

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council
October 10, 2023

In Attendance

Councilman Chip Henderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Council Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill, and Councilpersons Ken Smith and Darrin Ledford were not in attendance at this meeting. Others present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist. Video of this meeting is available on YouTube [see [here](#)].

Others in Attendance

Chattanooga Police Department: Major John Chambers, Professional Standards Division;
Chattanooga's Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC): Mary Anne Hensley, Chair, and PARC members Dee Visser, Michael Martin, Christy Rashed, and Kanika Jones.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (August 1, 2023) meeting were approved as published.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7C

Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA: October 17, 2023

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7G & 7H

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Proposed Ordinance to amend Chattanooga City Code, relative to PARC

Councilman Henderson turned the meeting over to Mr. Noblett, who briefed Council on the proposed ordinance changes and why they were necessary [view [here](#)]. Afterwards, discussion ensued, which may be viewed [here](#), and touched on the following:

- The Executive Director:
 - Whether the position was required and/or required to be compensated
 - Which budget the associated funds would come from
 - The appointment process and the appointing governmental agency
 - The reporting process & frequency (quarterly vs. annually)
- Committee, under the new requirements:
 - Changes in size / composition of the committee
 - What their role and responsibilities would be
- Council requested the following revisions to the amended ordinance:
 - Sec. 16-61(3): *No more than **one (1) person from a district may be appointed...***
 - Sec. 16-62(1)(h): *regarding committee members' requirements (Citizens Police Academy, ride alongs, etc.) – **needs additional language***
 - Sec. 16-63: *The mayor **shall**, subject to budgetary constraints...*
 - Sec. 16-65(o)(6)(A): *The committee shall compile a comprehensive report of its activities **at least once a quarter...***

PARC members also spoke, at Councilman Henderson's behest, to voice their concerns. PARC member Christy Rashed also pitched the possibility of having seven committee members and two alternates, so that each of the nine Council districts would continue to be represented.

At the conclusion, Council agreed to discuss this item further during the October 17, 2023, Strategic Planning meeting, as well as add it to the Council's agenda for the same date.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.