

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES/RECAP – February 7, 2023

- I. **Call to Order**: Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Clerk Nicole Gwyn were also present. Councilpersons Chip Henderson and Isiah Hester were not present.
- II. **Minutes Approval**: **Councilman Smith moved** to approve. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.
- III. **Investment Policy**: Councilwoman Berz and Vickie Haley, Interim City Finance Officer, made introductory remarks on the investment policy being brought for the first time for Council approval. During the introduction, Ms. Haley introduced Jaime Zurkiya, City Treasurer, who gave a presentation that included information on the following: Overview, Investment Objectives, and Investments per T.C.A. A discussion ensued about the RFP process and requiring three vendors. Mr. Noblett informed the Council of changes coming to how interest rates are calculated (SOFR). Mr. Noblett was charged with drafting a resolution to accept the policy, which would be placed on the 2/14 agenda.
- IV. **City Attorney Appointment Resolution**: After conferring with Mayor Kelly, Ledford offered a resolution to appoint Mr. Noblett as the City Attorney. The Council came to a consensus to add the City Attorney resolution to the two-week agenda.
- V. **Council Rules Revision**: Chairman Ledford discussed compiling the changes discussed by the Council at its last Strategic Planning meeting and incorporating them into his relined version, which was currently in their folders. He also pointed out the clean copy that Mr. Noblett had sent based upon his revisions. He discussed adding the Affordable Housing Committee to the standing committees, adjusting the Strategic Planning recurring meetings, applying language regarding the “prevailing side” when adding/removing agenda items, replacing the name “Office of Planning and Development” with the name “Regional Planning Agency,” and withdrawing zoning items after the Planning Commission. He asked the Council to review the changes and let Mr. Noblett know if there are any further changes. Councilwoman Berz offered to co-sponsor the resolution. The Council came to a consensus to add the resolution to the 2-week agenda.
- VI. Other Business Status
- A. Pending Legislative Matters:
1. City Election Cycle (Coonrod) 2/28 Legislative Committee
 2. **C-2 Amendment** (Henderson): Councilwoman Hill informed the Council that Karen Rennich will discuss this at today’s Planning and Zoning Committee.
 3. **Noise Ordinance** (Councilwoman Berz): Mr. Noblett informed the Council that he had received a draft of the ordinance and will work on finalizing it this week.
 4. **STVR Ordinance**: Councilwoman Hill informed the Council that she had revised the STVR ordinance for inclusion in their electronic folder. Discussion ensued about the STVR ordinance including information about the AHO. The Council came to a consensus to add the STVR ordinance to the two-week agenda for first reading on the 2/14 agenda.
- B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
1. Library Quarterly Update (Ewalt) 2/21 SP Meeting
 2. Chattanooga Climbs Plan (Ernst & Young) 2/21 Economic Dev. Committee
 3. United Way’s 211 Midyear Update 2/28 Equity and Community Dev. Committee
 4. Quarterly Departmental Update 2/28 Equity and Community Dev. Committee

- C. **Meeting Time Change**(Ledford): Chairman Ledford proposed changing the start times on meetings next Tuesday, 2/14, due to the holiday. By consensus, the Council adjusted their meeting time next week as follows: Agenda Session, starting at 2:30 p.m., and Council business meeting, starting at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Council Agendas

- A. Agenda for 02/07
1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 2. Parks and Public Works Committee
 3. Planning and Zoning Committee
 4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- B. Agenda for 02/14
1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 2. Committee: (None)
 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

VIII. Board Appointments

- A. Pending Resolutions Pending Two-Week Agenda
1. District 9 - Board of Zoning Appeals
- B. Resolutions Pending Term Lengths
1. District 7 – Community Advisory Committee: 3 seats (South Region)
 2. District 9 – Community Advisory Committees: 1 seat (Dodson) / 2 seats (Bushtown-Glenwood)
- C. Current Vacancies
1. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (3 seats: Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
 2. **Industrial Development Board** (2 seats: Districts 6 & 8 needed)
 3. Board of Zoning Appeals: (1 seat: District 9 needed)
 4. Passenger Vehicle for Hire Board (3 seats/previously appointed by group nominations)
 5. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
 6. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1 and 3 needed)
 7. Lookout Valley Region Community Advisory Committee (4 seats: District 1 needed)
 8. Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 3 seats; District 9 needed: 1 seat remaining)
 9. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
 10. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
 11. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 1 seat)
 12. Bushtown- Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats)
 13. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9: 1 seat needed)
 14. Hixson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
 15. Washington Hills Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 4 seats)

IX. Adjournment