

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES

## CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

July 5, 2016

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### **In Attendance**

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Council Chairman Moses Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Vice Chair Jerry Mitchell and Councilpersons Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson and Jerry Mitchell. Shannon Harmon, Assistant City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk were also present. Councilmen Russell Gilbert and Larry Grohn joined the meeting after the call to order.

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### **Others in Attendance**

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Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Economic and Community Development: Nick Wilkinson, Deputy Administrator of Community Development, and Tony Sammons, Deputy Administrator of Neighborhood Services.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Anderson** and seconded by Councilman Mitchell, the minutes of the last meeting (June 28, 2016) were approved as published.

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### **Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 5A & 5B**

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

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### **Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A**

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Attorney Phil Noblett explained this franchise ordinance that will allow Zayo Group, LLC, to put the infrastructure in place for underground fiber optics. Mr. Noblett introduced two of the Zayo Group representatives: Dillan DeVito, V.P. of Network Development, and Terry Davis Project Manager. Mr. DeVito and Davis responded to questions from the Council on the following:

- Who owns the existing communication ducts?
- Is there no agreement yet on the communication ducts?
- What kind of services will Zayo offer?
- Who determines the need to cut into the street?
- Can other companies come in behind them?
- Why do we need Zayo Group for these services?
- Does Zayo Group work for Verizon?
- What are Zayo Group's rights once the ordinance is passed?
- How will Verizon be brought in as the incumbent to provide access?
- What is the dollar amount that the City will receive?
- Is there a cost benefit analysis?

Questions to Mr. Noblett:

- Will this technology cut down on the need for big cell phone towers?
- Is there anything to consider for future companies?
- What is the franchise fee?
- Can Zayo Group sale the franchise?
- Can the Council get a copy of Exhibit A” referenced in the ordinance?
- What will be the consumer impact?
- Will there be higher rates?
- Will there be an annual review?

Mr. Wilkinson addressed the matter of better cell coverage and the small cell piece that is being worked out in allowing use of the city’s infrastructure.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7A**

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Mr. Sammons briefed the Council on this item relative to the Environmental Review Process. He also responded to Councilman Smith’s question on how this resolution will authorize staff to executive documents online.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7B & 7C**

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

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D**

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Ms. Madison responded to questions from Councilwoman Berz on the criteria used for the renewal of the existing banking services contract with SunTrust and how long the contract will exist. She also responded to a question on the cost benefit analysis. Councilman confirmed with Ms. Madison that the City if keeping the exact terms of the previous contract. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Item 7E**

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Ms. Madison responded to a question from Councilman Hakeem regarding internal fees, such as the City Attorney’s fees referenced in this resolution. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Freeman adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.