

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING  
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM  
*5/14/19 RECAP*

- I. Call to Order 1:55 p.m. by Chairman Oglesby. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Henderson and Councilpersons Berz, Byrd, Coonrod, Gilbert, Ledford, Mitchell and Smith. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Mayor's staff attending was Mr. Hayes, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Lowdermilk. Other city staff attending was Ms. Madison, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Kazmierzak and Ms. Akinmola. There were also three community members and two members of Media in attendance.
  
- II. Council Agenda for 5/14
  - A. 1:30 p.m. Strategic Planning
  - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session:
    1. Agenda Item V(b): Councilman Ledford confirmed with Mr. Noblett that we were on the final version of this ordinance and inquired about the ordinance being in compliance with state law. He and Vice-Chairman Henderson questioned whether code was clear enough where scooters could be used and questioned used on sidewalks. Mr. Noblett read the code regarding the urban growth boundary. Councilman Byrd made comments about the enforcement component and recommended posting where scooters may be allowed. Councilwoman Berz confirmed her T.C.A. amendment made during the first reading had been added to the current version. Mr. Noblett informed the Council that a councilperson will need to make an amendment to the sidewalks section if needed.
    2. Regarding the housing program, Councilwoman Coonrod heard in the last Planning Commission meeting that an owner does not have to live on one side of the duplex being sold. She questioned the requirements of the program. Councilman Ledford made clarifications on what was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting.
  - C. 3:00 p.m. Committees:
    1. Public Works and Transportation Committee – Councilman Mitchell confirmed that he will present a Public Works Week proclamation at today's committee meeting.
    2. Youth and Family Development (No further information)
  - D. Department Report: Police
  - E. 6:00 p.m. Special Presentation: (None)
  
- III. Council Agenda for 5/21
  - A. 10:00 a.m. FY20 Budget Education Session #1 – Councilwoman Berz distributed the detailed budget education schedule covering sessions from 5/21 - 6/18.
  - B. 1:30 p.m. Strategic Planning (No further information)
  - C. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session
    1. Agenda Item 7(f) – Councilman Ledford explained how this name change resolution made it to the 5/21 agenda. Councilwoman Berz noted that it was sponsored by three councilpersons: herself, Chairman Oglesby and Councilman Ledford. Mr. Noblett explained for Councilman Mitchell why this was listed under Public Works and not Transportation.

2. Draft Agendas – At the request of the Council, Mr. Noblett will ensure that draft agendas are sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman by 4:00 p.m. every Thursday.
- D. 3:00 p.m. Committees: (None)
- E. Department Report: (None)
- F. 6:00 p.m. Special Presentation: Honoring Student Sports Achievements – Councilpersons Coonrod and Gilbert

#### IV. Other Business

- A. Admin. Items Under Future Consideration 5/28 and beyond:
1. Item H - Councilwoman Coonrod explained that this will affect only the recycling program at Orange Grove.
  2. Item G - Councilman Mitchell indicated that this might be pulled by Public Works because some residents do not like the street name.
- B. Proposed Purchases:
1. Regarding three different items on the purchasing spreadsheet, Councilman Gilbert inquired about whether the pest control would be re-bid; how much is spent on rental cars; and how much is lost last year in hand tools.
  2. Regarding the sign language interpretive services contract, Councilwoman Berz spoke on the cultural nuances in sign language. She informed the Council of speaking to Toni Morgan in the Office of City Attorney about the use of Skype with one company providing the service. Councilman Ledford noted that seven bids went out, but only three were returned. Mr. Noblett noted that the company offering Skype services does so for 21 different languages.
- C. SLWA Postcards: Councilman Mitchell inquired about Service Line Warranty of America (SLWA) postcards that had sent citywide with the city logo on them. Mr. Maddox discussed the purpose of the postcards and the work being done by SLWA for the City; however, he will double-check the structure on the SLWA contract. Ms. Madison discussed the commission that the City receives. Discussion continued about whether the contract was awarded to SLWA or Homeserv. Ms. Madison offered to send the resolution and clarifying information to the Council.
- D. Business Improvement District (BID): Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the Public Works services provided in the downtown corridor and why pay taxes to be a part of it. Vice-Chairman Henderson inquired about the ability to opt out of the BID and the taxpayer dollars going into it. Mr. Noblett explained the state statute creating the BID and the ability of the Council to adopt or reject it. Ms. Sullivan informed the Council that nonprofits do not have to pay in the BID. Councilman Gilbert inquired about the petitioners who support the BID.
- E. Glenwood Center: Vice-Chairman Henderson inquired about the Council being briefed on the Glenwood center.
- F. STVR: Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about when ECD will bring forth its changes to the Short-Term Vacation Rental ordinance. Ms. Sullivan expects their changes in June, but recommended that Administrator Donna Williams confirm the date.
- G. Staff Introduction: Mr. Noblett introduced law student Tomi Akinmola, who is interning at the Office of City Attorney.
- H. Police Advisory and Review Committee: Discussion ensued about how to fill the nine appointments. The Council came to a consensus to circulate the potential appointee's name and info prior to the appointment. Discussion also ensued about Chief Roddy's training requirements, qualifications/job description and timeline for the new board. Mr. Noblett noted that September 30, 2019 is the deadline for completion of approved training.
- I. Ballot Referendum: Councilwoman Coonrod would like a referendum on the 2021 ballot for an independent police oversight board. Mr. Noblett discussed how referendums make it to the ballot.

- J. Employee Grievances: Councilwoman Coonrod voiced concerns about employees fearing retaliation on the job if they come to the Council with work-related problems. She does not believe management should tell employees not to speak to the Council.
- K. Memorial Dedication Steering Committee: Councilman Ledford (No further information)
- L. Building Renaming – Councilman Byrd (No further information)
- M. Pending Presentations: (None)
- N. Pending Legislative Matters: (None)
- O. Board Appointments:
  - 1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 1 & 7)
  - 2. OMA Advisory Board (District 3)
  - 3. Community Development Advisory Board (District 1)
  
- IV. Attorney/Client Privilege Meeting (Not needed)
  
- V. Adjournment