

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

August 25, 2020

Call to Order

Council Chairman Chip Henderson called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Erskine Oglesby, Jr., all present via electronic means. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer; Director of Open Spaces; Police: David Roddy, Chief; Regional Planning Agency: Bryan Shults, Director of Development Services; Finance: Andrew Sevigny, Performance Analyst; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; Economic and Community Development: Richard Beeland, Deputy Administrator, and Travis Kazmierzak, Director of Open Spaces

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (August 18, 2020) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Items 5A, 5B & 5C

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B

Councilman Ledford asked that Mr. Shults give further explanation on this item. The Councilman then inquired about a temporary place holder and location. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A

Vice-Chairman Smith inquired about the amount of the BlueCross Healthy Place Grant project. Chairman Henderson asked Ms. Sullivan to address his concern. She deferred to Mr. Kazmierzak. Councilman Mitchell inquired about the parameters that Blue Cross Blue Shield is looking for and locations. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B & 7C

Councilman Mitchell asked Mr. Bailey about the North Chickamauga Creek Project and future considerations. Chairman Henderson inquired about the status of the crossway for Cherokee Boulevard. Councilman Byrd requested that Mr. Bailey to ask about work on the Waldorf Street Bridge. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D

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

Departmental Report - Police

Chief Roddy and Mr. Sevigny gave a presentation on Policing & Racial Equity that included information on the following:

- Community
- Standing in the Gap
- Oasis
- Conversations with Communities of Color
- Problem Solving Policing
- Intelligence Led Policing Center
- Real Time Intelligence Center
- NIBIN
- Firearms Seized from Defendants
- Project Thank you
- Police Equity Dashboard
- OPMOD Rat Pack
- Policing & Racial Equity Dashboard
- Open Date Portal
- At a High Level
- High Level Comparison
- Citations
- Cited Individuals
- Safety Violation Distribution
- Citations Dashboard
- Arrest/Arrest Dashboard
- Use of Force/Use of Force Dispositions
- Internal Affairs Dashboard
- Citizen's Complaints
- Detailed Incidents
- Internal Affairs Incidents
- Allegations

A discussion ensued where the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- City Sticker Violation (Councilman Gilbert)
- Percentages per Race (Councilman Gilbert)
- Procedures Officers pull someone over (Councilman Gilbert)
- Interaction with Cameras at the Centers (Councilman Gilbert)
- Cameras at all YFD Centers (Councilman Gilbert)
- Threshold or Secondary Violations (Councilwoman Berz)
- Tracking (Councilwoman Berz)
- Officer informing detainee of stop (Councilwoman Berz)
- Copy of Presentation (Councilwoman Berz)
- Need for more Cameras (Councilwoman Berz)
- Data being discussed within the department (Councilman Mitchell)
- Availing Arrest specifically in the communities of color (Councilman Mitchell)
- Partnering Agencies (Councilman Mitchell)

At the request of Councilman Byrd, Chief Roddy addressed some of the incidents that have happened in the city recently. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Purchasing Questions

Councilman Mitchell asked Ms. Sullivan for details on the YFD promo video contract: its need and use. Councilman Gilbert inquired about the wording for the Crew Worker positions and if we were in the process of hiring. Ms. Sullivan asked to get back to the Councilman on that. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

September 1st Agenda

- Regarding Resolution 7A, Councilman Oglesby asked for further explanation on Resolution 7A, to which both Mr. Beeland and Mr. Noblett responded.
- Regarding Resolution 7B, Councilman Gilbert inquired if there was someone that the City would work with on this agreement. He also asked about the grant amount and the average that the City has worked with, all concerns that Mr. Beeland addressed.
- Regarding Resolution 7G, Councilman Mitchell inquired about how much control the City has on where crews are sent. Chairman Henderson asked Ms. Sullivan to address this next week.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.