

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

### September 26, 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, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilman Isiah Hester was not in attendance at this meeting. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, were also present. Video of this meeting is available on YouTube [see [here](#)].

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

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Mayor's Office: Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; Technology Services: Tyson Morris, Chief Information Technology Officer; and Finance: Vickie Haley, City Finance Officer.

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On the motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 19, 2023) were approved as published.

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

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

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

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B. Case No. MR-2023-0120      C. Case No. MR-2023-0070      D. Case No. MR-2023-071

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

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A – 6C**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7C**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D**

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Councilman Ledford questioned how this item benefited the Land Development Office (LDO). Mr. Morris responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7E & 7F**

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Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## **Purchasing**

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Ms. Bursch informed Council that Administration would like to withdraw a purchasing item for this evening. Mr. Leford questioned the City Attorney on the procedure for this. Mr. Noblett advised. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Department Reports – Purchasing Department**

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Ms. Haley briefed the Council on some of the issues the Purchasing Department was having obtaining multiple bid responses from suppliers/vendors, and listed the following reasons:

- Inflationary pressures
- Supply Chain issues
- Larger scale projects taking precedence
- On time payment rate

Ms. Haley then informed Council of the following steps being taken to resolve the issues:

- Launching the Supplier portal and training vendors & internal departments on it
- De-bundling large projects
- Working with the Innovation Department to map and see where bottle necks occur

At the conclusion, Ms. Haley took questions and comments from Council, which may be viewed [here](#). 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 3:44 p.m.