

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Recap – 8/2/16

- I. Call to Order: Vice Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present, Chairman Freeman and Council members Berz, Gilbert, Grohn, Hakeem, Henderson, Mitchell and Smith. The assigned attorney was Mr. Hinton. Mayor's staff included Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Carmody and Ms. Sadler. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Other staff present were Mr. Noblett, Mr. Reisman, Ms. Roddy, Ms. Harmon, Mr. Sevigny, Mr. Patrick and Ms. Horn. Press present was Mr. Leach and Mr. Wilson. Community members present were Mr. Harris and Ms. Sharp. Councilman Anderson was not present.
- II. Old Business:
 - A. Council Agenda for 8/2/16:
 1. Agenda Item VII(a): Councilwoman Berz asked if the Applicant had followed the Council's instructions to speak with the community. She stated that she had no evidence that the Applicant spoke to the community about it. Mr. Hinton stated that Mr. Reisman would be available at Agenda Session to discuss the case. Mr. Hinton will also speak to her individually about what is required by law regarding this particular special exceptions notification.
 2. Agenda Item VII(e): Vice Chair Mitchell informed the Council that someone from General Services would be available at today's Agenda Session to discuss this item.
 - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 8/2: (No further information needed)
 - C. Committees for 8/2: (Public Works and Transportation/Planning and Zoning)
 - D. Other:
 1. YFD Board Appointments - (Districts 1 & 2)
 2. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - Short-Term Vacation Rentals – Mr. Henderson asked Councilman Hakeem to reschedule the public hearing on August 9 to August 30 to not impact a short-term rental case coming before the Planning Commission on August 9. The Council agreed to delay the hearing, with the first reading on September 13. Councilwoman Berz requested that planning and zoning legislation come to the Council before it goes to the Planning Commission. Mr. Hinton agreed that Council-sponsored legislation would be brought to the Council before going to the Planning Commission.
 - Boarding House Definition – Mr. Hinton informed the Council of a work session he had last week that resulted in action items to complete: a revised ordinance, a checklist for ECD and an educational session for residents. He noted that a draft of the legislation would be shared with the Council in September.
 - Home Occupations – Mr. Hinton informed the Council that this type of special exceptions permit would come to the Council instead of the Board of Zoning Appeals. He said that Ms. Harmon would email the Council a draft of the legislation today for their review before it goes to the Planning Commission. Vice Chair Mitchell instructed Ms. Gwyn to look at scheduling this next week (8/9).

- Sign Ordinance – Councilman Anderson (No further information)
- Administrative Hearing Officer – Vice Chair Mitchell confirmed with Mr. Hinton that something would be brought to the Council in 2-4 weeks.
- RFP Update – Councilman Hakeem asked for an update on the Diversity Study RFP. Ms. Sullivan informed the Council that the RFP was now ready.

3. Pending Presentations:

- Diversity & Inclusion – Mr. Harris talked about language and unconscious biases that leaders must discuss and address to impact the city. He also asked the Council for their questions on the subject matters. Councilman Hakeem responded to Councilman Henderson’s question about the goals and vision for inviting Mr. Harris today. Councilwoman Berz requested that discussions on economic development be addressed in Economic and Community Committee. She did not know if Strategic Planning meeting is the appropriate environment for consciousness-raising discussions among the Council and recommended other times when such conversations could take place. She requested that future guest presentations relate to the Council’s mandate. Councilman Gilbert recommended that the Council have discussions about their differences, pinpoint diversity issues to help the community and begin weeding out the people who are causing problems in communities. Councilman Grohn recommended narrowing down diversity issues and aiming towards a common goal.

III. New Business:

A. Council Agenda for 8/9/16:

1. Agenda Item 5(a): Councilman Grohn informed the Council that revisions to the conditions had been sent to the Council. He indicated that the ordinance would also go back to first reading because of the revisions to the conditions.
2. Agenda Item 6(a): Councilman Henderson informed the Council that there was a neighborhood meeting scheduled to discuss this matter tonight.
3. Agenda Items 6(b) and 6(c): Councilman Henderson noted that both of these items would be discussed at the neighborhood meeting tonight.

B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 8/9: (No further information needed)

C. Committees for 8/9: (Public Works and Transportation; Planning and Zoning)

D. Other:

1. YFD Center Improvements List – Councilman Henderson requested an updated list of improvement to the YFD Centers. Ms. Sullivan stated that Youth and Family Development would discuss this during their department report on August 23. Mr. Hinton informed the Council that Ms. Harmon will be the Council’s liaison at the City Attorney’s Office.
2. New CAO Staff Member – Mr. Hinton introduced Mr. Sevigny as the City Attorney’s Office Claims & Risk Counsel.
3. Mayoral Intern – Ms. Sullivan introduced Ms. Horn from a Sister City in Germany, who will intern with the Mayor’s Office for two (2) months.

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

V. Adjournment: Vice Chair Mitchell adjourned the open meeting at 2:37 p.m.