

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
RECAP/MINUTES – August 16, 2022

- I. **Call to Order**: Chairman Ledford called this open meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the J.B. Collins Conference Room of the John P. Franklin Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of six was present that also included Councilpersons Berz, Coonrod, Hester, Noel, and Smith. Also present were Deputy City Attorney Noblett, Attorney Malueg, and Council Clerk Gwyn. Vice Chair Dotley and Councilpersons Henderson and Hill were not present.
- II. **Minutes Approval**: On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Hester, the minutes of the last meeting (8/2) were approved.
- III. **Migrant Arrivals in Chattanooga**: Mr. Thongnopnua detailed the city’s response to helping migrant families travel in and through Chattanooga to other destinations. He also responded to questions and comments from councilpersons.
- IV. **Purchasing Presentation**: Mr. Goldberg introduced Mr. Bartenfield, Purchasing Director, who gave a presentation on the Purchasing Process and responded to questions from the Council. Mr. Goldberg offered to email the slides to the Council for their future reference.
- V. Other Business
 - A. Pending Legislative Matters:
 1. STVR Ad Hoc Committee (Henderson) – 8/30 at 12:30 p.m./Conf. Room
 2. Noise Ordinance (Berz)
 3. **City Election Cycle** (Coonrod) – This will be discussed at the next Strategic Planning meeting, 9/6.
 4. **Budget Amendment Timeline** - Councilwoman Berz informed the Council of a budget amendment that will be presented on 9/13. There will need to be a hearing on 9/20. The first reading will take place on 9/27. If passed, the seconded reading would take place on 10/4.
 5. **Removal of Political Signs** - Councilman Hester asked to add this topic due to derogatory signs being posted and sometimes abandoned in neighborhoods. Other councilpersons affirmed the problem of political signs not being removed in neighborhoods. Chairman Ledford added this as a pending legislative matter.
 - B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
 1. **Violence Prevention Presentation** (Coonrod & Dr. Lambert)- Mr. Thongnopnua will confirm if this is still taking place during the 8/30 Public Safety Committee.
 2. **Nonprofit RFPs /RFP Evaluation** (Berz & Goldberg) - This was confirmed by Mr. Goldberg for the 9/6 Strategic Planning.
 3. **Quarterly Report- Library Transition** (Thongnopnua/Ewalt) – This was confirmed by Mr. Ewalt for the 10/4 Strategic Planning.
 - C. Future Legislation/Education Sessions (None)

VI. Council Agendas

A. Agenda for 8/16

1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
2. Committee: Economic Development (re: Workforce Development)
3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

B. Agenda for 8/23

1. 3:30 Agenda Session
2. Committees:
 - a) Parks and Public Works
 - b) Education and Innovation (re: HCS Connect)
3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - a) Proclamation - Hurst UMC 140th Anniversary (Hill)
 - b) Recognition - Little League Champions (Hill)
 - c) Public Hearing on Area 11 East Brainerd Area Plan

VII. Board Appointments:

A. **Pending Resolutions**

1. Mr. Anderson informed the Council that 15 mayoral appointments have been added to the 8/30 agenda.
2. The joint County-City appointments have been added to the Future Considerations document.
3. Councilwoman Berz will work with Mr. Anderson to get her board resolutions added to an upcoming agenda. Mr. Ledford asked that councilpersons add him, the attorney, and Mr. Anderson to their requests for appointment resolutions.

B. Current Vacancies

1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 9)
2. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (2 seats: Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
3. Industrial Development Board (2 seats: Districts 5, 6, and 8 needed)
4. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
5. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 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: seat 1)
8. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats; District 2 needed: 2 seats)
9. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
10. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
11. Bushtown-Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9 needed: 2 seats)
12. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9 needed: 2 seats)
13. Hixson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
14. Standifer Gap Region Community Advisory Committee (District 6 needed: 4 seats)
15. Washington Hills Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 4 seats)

VIII. **Adjournment:** Chairman Ledford adjourned this meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.