AGENDA SESSION MINUTES
CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

May 30, 2017

In Attendance
Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk, were also present.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (May 23, 2017) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Readings) - Agenda Item 5A & 5B

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

Proposed Purchases: R152171

Councilman Smith inquired about the proposed purchase of eight 98) police motorcycles at the rate of $154,986.00. Lt. Austin Garrett responded about the choice of vendor (Boswell’s Harley-Davidson), the purpose of the bikes, the continuity in training with these particular bikes, and his experience with these bikes.

- Chairman Mitchell inquired about the performance testing, to which Patrol Officer Joe Warren responded about the evaluation of patrol use and continuity in training.
- Councilman Ledford inquired about what happens with the old bikes. Lt. Garrett commented on the trade-in process for the old bikes and how these bikes will capture the most residual value and have a greater trade-in value.

Department Report: Chattanooga Zoo Annual Update

Darde Long, CEO of the Chattanooga Zoo, gave a brief introduction on the zoo’s annual report to the Council. Liz Crowe, Chief Operating Officer for the zoo, presented a slide show containing information on the following:

- FY16 by the numbers
- 2016 Expenses

Ms. Long gave information on the following:

- South American Expansion/Tamarin Exhibit
Hannah Martin, Marketing Director, gave information on the following:
  - Zooga Play Playground

Ms. Long also presented on the following:
  - Site Plan
  - Construction Funds

Councilman Henderson inquired about comparisons to Miracle Field, to which Ms. Long described the differences between the Zooga Play Playground and Miracle Field. He also inquired about accessibility. Ms. Long confirmed that the facility is wheelchair accessible.

Ms. Long and staff members also brought four animals for the Council and entire Assembly to learn about and touch.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.