CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA SESSION MINUTES
September 10, 2013

In Attendance
Council Chairman Yusuf Hakeem; Vice Chairman Chip Henderson; Councilpersons Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith; City Attorney Wade Hinton

Others in Attendance
Mayor’s Office: Travis McDonough, Chief of Staff; Doug Eckert, Deputy CIO; Council Clerk’s Office: Randy Burns, Management Analyst, and Nicole Gwyn, Deputy Clerk

Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Items 5A
Chairman Hakeem noted that this item had been discussed in a previous Agenda Session. With no additional questions today on this matter, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 5B
Chairman Hakeem noted that there were speakers for and against this agenda item:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 12618, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I, SECTION 17-1, RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2006 NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE, AS AMENDED, FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED OCCUPANCIES, INCLUDING EXISTING BUILDINGS. (CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE)

Chairman Hakeem allowed three (3) people on both sides of the debate (for and against) to address the Council up to five (5) minutes each person. He recognized the following speakers:

Opposition:
1. Jack Thompson - Chattanooga Fire Fighters Assoc./Local 820 - International Assoc. of Fire Fighters
2. Rick Boatwright - Chattanooga Fire Fighters Assoc./Local 820 - International Assoc. of Fire Fighters
3. Randy Parker - Former Chattanooga Fire Chief

Proponents:
1. John Kinsey - Principal owner of the Chattanooga Choo Choo
2. Michael Alfonzo - Owner of the Comedy Catch

Upon no further comments or questions on this item, the issue was closed.
Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A

Councilman Smith noted that there would be a brief presentation on this item today during Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting. Therefore, discussion on this matter would be reserved for committee.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6B

There were no questions regarding this agenda item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 6C

There were no questions regarding this item; therefore, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6D

Chairman Hakeem clarified that the agenda notation on this item should indicate District 8, not District. 9. Upon no further comments, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6E

Chairman Hakeem noted that this and several other items on the agenda today would be discussed fully with Planning at tonight’s Council meeting. Upon no questions, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6F

Councilman Mitchell noted that several members of the public were present today in opposition to this item and asked them to stand. Chairman Hakeem afforded both the Applicant and the Opposition an opportunity to address the Council on this item. Since the Applicant was not present, the following individual addressed the Council on behalf of all Opposition present:

1. David Queen - Representing Friends of Hixson; also, member of the Cloverdale Neighborhood Association
   - He submitted a letter to each council member on behalf of the Friends of Hixson outlining their reasons for opposing rezoning.

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

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6G

Councilman Grohn noted that the Applicant was present, and noted that he had not heard from any opposition to this item. Since this item would be discussed with Planning at tonight’s Council meeting, the issue was closed.
This agenda item will be discussed during tonight’s Council meeting.

Chairman Hakeem noted that these two agenda items would be discussed today in Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting.

Councilman Smith asked for a point of clarification on the bid process for this item. Mr. Eckert discussed the bid process and the writing of the specifications for the proposed blanket contract. Upon no further questions, this issue was closed.

There were no questions regarding these two agenda items; therefore, the issues were closed.

Chairman Hakeem noted that this agenda item would be discussed today in Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting.

Chairman Hakeem adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.