

MINUTES:
AGENDA SESSION
CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 2016

In Attendance

Council Chairwoman Carol Berz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice Chair Moses Freeman and Councilmen Chris Anderson, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk, were also present. Councilman Russell Gilbert arrived after the call to order.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (February 23, 2016) were approved as published.

Today's Agenda

Chairwoman Berz informed the Assembly that all agenda items had been sent to committee. Therefore, she turned the meeting over to Councilman Mitchell for a committee of the whole to hear a presentation on the Medal of Honor Museum.

Presentation: Medal of Honor Museum

Councilman Mitchell introduced Bill Raines of the Charles H. Coolidge Heritage Center, who explained a forthcoming resolution requesting a 99-year ground lease for one dollar (\$1) to house the Medal of Honor Museum. Mr. Raines introduced Pat Neuhoff of Neuhoff Taylor architects, P.C., who gave a visual presentation that included information on the design concept and materials for construction. *(Councilmen Anderson and Gilbert had momentarily stepped out at separate times, but returned to the presentation.)*

After the presentation, Mr. Raines and Mr. Neuhoff responded to questions from the Council regarding the following:

- Deed details on use and visibility of the site
- Functionality of the terrace
- Time frame for raising funds
- Construction details (sq. footage)
- Overall space needed for lease
- Ability to generate revenue and right kind of traffic
- Easement from Chattanooga Theatre Centre
- Current limits and reason for not expanding further north and east
- Sidewalk tie-in
- Ultimate destination of the USS Chattanooga's bell

Councilman Henderson requested a visual of the plaza and building. Mr. Raines indicated that this would be done.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairwoman Berz adjourned this session at 4:12 p.m.