

# ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

September 2, 2014

---

### **In Attendance**

---

Councilman Chris Anderson, Committee Chair; Council Chairman Chip Henderson; Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz; Council members: Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Yusuf Hakeem, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith; City Attorney Wade Hinton

Councilman Larry Grohn was not present.

---

### **Others in Attendance**

---

Mayor's Office: Travis McDonough, Chief of Staff; ECD: Nick Wilkinson, Deputy Administrator, Economic and Community Development; Council Office: Randy Burns, Management Analyst, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

---

### **Approval of Minutes**

---

**On motion of Councilman Freeman** and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (July 29, 2014) were approved as published.

---

### **THIS WEEK'S AGENDA:**

**September 2, 2014**

(No Economic and Community Development items on this week's agenda)

---

### **NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA:**

September 9, 2014

---

### **Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A**

---

Mr. Wilkinson briefed Council on the Van De Wiele, Inc. PILOT (Payments in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes) on next week's agenda. He introduced Charles Wood, Vice President of Economic Development at the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, and Bob Harding, CEO of U.S. Operations at Van De Wiele, Inc., both of whom responded to questions from Council. Upon no further questions, the issue was closed.

---

### **Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A**

---

Mr. Wilkinson made a visual presentation on the Small Business Incentive Grant Program and responded to questions from Council. A discussion ensued about whether excluding small businesses operating from residences would have a "disincentivizing" effect. Mr. Wilkinson indicated that ECD would evaluate further about small businesses operating from residences.

Mr. Wilkinson also noted that a link to the grant program would be active online next week at [www.business.chattanooga.gov](http://www.business.chattanooga.gov). Upon no further questions, the issue was closed.

---

## **Adjournment**

---

There being no further business, Councilman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

**(A full digital audio of this meeting has been  
filed in the Clerk of the Council's office)**