AGENDA SESSION MINUTES
CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
March 6, 2018

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, Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Also present were Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Mayor’s Office: Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff; Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney; Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator; Police: David Roddy, Chief

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (February 27, 2018) were approved as published.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A & 7B

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7C

Vice-Chairman Smith asked Ms. Richardson to clarify the allocation of the money for this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Panhandling Presentation

Chief Roddy presented to the Council the need for an ordinance pertaining to Panhandling and spoke regarding the numerous amounts of displacements throughout the City. A discussion ensued on the following topics:

- How enforcement would work (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Actions already taken in enforcement (Vice-Chairman Smith)
- Enforcing trespassing signage (Councilman Byrd)
- The effect of calling CPD regarding panhandlers and the effect on businesses.
- Businesses posting hours of their operations (Councilwoman Berz)
- Difference between panhandling and passive panhandling (Councilwoman Berz)
- Ways to communicate possible changes to the public (Councilman Ledford)
- Protocol for police after receiving a call (Councilman Gilbert)
- Educational session on possible panhandling changes (Councilman Oglesby)
- Effect on charitable fundraisers by schools, team, etc. (Councilman Byrd)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.
Other

Chairman Mitchell asked Ms. Williams to present to Council on the upcoming request for CDBG Funds. Ms. Williams informed the Council of the need for the request and the reallocation of funds. Councilman Henderson inquired about the actions that would be need to be taken by Council. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.