

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 2016

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### **In Attendance**

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

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### **Others in Attendance**

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Administration: Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff; Regional Planning Agency: John Bridger, Executive Director; Chattanooga Housing Authority: Betsy McCright, Director; United Way: Lesley Scarce, President/CEO, and Jamie Bergmann, VP of Community Impact

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Gilbert** and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (December 13, 2016) were approved as published.

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### **Special Presentation – Early Learning Scholarship**

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Ms. Richardson introduced Ms. Scarce, who, alongside Ms. Bergmann, gave a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following topics:

- The need for Early Childhood learning
- Quality of Child Care/Early Learning
- Early Learning Scholarships
- Data research on districts
- The need for single parent household
- Living wage/poverty
- Public access to quality learning
- Support
- Offset cost of Child care
- Parent Engagement
- Chattanooga 2.0's participation
- Implementation plan
- Next steps

Following the presentation a discussion and Q&A ensued that covered:

- Budget
- Private sector participation
- Funders
- Date
- Parental availability and involvement

- Relationship between child and teacher
- Data collected
- Family Friendly Workplaces involvement
- Initiative wrapped around Chattanooga 2.0
- Protocol for choosing participants
- Enrollment
- PILOT groups
- Attendance

Ms. Searce agreed to get a copy of the presentation to the Council as well as information and data pertaining to the Council's individual districts.

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**Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G, 5H & 5I**

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These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Councilwoman Berz confirmed that item 5G needed "District 6" added to the agenda notation. Upon no further comments or questions, the issues were closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A, 7B & 7C**

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

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**Resolutions - Agenda Item 7D**

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Ms. McCright briefed the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Adjournment**

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