

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Recap – 9/27/16

- I. Call to Order: Councilman Freeman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice Chair Mitchell and Councilmen Anderson, Gilbert, Grohn, Hakeem, Henderson and Smith. Councilwoman Berz was not present. The assigned attorney was Mr. Reisman. Mayor’s staff included Ms. Richardson, Mr. Carmody, Ms. Stone and Ms. Sadler. Other staff present were Mr. Dockery, A.C. Roddy and A.C. Arnold. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Press present was Mr. Leach. There were two (2) community members present.

- II. Old Business:
 - A. Council Agenda for 9/27/16:
 1. Item V(a): Mr. Reisman discussed some scrivener's error that have been revised in the document and noted that the corrections were not substantive; therefore, the Council could proceed with the final reading.
 - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 9/27: (No further information needed)
 - C. Committees for 9/27: (Public Works & Transportation)
 - D. Other:
 1. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - Sign Ordinance – Councilman Anderson
 2. Pending Presentations:
 - Cable/Fiber Optics: Councilman Anderson asked Nick Wilkinson to pick two dates for a presentation on this matter in ECD Committee.
 3. Public hearing on Short-Term Vacation Rentals – (9/27) Chairman Freeman described the process of ticketing speakers.
 4. National Night Out – (10/4) Councilman Hakeem informed the Council of the main program being at the East Chattanooga YFD Center.
 5. YFD Board Appointments - (Districts 1 & 2)

- III. New Business:
 - A. Council Agenda for 10/4/16: (No further information needed)
 1. Father to the Fatherless contract:
 - Chairman Freeman confirmed with Attorney Reisman that this resolution would be moved from the 10/4 agenda to the 10/11 agenda.
 - Chief Roddy made introductory remarks to the Council regarding the Father to the Fatherless program. Chief Arnold gave more details on the program and the wrap-around services provided by the program to at-risk individuals.
 - A discussion ensued, with the chiefs responding to Council questions about the following: wrap-around services; “aging out” of some programs; substance abuse assistance; GED program availability; no connection to Hope for the Inner City.
 - Chairman Freeman sent the matter to Public Safety Committee, to be heard on 10/4.

2. Police Car Donation: Ms. Richardson informed the Council that this resolution was pulled so that the department could check out the 501(c)(3) status of the entity to receive the donation. She also noted that it would not be ready for committee next week.
3. HR Resolution:
 - Councilman Smith briefed the Council on this resolution that would remove barriers to city employment for people who do not have a degree. He noted that language would be added to the EIG and that the resolution caption would be revised.
 - Regarding positions where a degree was needed, Councilman Gilbert requested information on the number of years of experience would be the equivalent to a degree.
 - Discussion ensued about training for managers regarding job attributes and the effect of the resolution, if any, on the interview process.
 - Chairman Freeman authorized adding the resolution to next week's agenda.
4. Beer Ordinance/Motion Picture Theatres
 - Councilman Grohn informed the Council of a change to the current beer ordinance that would allow for beer sales in motion picture theatres. He indicated that 47(c) and (d) of the ordinance would be replaced. He distributed the code to the Council.
 - Mr. Reisman discussed changing city code to match state legislation. He discussed technical changes in Section 1 & 2 and Sections (c) and (d).
 - Councilman Anderson requested the redlined version of the document to show where changes would be made to the code. He also requested to know which districts would be affected by the proposed changes. Councilman Smith and Councilman Hakeem requested to know the restrictions will be included to ensure that adults are not buying beer for minors.
 - Councilman Anderson informed the Council about TABC regulations regarding the age of beer servers and the requirement for identification.

B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 10/4: (No further information needed)

C. Committees for 10/4: (Public Safety; Planning & Zoning)

IV. Attorney/Client Privileged Meeting: (*Closed session*)

V. Adjournment: Councilman Freeman adjourned the open meeting at 2:20 p.m.