

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2020

Call to Order/In Attendance

Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room in the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Ken Smith. Also present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilman Jerry Mitchell was not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Anthony Sammons, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; Economic & Community Development: Sandra Gober, Manager Community Development; Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator, and Ben Taylor, Assistant Engineer

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 (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A through 6G

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6H

Chairman Oglesby confirmed with Mr. Bailey that there were no further issues pertaining to this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B

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

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Councilman Byrd asked Ms. Gober to brief the Council on this item. Councilwoman Coonrod inquired of how to keep public informed of this program. She also asked about the BID opportunities and if there were any other applicants. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D through 7R

Councilman Smith informed the Council of his concerns pertaining to language in this ordinance. Councilwoman Berz also expressed concerns about language that needed to be added and requested that the ordinance be reviewed. Councilman Mitchell inquired from Mr. Noblett about the annual approval process. Councilwoman Coonrod asked Mr. Noblett to re-send her the ordinance. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Purchasing Questions

Mr. Holland briefed the Council on the custodial contracts at the Wellness Center and gave a presentation that included information on the following:

- Private Center Contract
- Job Title
- Recruitment Efforts
- Reorganize Area of Parks
- Funding
- Reduction in Services

A discussion ensued in which Mr. Holland responded to questions on the following topics:

- Changes to operation (Councilman Henderson)
- Reduction in services (Councilman Henderson)
- Crew worker 1 Budget Slots (Councilman Gilbert)
- Openings (Councilman Gilbert)
- Classification Changes (Councilman Gilbert)
- Old CPD Vehicles (Councilman Gilbert)
- Knoxville Contract (Councilman Gilbert)
- Contracting out (Councilman Byrd)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Department Report – CDOT

Mr. Bailey introduced Mr. Taylor to the Council for the presentation on Chattanooga's 56,906 Traffic Signs. Mr. Taylor's presentation included information on the following:

- Chatt's Traffic Signs
- 4Crews
- Average Year
- Federal Guide for signs
- Reflective surfaces
- Retroreflectivity
- Daytime/Nighttime Signs
- Funds

A discussion ensued in which Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bailey addressed questions on the following:

- Reflectors on the streets/lanes (Councilman Gilbert)
- Response time for missing/vandalized signs (Councilman Ledford)
- Davidson Road (Councilman Ledford)
- Creation of a long range plan for aging roads (Councilman Ledford)
- Repair Projects (Councilman Henderson)
- Update on Lake Shore and Elder Mountain Road (Councilman Henderson)
- Wilcox Road (Councilman Byrd)
- Addressing constituents budget questions (Councilman Byrd)
- CGLA Traffic Sign/Crosswalk (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Streets Moss and Greenwood (Councilwoman Coonrod)

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired from Mr. Sammons about the percentages from the budget for minorities businesses and how that percentage could be raised. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.