

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

September 25, 2018

In Attendance

Council Chairman Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Jerry Mitchell. Also present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Finance: Daisy Madison (Administrator); Regional Planning: John Bridger (Executive Director), Brian Shults (Director of Development Services), Tony Kendrick (Site Development Manager) and Joe Beeler (Planner); Land Development: Dallas Rucker (Director); Public Works: Justin Holland (Administrator); Youth & Family Development: Lurone Jennings (Administrator); Library: Corinne Hill (Executive Director)

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 18, 2018) were approved as published.

Ordinances – Final Reading – Agenda Items 5A & 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 Henderson asked Mr. Bridger questions regarding the wording used for the conditions. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A, 7B & 7C

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7D

Councilwoman Berz asked Ms. Madison to brief the Council on this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7E, 7F & 7G

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

Avondale Center Update

Both Mr. Jennings and Mr. Holland gave the Council an update on the Avondale Center. Ms. Hill informed the Council of the Library's component. A discussion ensued in where they responded to Council questions on the following:

- Skill set of Librarian 2 position (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Printed brochure (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Concrete bleachers (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Name Dedicating bleachers (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Use of space and facility management (Chairman Smith)
- Process of hiring and training (Chairman Smith)
- Incentive packages (Chairman Smith)
- Library partnership with current employees (Chairman Smith)
- Possibility of work to other centers (Councilman Gilbert)
- Programing vs. Books (Councilman Gilbert)
- Current funding status (Councilman Oglesby)
- Person in charge of overseeing the project (Councilman Byrd)
- Budget for additional changes to project (Councilman Byrd)
- Community Concerns (Councilman Byrd)
- Placement of current employees (Councilman Byrd)
- Library Staff & Budget (Councilman Byrd)
- Facility Management (Councilman Byrd)
- Timeline of hiring process (Councilman Byrd)
- Specific Services helping the community (Councilman Byrd)

Councilman Byrd acknowledged Hamilton County Commissioner Warren Mackey in the Assembly today. Councilman Byrd asked that Commissioner Mackey be kept in the look regarding this project. Chairman Smith gave words of appreciation for Gerald Perry, Facility Manager, regarding the work he does with the children at the center. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Steep Slopes Presentation

Mr. Bridger was joined by Mr. Shults, Mr. Rucker and Mr. Beeler for a presentation on Steep Slopes. They covered the following topics:

- Overview
- How did we get here
- Rezoning Activity
- Development
- Staff Approach
- Three Key Focus Areas
 - Zoning Review
 - Municipality Review
 - Permitting & Code Enforcement

They also answered the questions from the Council on the following topics:

- Cassandra Smith Case (Councilman Mitchell)
- Modeling requirements & level rising (Councilman Mitchell)
- Other areas to be grandfathered in (Councilman Gilbert)
- Next step for Council (Councilman Ledford)
- Credit out of Steep Slopes (Councilman Ledford)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.