

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES Chattanooga City Council August 22, 2023

In Attendance

Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Council Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present for this meeting. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councilwoman Noel and seconded by Council Chair Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (May 23, 2023) were approved as published.

Others In Attendance

Mayor's Office: Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff; Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga: Maeghan Jones, President & CEO; and Legal Aid of East Tennessee: Debra House, Executive Director.

Community Foundation Presentation – Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI)

Ms. Jones began by requesting that the ARP funding for the EPI be transferred to Legal Aid. Ms. Jones then began the presentation, which touched on the following:

- How Legal Aid has expanded their EPI services
- The increase in the number of households that have avoided eviction due to the EPI
- The value of help that EPI has been to landlords
- How the current EPI structure is set up vs. how the structure would be streamlined by moving the grant funding to Legal Aid

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. House introduced herself to Council before giving a brief overview of Legal Aid's experience with projects of this size and why Legal Aid is qualified to take over the EPI. The floor was then opened to questions and comments from Council, which can be viewed [here](#).

Vice Chair Hill asked if this funding request would be coming to Council as a resolution on September 19, 2023; Ms. Satterfield affirmed.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.