AGENDA SESSION MINUTES
CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
September 26, 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. Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk, were also present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor’s Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director; Human Resources: Tina Camba, Director, and Madeline Green, Director of Employee Benefits; Purchasing: Bonnie Woodward, Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 19, 2017) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Readings) - Agenda Item 5(a)

Councilman Ledford indicated that there would be one more amendment requested for this ordinance. He will bring forth the amendment at the 6:00 p.m. meeting, taking the ordinance back through first reading. Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (Final Readings) – Agenda Items 5(b) and 5(c)

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Therefore, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Readings) - Agenda Item 6(b)

Councilman Henderson informed the Council of a meeting yesterday between the developer and the community. He indicated that things are working out, but he will request a one week deferral. He indicated also that Blythe Bailey, Transportation Administrator, will also have recommendations by then. Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Readings) - Agenda Item 6(f)

Councilman Henderson proposed additional amendments to the Alternate Version. His amendments were as follows:

1. WHEREAS, the A-1 Urban Agricultural Zone also includes requirements that no new barn, building, or structure that serves as shelter for the livestock or fowl shall be located within twenty-five (25’) feet of any property line but existing barns shall be excluded from these distance restrictions as of the effective date of the adoption of this ordinance that is zoned or used for residential purposes;
and WHEREAS, the A-1 Urban Agricultural Zone also requires that any building or container used for the storage of feed shall be located within one hundred fifty (150’) feet of any property that is zoned or used for residential purposes; and

2. No security fence that secures the pasture area shall be erected within twenty-five (25’) feet of any property line, excluding the shared property line(s) where the adjacent property(s) already maintain livestock.

A discussion ensued, with Vice-Chairman Smith asking whether the amendments would be added to the original Planning Version as well as the Alternate Version. Chairman Mitchell asked Councilman Henderson’s intent for the amendments. Councilman Henderson indicated no problem with adding the amendments to both the original and Alternate versions. Chairman Mitchell asked for Councilman Ledford’s input if he would have a problem adding the amendments to both ordinances. Councilman Ledford indicated his interest in the ordinances, but reminded everyone that the original version was brought by Planning staff. Mr. Bridger confirmed that the original version was brought to the Council by staff. Chairman Mitchell ruled to add the amendments to both the original Planning Version and the Alternate Version on tonight’s agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed. Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item VII(e)

Councilman Smith requested an overview on this item. Ms. Sullivan introduced Ms. Camba for the presentation. Ms. Camba was also joined by Ms. Green and Ms. Woodward. They discussed the current, more extensive RFP and why Marathon Health ranked highest among the bidders. Ms. Woodward discussed the responses to the RFPs. She also discussed the areas of scoring where Marathon Health ranked higher than the second highest bidder. Ms. Green expounded on RFP questions where Marathon Health’s responses ranked higher, such as method of health counseling and Worker’s compensation.

Councilman Ledford inquired about whether an internal satisfaction poll was done during the Purchasing process. Ms. Green informed the Council about the internal survey performed by the City of Chattanooga and Marathon’s survey sent after every patient visit.

Further discussion ensued, with Ms. Green and Ms. Camba sharing responses to questions from Councilman Henderson on the following: the overall cost difference between Marathon and other bidders; the type of participation in health coaching; who is defined as an “employee” when utilizing the service; whether numbers would look different if the City switched vendors; and the issue of quicker response time for patient visits. After no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item VII(f)

Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that the Council meeting tonight, she would move to defer on this item regarding temporary employment services. Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item VII(g)

Attorney Noblett gave an overview on this item regarding an interlocal agreement with the City of Collegedale. He explained the parcel of land being developed off of exit 11 and the need for the City of Collegedale to provide sewer connections. He informed the Council of the tax
revenues once the property is built. He also reminded the Council of a previous interlocal agreement with the City of Collegedale. Upon no questions, the issue was closed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.