

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

- I. **Call to Order**: Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. There was a quorum of five that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Isiah Hester, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, and Carol Berz were not present at this meeting. Others participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk.

- II. **Minute Approval**: **On motion of Vice Chair Dotley** and second by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting, February 21, 2023, stood as approved.

- III. **Administration Climate Action Plan**: Mayor Tim Kelly gave an introduction on Chattanooga’s current sustainability and opportunities to lead in the new green economy through the Climate Action Plan. He turned over the presentation to Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, who introduced and commended the team members who worked on developing this plan. Mr. Thongnopnua proceeded with a 15-minute [presentation](#) describing the plan, its goals, and its impact on various sectors. During the presentation, Mr. Thongnopnua responded to questions from the Council. After the presentation, further discussion ensued.

- IV. **Event Sponsorship**: Vice Chair Dotley requested that the Council sponsor a \$1,500.00 table of 10 seats for the annual Sundresses at Sunset event that supports student scholarships. There was no objection from the Council to this sponsorship.

- V. **CPD Department Report**: Councilwoman Coonrod requested a department report from the Police Department. Chairman Ledford suggested scheduling the meeting in two weeks, to which Councilwoman Coonrod agreed. Chairman Ledford asked Councilwoman Coonrod to email him about the request for the department report so that he could follow-up with the Public Safety chair on scheduling.

- VI. Other Business Status
 - A. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - 1. Noise Ordinance (Berz) (No additional information)
 - 2. Special Permitting (Henderson/Berz) (No additional information)
 - B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
 - 1. **Safe City Presentation** (Jones) (Postponed for later date)

- VII. Council Agendas
 - A. Agenda for 03/07 (No additional information)
 - 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 03/14
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Economic Development Committee

3. Legislative Committee
 - a) **Charter Amendment re Executive Staff**: This item was later removed from the pending legislative matters by its sponsor, Councilwoman Coonrod.
 - b) Station Street Amendment (Dotley)
4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - a) **Annexation Hearing – Clark Road**: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Henderson established a 30-minute total timeline for the hearing. He also established that each speaker would have 2 minutes each to address the Council.

VIII. Board Appointments

A. Pending Resolutions:

1. **South Region Community Advisory Committee** (D7) – 3 appts. - 3/14 agenda
2. **Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee** (D9) – 1 appt. – 3/21 agenda

B. 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. Police Advisory and Review Committee (1 seat: District 6 needed)
7. Lookout Valley Region Community Advisory Committee (1 seat: District 1 needed)
8. Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 1 seat)
9. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
10. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7: 1 seat needed)
11. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
12. Bushtown- Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 1 seat)
13. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 1 seat)
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**: Chairman Ledford adjourned this open meeting at 3:05 p.m.