

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING  
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM  
*5/7/19 RECAP*

- I. Call to Order 1:55 p.m. by Chairman Oglesby. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Henderson and Councilpersons Berz, Byrd, Coonrod, Gilbert, Ledford and Mitchell. Councilman Smith was not present this meeting. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Mayor's staff attending was Mr. Hayes, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Sammons, Ms. Lowdermilk, Ms. Satterfield and Ms. Albright. Other city staff attending was Ms. Madison and Mr. Kazmierzak. There were also three community members and three members of Media in attendance.
  
- II. Council Agenda for 5/7
  - A. 1:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Presentation: Former mayor Ron Littlefield addressed the Council on homelessness funding in Chattanooga. He distributed copies of a commentary he had written for the January 31, 2019 edition of the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. He discussed homelessness in terms of "low-barrier shelters" and proposed one solution to the Council. He asked the Council to earmark \$1,000,000 per year for a homeless shelter. He informed the Council of his presentation to the Hamilton County Commission where he asked the same of them: \$1,000,000 per year. He asked the city to re-evaluate how much is spent on advertising to help with the homeless shelter funding. He also asked the City to consider how much is spent on tourism and public art. He also recommended that the Community Kitchen house the \$2,000,000 from the city and county. He also distributed the "Reclaiming Skid Rows" article in *Governing* magazine.
  - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session:
    1. Item V(a): Attorney Noblett confirmed that the ordinance specified that appeals would go to the Passenger Vehicle for Hire Board.
    2. Item VI(a): Councilman Henderson questioned why this ordinance was placed on first reading the week after it was heard in Public Safety Committee last week instead of two weeks after the hearing. Discussion ensued with Mr. Noblett about the 2-week agenda established by the the Council's rules of operation. Councilwoman Coonrod, co-sponsor of the legislation, was willing to move the item to the 5/14 agenda for first reading, but Councilman Gilbert, co-sponsor, agreed to decide by the 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session if the item would be moved to the 5/14 agenda.
  - C. Committees:
    1. Planning and Zoning – Councilman Ledford informed the Council that the committee would review rezoning items on the agenda as well as hear updates on area plans and steep slopes/floodplains.
  - D. Department Report: (None)
  - E. 6:00 p.m. Special Presentation: (None)
  
- III. Council Agenda for 5/14
  - A. 1:30 p.m. Strategic Planning (No further information)
  - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session
    1. Agenda Item 7(a) –Councilman Ledford asked for more information about the quitclaim deed, to which Ms. Sullivan responded.
    2. Agenda Item 7(b) –Ms. Sullivan confirmed that the surplus items would go to auction.

C. Committees:

1. Public Works and Transportation – includes Public Works Weeks proclamation
2. Youth and Family Development (No further information)

D. Department Report: Police (No further information)

E. 6:00 p.m. Special Presentation: (None)

IV. Admin. Items Under Future Consideration 5/21 and beyond: Councilman Mitchell would like more information about the railroad item and Cameron Harbor.

V. Other Business

A. Avondale Center – Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that the Avondale Center had been closed for safety reasons. She indicated that Administration is looking at how to reopen the center or relocate its summer camp to another YFD centers. Ms. Sullivan confirmed that Administration is looking at an alternate location for the 54 summer campers at Avondale. She indicated that 19 would go to the Carver center. The others would go to the Glenwood and East Chattanooga centers.

B. Public Dissemination of Information – Councilwoman Coonrod questioned how members of the public are getting information affecting their districts prior to the Council. She asked that Administration send information to the Council before disseminating to the public so that councilpersons are not caught unaware about matters affecting their constituents, and may have opportunity to gather information for a response. Ms. Sullivan agreed that this was their current practice of sending information to the Council first. She was not aware of how misinformation had gotten out recently.

C. Walnut Street Closing – Councilman Mitchell had been getting phone calls on the closing of Walnut Street. Ms. Sullivan acknowledged the closure and the construction plans.

D. Power House Facility – Councilman Byrd asked for an update on relocating the Power House. Ms. Sullivan informed the Council that Administration did consider Orange Grove as a new location for the Power House. However, due to the zoo's new timeline for its African expansion, the Power House will not need to move for five more years.

E. FY20 Budget

1. Council Receiving FY20 Budget – 5/14 at 3:00 p.m. (No further information)
2. Budget Education Schedule – Councilwoman Berz will update the schedule to show details regarding department presentations. She will distribute the detailed schedule on 5/14.

F. Memorial Dedication Steering Committee: Councilman Ledford (No further information)

G. Building Renaming – Councilman Byrd (No further information)

H. Pending Presentations: (None)

I. Pending Legislative Matters: (None)

J. Board Appointments:

1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 1 & 7)
2. OMA Advisory Board (District 3)
3. Community Development Advisory Board (District 1)

IV. Attorney/Client Privilege Meeting (Not needed)

V. Adjournment