

Budget Education Session #2

BUDGET AND FINANCE

COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 24, 2021

Call to Order

Councilwoman Carol Berz, committee chair, called the hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of eight was present that included Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, and Councilpersons Demetrus Coonrod, Raquetta Dotley, Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, and Isiah Hester. Others present at the call to order were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Councilman Anthony Byrd was not present this meeting.

Presenters

Presenters and Responders—Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief of Staff, and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief Policy Officer; Regional Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator

Requests for Information from Last Week

Mr. Goldberg responded to the Council's requests from last week's (August 17) session.

1. Pavement Listing
2. LDO Enforcement Plan [STVR, Storm water]
3. Community Center Plan

Baby U.

Mr. Thongnopnua spoke on the data and impact of Baby U. Discussion ensued about the difference in numbers quoted from the numbers in the 2015-202 data distributed to the Council.

Mr. Thongnopnua asked to follow-up with the Council on the following questions:

- How many people served annually?
- Are those served Chattanooga residents? (Answered later in the meeting)

Economic Development

Mr. Goldberg introduced Mr. Freeman to present on the following divisions:

1. Economic Development
2. Real Property
3. Workforce Development
4. Public Art

Capital Budget/Improvement Plan

Mr. Goldberg responded to the Council's questions on the following:

1. Community Centers (Discussion ensued on funding for "super centers" and smaller centers)
2. Agency Appropriations (Discussion ensued on Montessori Elementary and early learning opportunities)

Public Input Sessions

Councilwoman Berz reminded everyone about the upcoming Public Input Sessions next week, August 31, 2021. She also noted the 2-minute time limit per speaker. Chairman Henderson reminded those wishing to address the Council via Zoom to register prior to the start of the 3:00 p.m. session next week.

- Public Input Sessions - August 31, 2021
 - 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Zoom speakers only (registration required)
 - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – In-person speakers (Assembly Room)
- Budget Ordinance First Reading – September 7, 2021
- Budget Ordinance Second Reading – September 14, 2021

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Berz adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.