

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

May 26, 2020

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### **In Attendance**

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Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr., all present via electronic means. Also present were City Attorney Phil Noblett, City Attorney, Administrative Support Lydia Christoph, and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell, all present via electronic means.

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### **Others in Attendance** (via electronic means)

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Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator, and Jeff Rose, Waste Water Division Director; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Human Resources: Beverly Moultrie, Chief Human Resource Officer; Jacobs Engineering: Michael Marino, Program Manager; Chattanooga Zoo: Dardenelle Long, CEO

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (May 19, 2020) were approved as published.

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### **Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 6A**

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Councilman Byrd inquired about expenditures for the Bessie Smith Hall during the COVID-19 pandemic. For clarification purposes, Ms. Sullivan explained what the expenses related to the the Zoo. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F & 7G**

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

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7H**

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Councilman Ledford inquired about the contract amount: what it covers, training changes due to COVID-19, and Council approval. Councilman Smith inquired about training for the 191 employees, benefits, implementation and using lessons learned, all concerns that Ms. Moultrie addressed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7I**

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

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## Department Report – Public Works

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Mr. Holland and Mr. Rose introduced Mr. Marino, who gave a presentation on Clear Chattanooga that covered the following:

- Agenda
- Consent Decree Overview
- Consent Decree Program Goals
- MBWWTP Pump Stations and Equalization
- Pipeline Rehabilitation Projector
- CD Program States May 2020
- So what's next
- e2i2 Environmental and Economic Infrastructure Improvement Program
- consolidation Study
- Chronic SSD Elimination Projects
- Sustainability Projects
- Clear Chattanooga Social
- Public Communication and Outreach-Story-Map
- Website

Councilman Ledford inquired about the capacity of Moccasin Bend, Phase 2, the relationship between the City and WWTA, and a timeline for the project. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### Next Week's Agenda: June 2, 2020

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Discussion ensued about the following:

- Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that item 6A needed to be deferred to the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>. **On the motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Mitchell** item 6A was removed until the 16th.
- Councilman Mitchell asked Mr. Noblett about the language for item 7B and if a plan had been submitted for addressing social distance/large gathering concerns.
- Councilman Ledford inquired about the dollar amount for item 7C and the anticipation of funds, which Ms. Madison addressed.

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

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### Other

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Ms. Long updated the Council on the new Giraffes that are now at the zoo and invited the Council to come see them. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

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