In Attendance

Chairman Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 Kera Jackson, Administrative Support Assistant, were also present.

Others in Attendance

Regional Planning Agency: John Bridger, Executive Director; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; Police: David Roddy, Chief of Police, and Joshua May, Sergeant

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 12, 2017) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A through 5G

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

Ordinance (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview of the ordinance. A discussion ensued with Attorney Hinton and Mr. Bridger regarding the need for a special exemption and the process for adding it to tonight’s agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6C

There were no questions on this item; therefore, the issue was closed

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6D

Mr. Bailey gave the Council an overview of the ordinance. A discussion ensued between Councilman Ledford and Mr. Bailey on the options for abandoning the right of way. Upon no further questions or comments, this issue was closed.
Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6E

Mr. Bailey gave the Council an overview of the ordinance. Councilman Byrd inquired about different outcomes and options for abandoning the property. Mr. Bailey informed the Council that the Transportation department is open to other options. Upon no further questions or comments, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6F

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

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A through 7O

There were no questions on these agenda items; therefore the issues were closed.

Department Report – Chattanooga Police Department

Chief Roddy introduced Sgt. May to give a presentation of “Mindset of a Gang Member.” Sgt. May presented information on the following topics:

- Disclaimer
- “Bouncing lanes” (Prevention, Intervention, and Enforcement)
- Gang Basics
- Gang Crime
- What if I told you …
- The Circle of Success
- It All Starts at Home
- 2016 Statistics
- Home Issues/ Family
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Additional Home Issues
- Born Into It
- Bullying Statistics
- Effects of Bullying
- Neighborhood Peer Pressure
- Media/ Social Influences
- Effects of Social Media
- “I did it” Video
- Prevention

Councilman Gilbert, Councilwoman Coonrod, and Councilman Byrd expressed thanks to the officers for their hard work. Councilman Byrd asked Chairman Mitchell if the public would be allowed to speak on the gang presentation. There being no consensus among the Council about public comments, Chairman Mitchell moved the agenda to Council questions for Sgt. May. Councilman Gilbert inquired about the training for police cadets regarding gangs and how often they receive this training. Chief Roddy responded and suggested a discussion on training at a later date. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.