

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES/RECAP – February 21, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilman Isiah Hester arrived after the call to order. Councilman Ken Smith was not present. Others participants included Phil Noblett, Interim City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk.
- II. **Minutes Approval:** Councilwoman Berz moved to approve the last minutes (February 7, 2023) as published. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.
- III. **Library Quarterly Update:** Richard Beeland opened his presentation by introducing the library’s programming team. He gave a portion of the presentation that included information on the following: Americans and the Holocaust event, FY23 Budget, and Library Metrics. Richard Groves and Lee Hope joined the presentation with information on the programming metrics and programming partners, One Team One Chattanooga Mayoral Award (Natalie Phillips), and the search for the Executive Director. After which, Mr. Beeland and his team responded to Council questions and comments regarding programming impact, utilizing the full building space, Black History Month, strategic plan regarding locations, access to free library cards, role in schools, and the summer reading program.
- IV. **STVR Amendment:** Councilman Henderson asked that the Council hold off on additional STVR legislation until his and Councilwoman Hill’s ordinance has been brought before the Council for consideration on the 2/28 agenda. Discussion ensued about not defining STVRs as businesses, removing the word “*vacation*” from the description, and looking into commercial corridors. Chairman Ledford advised that he would send his questions to Attorney Noblett about conflicts that he sees in the draft.
- V. Other Business
 - A. Pending Legislative Matters:
 1. **City Election Cycle & Term Limits** (Coonrod)
 2. **C-2 Amendment:** Councilman Henderson reminded the Council of changes that had been made in the ordinance. Discussion ensued about the right of residents to give input, removing density, special exceptions permits, and adding UGC landscaping conditions. Mr. Noblett noted the addition of language regarding financial services and late night entertainment to the ordinance. Chairman Ledford encouraged the Council to bring forth any further amendments.
 3. **Noise Ordinance:** Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that the ordinance was ready. Attorney Noblett informed the Council about the Version 3 copy that will sent to the Council.
 4. **Resolution/Letter to Governor Lee on Marijuana Reform:** Councilwoman Coonrod’s proposed resolution authorizes the Council Chair to execute a letter to Governor Bill Lee in response to the statement from President Biden on marijuana reform. She asked that it be place on the two-week agenda. With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford added the resolution to the 2/28 Council agenda. Councilwoman Hill will co-sponsor this resolution.
 5. **Charter Amendment Regarding Executive Staff:** Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council of an ordinance, drafted with Attorney Noblett, regarding the Council’s involvement with executive staff appointments. Chairman Ledford assigned this legislation to the 3/14 Legislative Committee meeting. Councilwoman Coonrod will send the draft to the Clerk for distribution to the Council. She advised that this was an internal document not yet ready for public

distribution. Chris Anderson, Senior Advisor for Legislative Initiatives, requested a copy of the public document when it is ready.

- B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
 - 1. United Way's 211 Midyear Update 2/28 Equity and Community Development
 - 2. Quarterly Departmental Update 2/28 Equity and Community Development
- C. **ARP Funding**: Chairman Ledford advised the Council to speak with Dylan Rivera on the ARP funding.
- D. **Safe City Presentation**: Councilman Henderson informed the Council about a recent "Safe City" presentation led by Major Jones. He and Chairman Ledford scheduled a Public Safety Committee meeting on 3/28 regarding the topic.

VI. Council Agendas

- A. Agenda for 02/21
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Parks and Public Works Committee
 - 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - a) Special Presentation - Tyner Rams (Berz)
- B. Agenda for 02/28
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Equity and Community Development Committee
 - 3. Legislative Committee
 - 4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

VII. Board Appointments

- A. Pending Resolutions
 - 1. **District 9 Board of Zoning Appeals** – 2/28 Council Agenda
- 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. Passenger Vehicle for Hire Board (3 seats/previously appointed by group nominations)
 - 4. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
 - 5. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1 and 3 needed)
 - 6. Lookout Valley Region Community Advisory Committee (4 seats: District 1 needed)
 - 7. Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 3 seats; District 9 needed: 1 seat remaining)
 - 8. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
 - 9. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
 - 10. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 1 seat)
 - 11. Bushtown- Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats)
 - 12. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9: 1 seat needed)
 - 13. Hixson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
 - 14. Washington Hills Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 4 seats)

VIII. Adjournment