

# **ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 14, 2020

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## **Call to Order**

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Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3.56 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, and Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Ken Smith. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support, were also present.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Director of Operations; Public Arts: Katelyn Kirnie, Director; Information Technology: Brent Messer, Chief Information Officer; Youth and Family Development: Lurone "Coach" Jennings, Administrator; Human Resources: Beverly Moultrie, Chief HR Officer; Metro Ideas Project: Joda Thongnopnua, Executive Director

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Gilbert** and seconded by Councilman Mitchell, the minutes of the last meeting (November 19, 2019) were approved as published.

## **This Week, January 14, 2020**

### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A-F**

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There were no questions regarding these resolutions.

## **Next Week, January 21, 2020**

### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A-C**

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There were no questions regarding these STVR resolutions. Councilman Byrd asked Chairman Oglesby if he were fine with these resolutions, and Chairman Oglesby responded affirmatively.

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## Public Art Annual Report

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Ms. Kirnie presented regarding Public Art's work in Chattanooga. The slide titles were as follows:

- Annual Report and Work Plan 2020-2022
- Chattanooga Public Art Commission
- 2019 Public Art Strategic Plan
- Guiding Principles
- Art in Capital
- Art in Neighborhoods
- Civic Design and Placemaking
- City Creators
- Recently Completed
- "Wreath of Honor"
- Quote from the Holmquists, parents of Carson Allen Holmquist
- "re:Pete"
- "Dream Big"
- "Summertime"
- Recently Completed Partner Projects
- "City Thread"
- Women in Sculpture Exhibition
- Art Spark
- Art Spark Goes to School
- Life Energy
- In Progress and Planning
- "Radiance"
- Project: Art in Neighborhoods: Woodmore Manor
- Project: Art in Neighborhoods: MLK
- Project 1: East Lake Park – Interactive Seating
- Project 2: East Lake YFD Center – Basketball Court
- In Progress Partnerships
- Ed Johnson Memorial
- 1st Street Redesign/The Scramble
- FY20 Art in Capital Projects
- Project: Avondale YFD Center Mural
- Project: Lynbrook Park
- Project: Woodmore Safe Routes to School
- Project: Chattown Skatepark
- Project: Washington Hills YFD Center
- Project: New City Satellite Services Facility
- 2019 Program Stats
- 63 Engagement Activities
- 104 Permanent Outdoor Artworks
- 26 Neighborhoods
- Have an Idea for a Public Art Project in your Neighborhood?
- Neighboroots
- [www.publicartchattanooga.com](http://www.publicartchattanooga.com)

Ms. Kirnie answered questions on the following topics:

- Wrapping electrical boxes and cleaning sculptures in the 5<sup>th</sup> district (Councilman Gilbert)
- Location of companies that make the vinyl wrapping for the electrical boxes and replacement timeframe for materials, plus installation (Councilman Ledford).
- Completion of Avondale YFD project (Councilman Byrd).

Councilwoman Coonrod commented that she was very excited about the growth of the Public Art program and about getting more neighborhood history-rooted public art into District 9.

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## **Predatory Lending**

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Mr. Thongnopnua gave a presentation to the Council on Predatory Lending that covered the following topics:

- What it is
- Predatory Lending locations
- Extortion
- Pay Day Lending
- Underbanked
- Financial Distress
- TN ARP Rates
- TN Pa Day Lenders

A discussion ensued in which the following questions were addressed:

- Collection Process (Councilman Ledford)
- Company Behaviors (Councilman Ledford)
- Sign away or addition at risk (Councilman Ledford)
- Locations in Chattanooga (Councilman Byrd)
- Non-Profits and/or Churches to help with Lending (Councilman Byrd)
- Legislation (Councilman Byrd)

Councilwoman Coonrod asked the attorney to prepare the resolution to come before Council. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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