

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2015

In Attendance

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz and Council members Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. City Attorney Wade Hinton was also present.

Councilman Chris Anderson was not present.

Others in Attendance

Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator, and Nick Wilkinson, Deputy Administrator, Economic Development; Council Office: Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk

Procedural Matter

Chairman Henderson asked if the Council would have any objections to discussing Agenda Item 7B after all other agenda items. With no objections, he moved item 7B to the end of the agenda.

Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 5A

This agenda item had been discussed in committee last week. Upon no further questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E & 6F,

These items had been discussed last week in committee. Upon no further questions, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6G, 6H, 6I & 6J

There were no questions on these agenda items. Therefore, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7C & 7D

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Resolutions – Agenda Item 7B

Prior to discussion on the agenda item, Mr. Wilkinson discussed how the “Tech Hire” initiative announced yesterday by President Obama was relevant to the workforce housing that would be created by agenda item 7B. Ms. Williams then briefed Council on the agenda item and spoke about the importance of PILOTS as a tool in affordable housing.

A discussion ensued with Attorney Hinton, who apprised Council of changes to the PILOT Agreement:

- Section 14 – Prohibits assigning this agreement “...without prior written approval of the Chattanooga City Council and the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners.”
- Section 8 - Annual report required
- Section 5(c) - Must “...reserve for lease at least Twenty (20%) percent of the available units in the Project to persons whose income does not exceed Eighty (80%) percent of the area median income...”

Chairman Henderson opened the floor to the following speakers:

- Kim White, River City Company
- Jon Kinsey, Developer, Choo Choo Partners LP

Councilman Mitchell wanted to know how or when we could hear from the public on this matter. A discussion ensued about accepting public comments in open meeting. As a result, Chairman Henderson polled the Assembly to see if there were members of the public who wished to address Council on this agenda item. Seeing none, the discussion on this agenda item was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.