In Attendance

Councilman Chris Anderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz and Council members Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. Also present was City Attorney Wade Hinton. Councilman Yusuf Hakeem was not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor’s Office: Tyler Yount, Civic Engagement Coordinator; City Attorney’s Office: Ken Fritz, Assistant City Attorney; Council Clerk’s Office: Council Clerk, Nicole Gwyn, CMC

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (November 25, 2014) were approved as published.

Presentation: Charity Donation Bins

Mr. Yount gave a presentation on regulating charity donation bins. His presentation included the following:

- Background research
- Review from local non-profits
- What this Ordinance does
- How this Ordinance works
- Costs involved
- Process

After the presentation, Mr. Yount and Attorney Fritz responded to questions on compliance. Councilman Anderson opened the floor to hear from the following stakeholders:

- Dennis Brice (President and CEO, Chattanooga Goodwill)
- Roger Helle (President, Teen Challenge)
- Rachel Gammon (Northside Neighborhood House)
- Major Al Newsome (Salvation Army)

Upon no further questions, the issue was closed.

Presentation: Climate Chattanooga

Chris Lunghino of the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign organizer, gave a presentation entitled “The EPA’s Clean Power Plan.” Her presentation included the following:

- Climate Chattanooga Background
• Clean Power Plan Background
• Tennessee Climate Change Impacts
• Clean Power Plan
• CPP Carbon Reduction Goals
• How Tennessee can meet its goals
• Benefits to Tennessee
• Cleaner Air
• New High Value Jobs
• Timeline

At 4:26 p.m., Councilman Anderson called an emergency recess due to a brief health crisis with the presenter. Councilman Anderson reconvened the committee at 4:49 p.m. A quorum was present at that time, including Chairman Henderson, Vice Chair Dr. Berz and Council members Grohn, Mitchell and Smith.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A & 7B

There were no questions on these agenda items; therefore, the issues were closed.

Adjournment

On motion of Chairman Henderson, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.