

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES November 5, 2019

In Attendance

Councilman Smith, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, and Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, and Darrin Ledford. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support, were also present.

Councilmen Mitchell and Byrd were not present.

Others in Attendance

Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; Public Works: Dennis Malone, Assistant City Engineer; Chattanooga Police: David Roddy, Chief; Regional Planning Agency: John Bridger, Executive Director; Transportation: Sarah Cook, Transportation Designer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Council Chairman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (August 20, 2019) were approved as published.

Ordinances – Agenda Item 6e

Councilman Smith stated that he believed the ordinance was sponsored by Councilpersons Gilbert and Coonrod, and opened the floor for questions. Attorney Noblett clarified:

- The purpose of the ordinance and requirements for Charter amendments.
- The effects of the ordinance

Discussion ensued and questions were answered by Attorney Noblett and Chief Roddy on the following topics:

- Aspects of the PARC on the ballot (Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- Required or permissible (Councilman Smith)
- Changing the language of the ordinance (Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Berz)
- City or general election ballot (Councilwoman Berz)
- Chief Roddy's concerns (Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- Contingency plans and city expectations if amendment failed (Chief Roddy)
- Urgency of putting PARC on the ballot (Councilman Ledford and Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- A resolution possibility by July 7, 2020 (Councilwoman Berz)

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.