

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

May 24, 2016

In Attendance

Council Chairman Moses Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell and Councilpersons Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson and Ken Smith. Also present was Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk.

Others in Attendance

Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director; Police: Eric Tucker, Assistant Chief; Fire: William Matlock, Fire Marshall

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Grohn, the minutes of the last meeting (May 17, 2016) were approved as published.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7(b)

Attorney Hinton informed the Council that the words “*and accept*” would be deleted from this resolution regarding the city’s application for the Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Grant. Upon no questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7(h)

Councilman Smith asked Administrator Lurone Jennings to discuss the AAU basketball program and asked him about the impact of the program. Mr. Jennings gave a brief highlight that included information on the average GPA of the participants and partnerships with churches for the use of their facilities when needed. Mr. Jennings stated that he would submit a written report about the impact of the program.

Other Business: Agenda Item X(a)

Councilwoman Berz made a motion to move up agenda item X(a) to the top of the agenda. She was seconded by Councilman Hakeem. The motion carried. Chairman Freeman moved the item to the top of the agenda.

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item to grant a special exceptions permit to serve alcohol after 10:00 p.m., which would qualify the facility as a late night entertainment facility. He noted that this facility was next door to R-2 zoning and, therefore, had to be 750 feet away from a residential facility. This particular facility was 200 feet or less from the R-2. Councilman Gilbert noted that the Council would go against its own city code by approving the permit based upon the distance from a residential facility.

Councilman Hakeem inquired about the number of calls to police for this property. When asked about the number of calls to the Police, Assistant Chief Tucker spoke on other logistical items (parking, live band, chair, tables) that impact the number of calls that come to them. Fire Marshall Matlock spoke on his department's concern over the occupancy at the facility.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Freeman adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.