AGENDA SESSION MINUTES
CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
October 2, 2018

In Attendance

Council Chairman Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 3:03 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

Mayor’s Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Vice-Chairman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (September 25, 2018) were approved as published.

Ordinances – Final Reading – Agenda Items 5A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F & 7G

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

DIT Report Rescheduled

The DIT Report previously scheduled for today will be rescheduled for another date.

Avondale Center Update

Chairman Smith reminded the Council of the update and status of construction discussed by Administration last week about the Avondale YFD Center project. He called upon Councilman Byrd to ask follow-up questions about the center.

Councilman Byrd acknowledged Ken Smith, the president of the Avondale Neighborhood Association, and asked the Council to allow Mr. Smith 5-10 minutes to discuss the concerns of the community. He also noted that community leaders and members of the association present in the Assembly today to lend their support to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith expressed concerns for the safety of the children due to the possibility of the concrete bleachers. He stated that the gym size was much smaller than desirable and that the bleachers took up more space than desired. He indicated that most residents he spoke to would rather not
have a gymnasium under its current design. Mr. Smith indicated that he wanted to continue conversations and meetings on the project so that everyone would be on the same page. He also suggested an alternative to the current design. He asked the Council to consider that safety of the children in designing this center since it took 70 years to get a new center built in the area.

Chairman Smith asked Ms. Sullivan for the project to be discussed next week. Councilman Byrd echoed the community’s concerns and emphasized the safety of the children. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.