

# ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

March 31, 2015

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### **In Attendance**

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Councilman Chris Anderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz and Council members Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. Also present was City Attorney Wade Hinton.

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### **Others in Attendance**

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ECD: Donna Williams, Administrator; Office of Multicultural Affairs: James McKissic, Director; Council Office: Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Council Chairman Henderson** and seconded by Councilman Mitchell, the minutes of the last meeting (February 24, 2015) were approved as published.

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### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B**

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After both agenda items were read, Councilman Anderson asked the City Attorney to ensure that these two items were reversed on tonight's agenda.

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### **Presentation: Public Art Chattanooga**

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Peggy Townsend, Executive Director of Public Art Chattanooga, made a presentation on the organization's M.L. King Mural Project. The visual presentation titled *The Power of Public Art* contained slides on the following:

- Philadelphia Murals (*Common Threads*)
- Main Street
- Glass Street
- Murals
- M.L. King District
- Next Steps
- Partners

Ms. Townsend noted that the next public input meetings would take place on April 13, 2015, at The Camp House and Bessie Smith Cultural Center. She also noted that the Request for Proposal has been launched and staff applications are now being accepted.

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**Proclamation: Fair Housing Month**

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Councilman Anderson proclaimed the following on behalf of Mayor Berke:

**Whereas:** April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

**Whereas:** The ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

**Whereas:** Vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than Federal efforts; and

**Whereas:** Illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all;

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**

that in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women,  
I, Andy Berke, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga,  
along with the City Council do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

**Fair Housing Month**

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of April, 2015.

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*Andy Berke, Mayor*

Councilman Anderson also informed the Assembly of fliers containing information on the city's Fair Housing Month activities was available at the Clerk's table.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.