

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

*Recap – 12/6/16*

- 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 Council members Berz, Gilbert, Grohn, Hakeem, Henderson and Smith. Councilman Anderson arrived later in the meeting. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Mayor's staff present was Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Carmody, Ms. Stone and Ms. Cooper. Other staff present was Ms. Madison, Mr. Wilkerson and Ms. Harmon. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Press present were Mr. Wilson and Mr. Leach. There were five (5) community members present, including Mr. McCallie, Mr. Lee and Ms. Burns-Sharp.
  
- II. Early Voting/Early Voting Sites:
  - A discussion ensued with Mr. Noblett about the locations of early voting for the March municipal election.
  - By consensus, the Council chose the following early voting sites: Election Commission, North River Civic Center, Brainerd YFD and South Chattanooga YFD.
  
- III. Old Business:
  - A. Council Agenda for 12/6/16:
    1. Agenda Item VI(b): Councilman Smith informed the Council that he is proposing an alternate version of this ordinance that would enable city code to be in compliance with state law in the future regarding what constitutes beer. Mr. Noblett advised that Councilman Smith could motion to substitute at tonight's Council meeting.
    2. Agenda Item VII(d): Councilman Henderson reminded the Council that Chief Fletcher and Captain McCullough will make a presentation on body-worn cameras at the Public Safety Committee later today.
    3. Agenda Item 6(m): Councilman Smith reminded the Council that citizens will be given an opportunity to address the Council on this 12/13 closing and abandoning item. Chairman Freeman noted that Mr. Bailey is investigating whether the alley was fully closed in 1998.
  - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 12/6: (No further information needed)
  - C. Committees for 12/6: (Public Safety; Public Works & Transportation; Planning & Zoning)
  - D. Other:
    1. YFD Board Appointments - (Districts 1 & 2) Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that she has someone who is interested in appointment to this board.
    2. BFO Process/Strategic Plan:
      - Councilwoman Berz met with Ms. Madison last week regarding the budget and inquired about the permitted uses for the Council's district reimbursement funds.
      - Ms. Madison spoke with MTAS about the district funds and requested more time to respond to the Council on this matter.

- Councilwoman Berz recommended a 12:00 presentation by MTAS on the expenditures.
3. HR Sub-Committee: Vice Chair Mitchell informed the Council that the subcommittee (he and Councilmen Anderson, Gilbert and Henderson) met today, along with Ms. Gwyn, and determined the following:
    - The vacant position should remain in the Council's budget for personnel.
    - The current workload of office staff would allow staff to provide greater assistance to the Council addressing constituent needs.
    - Current staff will also follow-up on constituent needs that have been referred to Ms. Cooper. Ms. Gwyn will work on the procedure for distributing constituent help amongst current office staff.
    - The sub-committee members will follow-up with assigned Council members to inquire about additional personnel needs: Anderson (f/u with Smith); Gilbert (f/u with Councilwoman Berz); Henderson (f/u with Hakeem); Mitchell (f/u with Chairman Freeman and Councilman Grohn)
  4. Pending Legislative Matters:
    - Sign Ordinance – Councilman Anderson

### III. New Business:

A. Council Agenda for 12/13/16:

B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 12/13: (No further information needed)

C. Committees for 12/13:

D. Pending Legislative Matters:

1. License Plate Readers:

- At the request of Councilwoman Berz, Chairman Freeman added license plate readers to the list of pending legislative matters.
- Councilman Henderson accepted this topic for future discussion in Public Safety Committee.

E. Other

1. 2017 M.L. King Day March: Councilman Hakeem informed the Council that he met with the Unity Group this weekend and reported that they are willing to work with the City on the march. He also informed the Council of the following:
  - The march route will begin at Olivet Baptist and proceed up M.L. King Boulevard to the Tivoli for the main program.
  - The Unity Group will send a letter to the main program's keynote speaker this week.
2. Schools & Municipalities Inquiry: Councilman Hakeem asked Mr. Noblett about reports of municipalities that are considering leaving the Hamilton County schools system. Mr. Noblett informed the Council that there is no current actions to withdraw from Hamilton County Schools.

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

V. Adjournment: Chairman Freeman adjourned the open meeting at 2:30 p.m.