker, Director; McKamey Animal Center: Inga Fricke, Executive Director, and Seth Watson, Director of Animal Protection; International Association of Black Professional Firefighters: Freddie Brooks, Executive Director.

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On the motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (August 1, 2023) were approved as published.

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A & 5B**

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A. Case No. 2023-0057                      B. Case No. 2023-0086

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

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5C**

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Councilwoman Coonrod requested the City Attorney's office redraft this item for Council review. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

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Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B Case No. 2021-0213**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6C**  
**Case No. 2023-0098**

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Chair Dotley informed Council she would be seeking to defer this item two weeks at the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

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Chair Dotley informed Council she would be moving to defer this item one week since Councilwoman Noel was out of town. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6E**  
**Case No. 2023-0083**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6F**

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Councilman Ledford, Councilwoman Berz, and Vice Chair Hill requested clarification on this item. Ms. Rennich, Mr. Rucker, Mr. Noblett, and Mr. Anderson responded. Discussion can be viewed [here](#).

Vice Chair Hill and Councilman Ledford requested the City Attorney's office prepare an alternate version of this item. Mr. Noblett affirmed. Vice Chair Hill informed Council she would seek 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.

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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A – 7I**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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**PURCHASING**

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Vice Chair Hill requested additional information on the proposed six-month extension of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Encampment Management through the organization, Help Right Here, to which Ms. Satterfield responded. Discussion can be viewed [here](#). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

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Councilman Hester requested additional information and clarification on item 17(b) regarding diversity in the Zoo programs. Ms. Satterfield deferred to Councilman Henderson for response. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **DEPARTMENT REPORT – Animal Control Update**

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Mr. Anderson briefed Council on the status of the Animal Control Board appointments, composition, operations, and management.

Ms. Fricke gave a presentation about McKamey Animal Center (MAC). The presentation can be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Services provided – both seen by the public and those that occur behind the scenes
- Improvements MAC has made since 2021
- Recognition received by MAC from local, national, and international agencies & publications
- Unprecedented national challenges MAC is facing
- The types of calls received by MAC and MAC's responses to them
- Value of the services provided by MAC to the City

Following the presentation, Chair Dotley opened the floor to questions and comments from Councilmembers. A discussion ensued, which can be viewed [here](#). Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **OTHER BUSINESS – IABPF Summer Camp Presentation**

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Mr. Brooks played a short video and passed out certificates of appreciation to Councilmembers, thanking them for their support of the David J. Floyd Youth Camp. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.