

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

January 24, 2023

Call to Order

Councilman Ken Smith, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of the Chattanooga City Council was present, including Council Chairman Darrin Ledford, Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Council members Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Isiah Hester. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present for this meeting.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Chairman Ledford and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (January 17, 2023) were approved as published.

STVR Ordinance

Councilwoman Hill presented her proposed version of the ordinance (available for viewing [here](#)) alongside her recommended topics for open discussion. She advised that the proposed version is a compilation of the Administration's previous version and Councilman Henderson's previous version. She clarified the changes made in the following areas:

- Detailed Definitions
- Density Cap
- Fees
- Accountability/Enforcement
- Letters to Neighbors
- Moratorium for New Absentee Units
- Overlay
- Needs for Discussion
- Appeals Board/AHO Roles and Responsibilities
- Transfers
- Townhomes and Zero Lot Lines
- Rezoning Waiting Period

Following Councilwoman Hill's presentation, discussion ensued which addressed the following questions and comments:

- Language Clarification/ Transfer Regulations/Enforcement Process/ Fee Clarification/ Request for Written Report on Illegal Units (Dotley)

- Definition Suggestions/ Legislation Impact/ Buffer Zone Measurement (Henderson)
- Zoning Language Investigation (Hill)
 - Ms. Rennich clarified the definitions of “Lot” and “Parcel”
- Clarification of Administration’s Inclusion in Process (Henderson)
- Version Clarification (Anderson)
- Transfer Assignment to Appeals Board (Henderson/Anderson)
- Process Inquiry/ Moratorium, Transfer Policy, and Enforcement Clarification (Berz)
- Appeals Board Title Change/Addition of STVR on Strategic Planning Agenda (Berz)
- Council Discussion Still in Process/ Record of Timeline (Berz)
- Density Regulation Suggestion (Smith)
- Unpermitted STVR Data by District Presentation to Council (Anderson)

With no opposition from Council, Chairman Ledford scheduled an **STVR Work Session** to continue Council discussion of this ordinance on **Tuesday, January 31st at 2:00 p.m. in the J.B. Collins Conference Room** of the City Council Building. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.