

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chattanooga City Council

May 23, 2023

In Attendance

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley called the meeting to order at 4:54 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist. Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill, Committee Chair, was not present for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Noel, the minutes of the last meeting (May 9, 2023) were approved as published.

Others In Attendance

Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga: Meaghan Jones, President & CEO.

Affordable Housing Presentation – Update on Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI)

Chair Dotley opened the floor to Ms. Jones for a presentation on the Eviction Prevention Initiative, which can be viewed [here](#). The presentation included information on the following:

- The background of the EPI:
 - When they were founded
 - What they do
 - Who their partners are
- How EPI efforts have helped combat homelessness
- Data on the mean eviction filings per month for 2019-2022
 - Which districts were the most affected
 - Which races / ethnic majority tracts were the most affected
- Possible causes of increased evictions
- The negative impact of evictions on individuals, families, and communities
- The positive impact legal representation and case management can have in reducing evictions
 - Sending reminder post cards to reduce the number of default judgments against people facing evictions
- The cost-benefit analysis of utilizing EPI

At the conclusion of the presentation, Councilwoman Coonrod and Councilman Ledford had some questions and comments, which Ms. Jones addressed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.