

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 15, 2020

In Attendance

Councilman Jerry Mitchell, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford 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. Council Chairman Chip Henderson was not present.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (September 1, 2020) were approved as published.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B, 6C & 6D

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7D & 7E

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Holland to give further explanation on these items. He also gave a presentation on “Clear Chattanooga – Water for Life,” which included information on the following:

- Wet Weather Equalization Stations at Hamm Road
- Waste Water
- Waste Water Treatment Plan Control Room Upgrade

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the 12-percent sewer increase. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7F

Councilman Mitchell asked that District 8 be added to the notation for this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Next Week's Agenda: September 22, 2020

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7H, 7I & 7J

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

Future Considerations (3 Week Look Ahead)

- Councilman Mitchell inquired from Mr. Holland about the feasibility study. Mr. Holland informed the Council that he would give an update at the September 29th committee meeting along with the consultants. Councilman Ledford had questions about the next steps once the study is completed, the governance, the role of EPA, and a possible oversight committee.
- Councilman Gilbert requested further information about the loan agreement for the TDEC contract.
- Councilwoman Coonrod had questions pertaining to the location of the units for the CPD Crime Scene Unit Facility contract.

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

TRANSPORTATION

Next Week's Agenda: September 22, 2020

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7K

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7L & 7M

Councilmen Byrd, Ledford and Oglesby asked Mr. Bailey to give a briefing on these two items. Councilman Ledford had questions pertaining to funding and who this will funding will run through at TDOT. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

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