

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Recap – 9/20/16

- 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 Councilmen Anderson, Gilbert, Grohn, Hakeem, Henderson and Smith. Councilwoman Berz arrived after the call to order. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Mayor's staff included Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Carmody and Ms. Sadler. Other staff present were Mr. Hinton, Mr. Bridger, Mr. Messner and Ms. Jeffery. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Press present was Mr. Leach and Mr. Wilson. There were six (6) community members present, including Mr. & Mrs. McCallie, Ms. Stanley-Cash and Ms. Holiday-Johnson.

- II. Old Business:
 - A. Council Agenda for 9/20/16:
 1. Agenda Item VI(a): Cable/Fiber Optics
 - Mr. Noblett gave background information on the Zayo Group franchise and the Tennessee Telecommunications Act that has impacted cable/fiber optics franchising.
 - Mr. Noblett distributed maps showing streets downtown that are included in the Zayo franchise. He also emphasized that the Zayo franchise does not include small cell and that everything is below ground. He responded to questions on the impact on the infrastructure and existing conduits. There was further discussion on the city policy, benefit to the public, plan for future requests, cost benefit analysis, future focus and lessons learned from cell phone towers. Mr. Messer discussed the impact on the city's I.T. and infrastructure.
 - Councilman Henderson voiced concerns that the Council is not ready to move forward on this. He also recommended bringing all questions to Mr. Hinton. Councilwoman Berz requested more education on the pros/cons, what research shows and the policy for more fiber optics. Councilman Hakeem recommended looking at what other cities are doing and examining unintended consequences. Councilman Smith recommended that the City have a plan in place fitting our unique market. Councilman Gilbert requested more education on the subject due to infrastructure concerns. Councilman Mitchell recommended looking at the lessons learned from cell phone towers and putting a plan in place.
 - Chairman Freeman asked Mr. Hinton to schedule a time for the Zayo Group to address the Council.
 - Councilwoman Berz also recommended re-thinking how items come to the Council's agenda, especially items that should go through committee first.

 - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 9/20: (No further information needed)

 - C. Committees for 9/20: (Planning & Zoning)

D. Educational Session: Short Term Vacation Rentals/FAQ

- Mr. Bridger discussed the three (3) changes to the proposed ordinance and discussed enforcement. He also discussed the 30-day window to hear from neighborhood associations that opposed STVR properties in their communities. Mr. Hinton discussed the tech platform that will help with enforcement.
- Councilman Gilbert asked that neighborhood associations have a voice in revisions to the ordinance. Councilman Henderson received clarification on applying for a STVR in R-1 zoning. Councilwoman Berz stated that her district would like something different when it comes to STVR because it is not “one size fits all.” She and Councilman Gilbert questioned enforcement, to which Mr. Hinton replied. She also asked about the benefit of the ordinance. Councilman Anderson asked about FAQ #9: Will BOZA no longer hear this? He also asked about the Form-Based Code zones that included. Councilman Hakeem asked about the certification process and taxing current STVRs.

E. Other:

1. Pending Legislative Matters:

- Sign Ordinance – Councilman Anderson

2. Pending Presentations: (None)

3. Public hearing on Short-Term Vacation Rentals – (9/27; after 6:00 p.m. Council meeting)

4. YFD Board Appointments - (Districts 1 & 2)

III. New Business:

A. Council Agenda for 9/27/16: (No further information needed)

B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 9/27: (No further information needed)

C. Committees for 9/27: (Public Works & Transportation)

D. Other

1. National Night Out - (10/4)

- Chairman Freeman noted that National Night Out took place on the 10/4 Council meeting day, and asked if the Council would like to amend its meeting schedule to participate in NNO. Councilman Anderson moved to reschedule the Council’s 6:00 p.m. meeting to 4:00 p.m. on 10/4. Councilwoman Berz seconded. The motion carried.
- Councilman Anderson also invited everyone to the NNO kickoff at East Lake Duck Pond from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

V. Adjournment: Councilman Freeman adjourned the open meeting at 2:40 p.m.