

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

October 31, 2017

In Attendance

Chairman Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby. Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kera Jackson, Administrative Support Assistant, were also present.

Others in Attendance

Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director; Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator, and Bill Payne, City Engineer; Fire Department: Phillip Hyman, Fire Chief; Fire and Police Pension: Bill Robinson, Plan Attorney

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (October 24, 2017) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) – Agenda Item 5A

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

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Chairman Mitchell opened the floor to Mr. Noblett to explain the de-annexation map. A discussion ensued with Mr. Noblett, Mr. Hyman and Mr. Bridger on the following topics:

- Impact of a 2-week deferral on this ordinance (Councilman Ledford);
- Fire Safety (Councilman Henderson);
- Control over water lines (Councilman Henderson);
- Responsibility for fixing existing roads (Vice-Chairman Smith);
- Whether the City has been negligent on the plan of services (Councilwoman Berz);
- Taxes that are being paid (Chairman Mitchell).

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

Resolution – Agenda Item 7A

At the request of Councilman Henderson, Chief Hyman explained the Supplemental Fire Services contract with Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department and how the funds would be used. Chief Hyman discussed the contract with Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7B through 7G

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

Other – Fire Pension Plan

Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for Mr. Robinson to give an overview of the Fire and Police pension plan coming before the Council on November 7th agenda. Councilman Ledford inquired about the financial impact of changes to the plan. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Staff Presentation – Stormwater Ordinance

Chairman Mitchell opened the floor to Mr. Holland for the staff presentation on stormwater, Mr. Holland introduced Mr. Payne to give the PowerPoint presentation to the council. The presentation went over the following topics:

- What is SOV;
- Chapter 31 code change timeline;
- Stormwater Board review;
- Land disturbance permitting trend line;
- Equivalent residential unit changes;
- Proposed major changes;
- Additional SOV calculation tools;
- Disturbed area vs. Impervious area;
- SOV Mitigation & new alternatives;
- South Chickamauga Creek SOV;
- South Chickamauga Creek watershed;
- South Chickamauga Creek SOV Chart;
- Additional Staff recommendation;
- Additional Staff recommendation – Rational.

After the presentation, Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for Council questions. A discussion ensued between councilpersons and Mr. Payne on the following topics:

- Impact on water quality (Councilwoman Berz)
- Further explanation of rational for changes (Councilman Henderson)
- Clarification on going from 1.6 to 1.0 inches SOV; 5,000 square feet versus 1 acre; grandfathered properties (Councilman Gilbert)
- New programs if we go back to 1.0; starting the thinking process over; areas of improvement (Councilman Ledford)
- Changes on site control; TSS removal; Clean Water Act (Vice Chairman Smith)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.