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, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk, were also present. Councilman Chip Henderson was not present.

Others in Attendance

Economic & Community Development: Jonathan Butler, Neighborhood Service and Development Manager

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (July 11, 2017) were approved as published.

Special Presentation: World Changers

World Changers Proclamation
By Johnathan Butler

Mr. Butler asked World Changers representatives, Bobby Boutwell (Chattanooga), Greg Steel (Chattanooga) and Jordy Skinner (South Carolina) to come forward. He then proclaimed the following on behalf of Mayor Andy Berke:

Whereas, Since 1990, World Changers, a ministry of the North American Mission Board and Life Way Student Ministries, has sought to provide youth and adults with opportunities to meet the needs of others both nationally and internationally, by providing practical learning experiences and opportunities to serve through mission work; and

Whereas, World Changers provides “hands-on” mission involvement through participation in home construction and renovation with government, community agencies, and churches; and

Whereas, Locally, World Changers has been in Chattanooga since the summer of 2001 partnering with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Brainerd Baptist Church, and other area churches, to improve Chattanooga’s neighborhoods and most importantly, the quality of life of those who receive their services; and
Whereas, This year over 300 young people will come to Chattanooga and work on exterior and interior painting, carpentry, installation of ramps and decks, replacement of doors and windows, floor repair and bathroom modifications and repairs with the motto, “Change the City, Change the World”.

Now Therefore,

I, Andy Berke, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, do hereby proclaim July 10-21, 2017 as World Changers Repair Weeks

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this the 14th day of July, 2017

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Andy Berke, Mayor

Ordinances (Final Readings) - Agenda Items 5A – 5K

These 11 items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Readings)

(None this agenda)

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A

In response to recent public commentary, Councilman Gilbert clarified the City of Chattanooga’s “skin in the game” when it comes to the public educational system. He informed the Council about the city’s contributions at the at-risk I-Zone schools. He further informed the Council that he will ask for a 1-week deferral at tonight’s meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.