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 Council 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.

Others in Attendance

Mayor’s Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Youth & Family Development: Lurone “Coach” Jennings, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (June 13, 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.

Ordinances (First Readings) - Agenda Item 6A

There were no questions on this item. Therefore, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A & 7B

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7C

Councilman Ledford asked to hear from Ms. Madison on this item. Ms. Madison spoke about the Memorandum of Understanding and the cost increase. A discussion ensued that included the following:

- Councilman Ledford spoke on Trustee Hullander being prepared to add 400-plus proprietors to the tax rolls if the Short-Term Vacation Rental ordinance passes.
- Councilman Henderson spoke about the hotel/motel tax and adjusting the early incentive discount.
- Per the request of Councilman Gilbert, Ms. Madison explained about the revenue from hotel/motel tax, including STVR revenue, being dedicated to repayment of the riverfront bonds.
Councilman Gilbert inquired about how the revenue from STVR fines would be designated. Ms. Madison offered to check on that for the Council on that.

Councilwoman Berz inquired about the revenue from STVR going to administration of STVR (e.g., enforcement). Ms. Madison agreed to check on where those STVR funds would be directed.

Chairman Mitchell inquired about sales taxes. Ms. Madison confirmed for Chairman Mitchell that a portion of sales taxes go to the CDRC.

Councilwoman Coonrod asked for follow-up from Mr. Hinton about earmarking STVR funds for communities. He confirmed with Ms. Madison that all sales taxes would go to the State.

**Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G & 7H**

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

**Resolutions – Agenda Item 7I**

A discussion ensued on this item.

- Councilman Ledford asked Ms. Sullivan to explain how the concessions agreement would work.
- Councilman Ledford also inquired about who was awarded the Memorial Auditorium and Tivoli concessions contracts. Ms. Sullivan could not say immediately, but offered to check on it.
- Councilman Ledford inquired about how the fee was set for this concessions agreement. Mr. Jennings responded by informing the Council of the agreement already in place.
- Councilman Byrd inquired about the amount of profit earned by the company and the amount paid to the City. Ms. Sullivan did not know if the contract required disclosure of their profits, but offered to check on it for the Council.
- Councilwoman Coonrod requested to see the proposals and bidders. Ms. Woodward agreed to provide the requested information tomorrow.
- Councilwoman Berz inquired about how the city came up with $20,000 in the agreement. Ms. Sullivan could not say immediately, but agreed to look into it and get back with the Council for tonight’s Council meeting.
- Vice-Chairman Smith discussed his understanding of the $20,000 being the best bid to conduct this service. He asked Ms. Sullivan if she could get the information requested back to the Council before tonight’s meeting. Otherwise, he indicated that the Council may need to defer this item. Ms. Sullivan confirmed that she could get the information by tonight’s meeting. He also asked about the immediacy and timeline for this item being considered tonight. Ms. Sullivan indicated that this was most likely a June 30-ending contract, but agreed to confirm with Purchasing.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.