

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES November 24, 2020

In Attendance

Councilman Erskine Oglesby, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. A quorum that included Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Jerry Mitchell, all present via electronic means. Also present via electronic means were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support 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 (October 27, 2020) were approved as published.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

ECD: Donna Williams, Administrator, and Travis Kazmierzak, Open Spaces Director

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G & 7H

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Skate Park

Ms. Williams informed the Council that Mr. Kazmierzak would give an update on the Skate Park. His presentation covered the following:

- Agenda
- Project Synopsis
- Making the Case
- Site Selection process
- Hamilton County
- TN River Park Master Plan
- Moving Forward

A discussion ensued, wherein the Council addressed the following questions and concerns:

- Estimated amount of Bid (Councilman Henderson)
- Construction Cost (Councilman Henderson)
- Return on Investment Study (Councilman Henderson)
- MOU with County (Councilman Henderson)
- Location (Councilman Henderson)
- Equipment (Councilman Ledford)
- Above ground (Councilman Ledford)
- Plan moving forward without County (Councilman Ledford)

- Added Resources for Families (Councilman Coonrod)
- Consideration of Original Site (Councilman Mitchell)
- Consent/Operation with County (Councilman Mitchell)
- Funding Partners (Councilman Mitchell)
- Parking (Councilman Gilbert)
- Other foundations/partnerships (Councilman Gilbert)
- Budget (Councilwoman Berz)
- City Owned Parcel (Councilwoman Berz)
- RFQ (Councilwoman Berz)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

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