

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
12/12/17 RECAP

I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with a quorum present, including Vice-Chairman Smith and councilpersons Berz, Henderson, Ledford and Oglesby. The assigned attorney was Mr. Hinton. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Mayor's staff attending were Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Sammons, Ms. Cooper and Ms. Bell. Other staff present was Ms. Haley and Ms. Harmon. Ms. Walton, a member of the media, was present. There were 11 community members present, including Mr. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. McCallie and Mr. & Mrs. Johnson. Councilwoman Coonrod and Councilmen Byrd and Gilbert were absent this meeting.

II. **Old Business**

- A. HR Presentation on Retiree Medical Plans: Ms. Camba informed the Council that UHC, previously awarded the bid, could not provide a provider; therefore, the City has reached out to the current vendor, BCBS, to have access to the provider.
1. Discussion ensued with Ms. Woodward about the evaluation committee not including those outside of city staff. Ms. Richardson assured the Council that there would be opportunity for retirees to have input in the future.
 2. Ms. Camba discussed the process for transferring retirees who have already pre-enrolled with UHC to transfer to BCBS. She also discussed the \$3 increase in coverage.
 3. Vice-Chairman Smith asked to hear from the retirees present today. Mr. Dean questioned why only city staff could participate on the evaluation committee. He referenced the open meeting act regarding boards making recommendations to governing bodies. Mr. Hinton agreed to look into the whether the open meeting act applies to Purchasing's evaluation committee.
 4. Ms. Camba discussed the existing BCBS contract ending 12/31 and continuation, if approved by Council, on 1/18.
 5. Ms. Camba identified the four individuals in her office would could answer questions for retirees: Ms. Whitacre, Ms. Norris, Ms. Green and herself.
 6. One retiree requested information on the 5-year rule regarding married couples. Ms. Camba took her contact information and agreed to look up information for her.
 7. Ms. Johnson, retiree, gave the Council a letter opposing the City's plan to change the retirees' health insurance from BCBST to UHC.
- B. 6:00 p.m. Council Agenda for 12/5:
1. Agenda Item VI(e): Councilman Henderson indicated that R-3 zoning regarding removal of the city's firing range.
 2. Agenda Item VII(e): Regarding the retiree health insurance resolution, the Council agreed to move this item to the top of their agenda tonight.
- C. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Item for 12/12: (No further information needed)
- D. Committees for 12/12: Innovation Technology
- E. Administrative Items for Future Consideration: 10/17 – 1/9
- F. HR Sub-Committee (re: 4th Staff Position) – The Council will discuss on 12/19 about whether there is a need or not for a fourth staff person.

G. Other:

1. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - a. Definition of Family – Councilman Gilbert
 - b. Disparity Study - Councilman Gilbert/Maura Sullivan (12/19; Strategic Planning)
 - c. Panhandling Extension – Councilwoman Oglesby will discuss the single drink with Mr. Hinton relative to downtown.
 - d. Food Trucks – Councilpersons Coonrod and Oglesby
 - e. Homelessness – Councilwoman Berz
 - f. Stormwater Board - Councilwoman Berz
2. Pending Presentations:
 - a. Fire & Police Pension Plan – Chris Hopkins (12/12; Dept. Report)
3. Board Appointments
 - a. Community Development Citizens Advisory Board (Districts 1, 2, 7 & 8)
 - b. Office of Multicultural Affairs Advisory Board (District 1 & 3)

III. New Business

- A. 6:00 p.m. Council Agenda for 12/19: (No further information needed)
- B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Item for 12/19: (No further information needed)
 1. Department Report: Fire Department
- C. Committees for 12/19: Public Works and Transportation
- D. Other:
 1. Pending Legislative Matters: (None)
 2. Pending Presentations: (None)
 3. Holiday Schedule – Meetings cancelled on 12/26 and 1/2
 4. AHO Process: Mr. Sammons will get back to the Council regarding the replacement. Councilwoman Berz recommended letters to those who expressed interest in the position. Mr. Hinton indicated that letters had been sent.

IV. Attorney/Client Privilege Meeting (Not needed)

V. Adjournment: The open meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.