

# **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL**

January 5, 2021

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilwoman Carol Berz, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. A quorum was present including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists also present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Oglesby** and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (September 8, 2020) were approved as published.

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## **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B**

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

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7B**

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

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## **Budget Amendment**

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Councilwoman Berz asked that the final version of the Council's plan of work be sent to the Administration. Chairman Henderson instructed Council staff to send the document.

Chairman Henderson informed the Council that he would like to offer an Alternate Version to the amendment to increase the City's estimated revenue. Councilman Ledford expressed that he would co-sponsor this version with the Chairman.

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the original amount allocated for the Bessie Smith. The Councilwoman also had question about the leftover funding. Chairman Henderson inquired about the legal fees and asked that Ms. Williams be brought in to address these concerns.

Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Noblett about the possibility of having an emergency meeting tomorrow, January 6, for the second reading, which would enable faster release of the funds.

Chairman Henderson asked the Council for a consensus on time for the emergency meeting. The Council came to a consensus to call a special session on tomorrow, January 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Upon no further questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilwoman Berz adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

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