

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

February 7, 2017

In Attendance

Council Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:02 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, Chip Henderson and Ken Smith. Also present were Keith Reisman, Assistant City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk. Councilman Yusuf Hakeem arrived later. Council Chairman Moses Freeman was not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (January 31, 2017) were approved as published.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A

Cary Bohannon, General Services Director, explained that this request was for the Family Justice Center and responded to a question about the "OBC" and the "Osborne" Office Park. Upon no further questions, the issue was closed.

Adjournment from this session

There being no further business, Chairman Freeman adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Planning and Zoning Committee would take place immediately afterwards.

Session Reconvened: City Attorney's Report

At 3:39 p.m. (after Planning and Zoning Committee), Vice Chair Mitchell asked Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, to report on a pending settlement in the Alstom case. Mr. Noblett reported that Alstom had agreed to pay \$6 Million plus attorney fees to the city and county in 30 days. He noted that all parties must sign off and that GE was reviewing the agreement to make changes. He also noted that this settlement ends the Alstom PILOT.

A discussion ensued, with Mr. Noblett responding to Council questions on the following:

- Original \$13 Million originally owed
- Reasons for settling for less than \$13 Million
- Actions to be taken by the IDB
- Timetable for the agreement

- Whether GE will have a decision by next Tuesday
- November 21, 2016 start date for full taxes to be paid
- Amount of taxes the City will collect once full taxes paid
- Lawyer fees

Mr. Noblett agreed to follow-up with the Council on the following questions:

- What is the total amount of taxes forgiven and the percentages/benchmarks hit by Alstom?
- Where did the offers start for the settlement amount?

Vice Chair Mitchell informed the Assembly that members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Council on this settlement during the tonight's Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. He then adjourned the meeting again at 3:56 p.m.