

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 19, 2021

Call to Order

Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr., all present via electronic means. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (September 22, 2020) were approved as published.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Mayor's Office: Tony Sammons, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer

Panhandling Ordinance

Vice-Chairman Smith requested to move this item from committee as it was not ready to be discussed; the Council agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Disparity Study Legislation

Vice-Chairman Smith asked Councilman Gilbert to introduce the proposed ordinance. Councilman Gilbert asked Mr. Sammons about adding the Employer Fraud State Law verbiage to the legislation. Mr. Sammons agree to work with Mr. Noblett to have it done within the next week or so. A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Ensuring employers hire local groups (Councilman Mitchell)
- "Minority" Language (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Percentages of groups (Councilman Gilbert)
- Breakdown of "Minorities" (Councilman Mitchell)
- Atlanta Model (Councilman Byrd)
- Enough People in City to service jobs (Councilman Byrd)
- Percentage going to African American
- Provisions for Minority Owned Businesses (Councilman Ledford)

Vice-Chairman Smith asked Mr. Noblett to send the updated legislation to the Council once available and informed the Council that Chairman Henderson would decide on when it goes to an agenda. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Ms. Madison wanted to update the Council on the Southeast Tennessee Development District invoice. Councilman Ledford confirmed that was the money was going for small businesses. Chairman Henderson wanted further clarification, offline, on how the money would be dispersed and how small businesses could apply. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

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