

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES/RECAP – November 1, 2022

- I. **Call to Order**: Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present. Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod were not present.
- II. **Minutes Approval**: On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last meeting (October 18, 2022) were approved as published.
- III. **Volunteer Behavioral Health Presentation**: Chairman Ledford opened the floor to the VBH to discuss their work in the mental health profession in Chattanooga. Greg Lewis, Sr. Clinical Director, addressed the Council about the background of the VBH, the mobile crisis program, and the immediacy of care. Mary Chestnut, V.P. of Housing Services, discussed VBH’s permanent supportive housing, including rapid re-housing and group homes. Jenna Parker, Social Worker, discussed the outpatient and inpatient processes at VBH. CIT Officer Brandon Watson spoke on the sharing of data. The presenters then responded to questions from the Council on chronic homelessness, the FUSE (Frequent Users Systems Engagement) program, and the city’s RFP process, and crisis intervention.
- IV. **Quarterly Report-Library Transition**: Richard Beeland, Interim Library Director, gave a slide presentation that included information on the Library’s Agenda, FY23 Budget, Programming Comparisons FY19-FY23, Library Usage, Library Metrics, Staff Training & IOD Cost Reduction, Administrative Advancement & Collaboration, Hosting Americans & the Holocaust Exhibit, and the Search for a New Executive Director. During and after the presentation, Mr. Beeland responded to questions from the Council on accountability, satisfaction survey, board terms, available board seats, and differences in event participation at various community centers. Mr. Tyson Morris, Chief Information Officer, was present and responded to questions about the bandwidth connectivity and device compatibility. William Sundquist, Board of Trustees Chair, discussed the new director search. Mr. Thongnopnua questioned the Council on how much political capital they are willing to use regarding the library’s independent structure. Discussion ensued, with comments from three councilpersons.
- V. Other Business Status
 - A. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - 1. **Noise Ordinance (Berz)** – 11/15: Legislative Committee
 - 2. **Wrecker Ordinance (Dotley)** – 11/15: Legislative Committee
 - 3. City Election Cycle (Coonrod) – TBD: Legislative Committee
 - 4. Removal of Political Signs (Hester)
 - B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
 - 1. **Special Events and Activations** – 12/6 SP Meeting
 - 2. **Agenda Modification Process (Adding/removing items)** – January 2023 SP Meeting
 - C. Future Legislation/Education Sessions: (None)
- VI. Council Agendas
 - A. Agenda for 11/01
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Committee:
 - a) Parks and Public Works

- b) Planning and Zoning
 - 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - B. Agenda for 11/08
 - 1. 2:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Committees: (None)
 - 3. 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- VII. Board Appointments
- A. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee
 - 1. District 2 - Cassandra Nice and Chanda Chambers – 11/15 Council Agenda
 - B. Standifer Gap Region Community Advisory Committee
 - 1. District 6 – Lindia Mathis, Carlos Santez McConnell, Timothy Bowman, Sr., and Nan Zamata – 11/15 Council Agenda
 - C. Resolutions Pending Agenda Date
 - a) District 7 – 3 seats (South Region)
 - b) District 9 – 1 seat (Dodson Region) / 2 seats (Bushtown-Glenwood Region)
 - D. Current Vacancies
 - 1. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (3 seats: Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
 - 2. Industrial Development Board (1 seat: District 8 needed)
 - 3. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
 - 4. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1 and 3 needed)
 - 5. Lookout Valley Region Community Advisory Committee (4 seats: District 1 needed)
 - 6. Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 3 seats; District 9 needed: 1 seat remaining)
 - 7. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
 - 8. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
 - 9. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 1 seat)
 - 10. Bushtown-Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats)
 - 11. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9: 1 seat needed)
 - 12. Hixson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
 - 13. Washington Hills Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 4 seats)
- VIII. **Adjournment:** Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.