

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## Chattanooga City Council

February 14, 2023

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### Call to Order

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Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Isiah Hester, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist. Councilwoman Carol Berz joined the quorum at 2:33 p.m. and Councilman Ken Smith at 3:09 p.m.

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### Others in Attendance

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Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director.

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### Approval of Minutes

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**On the motion of Vice Chair Dotley** and seconded by Councilwoman Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (February 7, 2023) were approved as published.

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

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#### Case No. 2022-0247

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

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

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Chairman Ledford opened this item for discussion. The following was discussed:

- Clarification on whether item was on agenda to be voted on (Noel)
  - Chairman Ledford addressed Councilwoman Noel's inquiry
- Request for more time (Noel)
- Concerns about:
  - Constituent consideration (Noel)
  - digital equity and constituent access to meetings (Coonrod)
    - Councilwoman Hill and Councilman Henderson addressed these concerns
  - buffer distances (Noel)
  - overlay zones (Noel)
    - Councilman Henderson and Mr. Noblett stated overlay could be amended separate from the legislation
  - possibility of moving STVR to commercial corridors instead of residential areas (Noel, Berz and Ledford)
    - Councilman Henderson and Councilwoman Hill addressed this
  - depletion of housing stock (Berz)
  - taxation issues (Berz)
    - Councilwoman Hill advised TN state law addressed this
  - legality of the wording in ordinance (Berz)
    - Mr. Noblett clarified the language

- density caps
- enforcement (Dotley)
- Recap of previous discussions about the ordinance, density overlays, buffers, and zones (Hill)
- Possibility of passing ordinances & revisiting commercial corridor aspect at a later date (Dotley)
- Composition of future neighborhoods vs current neighborhoods (Hill)

Chairman Ledford closed open discussion due to time constraints. Further discussion of this item was postponed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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

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

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

Case No. 2023-0017

Chairman Ledford advised of intent of a motion to defer presented at the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

**Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6D – 6H**

**Case Nos.** 2023-0015, 2023-0016, 2023-0014, 2023-0008 & 2023-0009

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

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

Case No. 2023-0010

Chairman Ledford advised there was a request for withdrawal from the applicant that would be discussed at the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

**Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6J – 6L**

**Case Nos.** 2023-0013, 2023-0012 & 2023-0018

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

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

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

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**Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A**

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

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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B – 7M**

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This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7N – 7O**

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This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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**Resolutions – Agenda Item 7P**

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Case No. 2023-0007

Councilman Hester informed the Council that an agreement had been reached regarding additional conditions, which would be addressed at the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions – Agenda Items 7Q – 7S**

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This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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**February 21<sup>st</sup> Proposed Agenda**

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Chairman Ledford stated there was no opposition from Council to the appointment of Philip A. Noblett as Chattanooga City Attorney. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Other Business**

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Vice Chair Dotley announced the sign unveiling for Doris Bruce Kelly taking place on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Tennessee Avenue on 46<sup>th</sup> Street in St. Elmo.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.