

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

September 18, 2018

In Attendance

Council Chairman Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Jerry Mitchell. Also present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Police: Eric Tucker, Assistant Chief, Caroline Huffaker, Victim Services Director.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (September 11, 2018) were approved as published.

Ordinances – Final Reading – Agenda Items 5A & 5B

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

Ordinances – Final Reading – Agenda Items 5C

Councilman Ledford stated that he would be making a request to amend this ordinance. Councilman Henderson asked if they would be given specifics regarding the amendment. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances – Final Reading – Agenda Items 5D, 5E & 5F

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A & 7F

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7G

Ms. Huffaker gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) that included the following:

- Background
- At a glance: The RFP
- Gap in Service
- Times with the Highest calls for Services
- Times with Highest call for Violent Crime
- Emphasis on Violent Crime
- Goals & objectives
- Key Activities
- Proposed Job Description
- Selection Criteria
- Unit Organization
- Budget
- Resources

A discussion ensued where both Chief Tucker and Ms. Huffaker addressed the following questions from Councilmembers:

- Violent Crimes in the 37421 zip code (Councilman Ledford)
- Clarification if the list of zip codes is within the city limits (Councilman Smith)
- Process for position if grant is not awarded (Councilman Gilbert)
- Funds going to services versus to personnel (Councilman Gilbert)
- Where will funds be coming from (Councilman Gilbert)
- Transitional housing funds disbursement (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Victims that will be served (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Contracting agencies (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Timeline once victim is enrolled to receive services (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Violence increase in certain zip codes (Councilwoman Coonrod)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.