

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM
8/13/19 RECAP

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Oglesby. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Henderson and Councilpersons Byrd, Coonrod, Gilbert, Henderson, Mitchell and Smith. Councilwoman Berz was not present this meeting. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Mayor's staff attending was Ms. Richardson, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Sammons, Ms. Satterfield and Ms. Albright. Other city staff attending was Ms. Madison, Mr. Maddox and Ms. Jackson. There were also three community members and six members of Media in attendance.

- II. 911 Presentation: John Stuermer, Communications District Executive Director, discussed the population and cost of service, formulas being used and leveling factors. Ms. Madison gave a historical context of city cost of services.
 - A. Council Questions/Discussions:
 1. Councilman Gilbert questioned Mr. Stuermer on the following: the County's share for 911; the number of employees at 911; the gaps in insurance costs for 911 employees; the number of 911 employees who came under unification; the HR issues at 911. He also questioned insurance related to trainees.
 2. Councilman Byrd questioned Mr. Stuermer on a past HR meeting at 911 and how to protect city employees at 911. Mr. Noblett informed the Council about the transition of city employees to the 911 in 2008.
 3. Councilman Mitchell questioned the benefits that new hires receive at 911, the automatic renewal of the 911 contract, the Council's vote on the unification in 2008 and the owner of the 911 building. Mr. Noblett discussed the 4-year extension that expires in July 2020 and resolving amendments within the term. Mr. Noblett noted that a title search on the building would be needed.
 4. Councilman Henderson questioned how to withdraw from the countywide agreement and what would happen to city employees that went to 911 if the City withdraws from the agreement. Mr. Noblett discussed the process for withdrawing from the agreement.
 5. Councilman Gilbert questioned how to negotiate a lower price in the Communications District for the City of Chattanooga and how to get better treatment for city employees. He also questioned who pays for equipment. Ms. Madison discussed how the Council may influence changes and try to negotiate on the administrative side for employees.
 6. Councilman Smith asked his colleagues about the desired training they would like for 911 employees. He recommended seeing how HR issues could be agreed upon without legislative actions. Mr. Stuermer informed the Council of the process for bringing changes to the Executive Board and informed the Council about their board members.

- III. Council Agenda for 8/13
 - A. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session:

1. Item VI(e) – Councilman Gilbert will defer this rezoning matter to 8/20 because the Applicant is out of town.
 2. Item VII(h) – Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Noblett to change this item from District 4 to District 6 in the agenda notation. Mr. Noblett agreed.
- B. 3:00 p.m. Committees:
1. Youth and Family Development
 2. Economic and Community Development – re: Economic Mobility Plan
- C. Department Report: Fire & Police departments
- D. 6:00 p.m. Special Presentation: (None)

IV. Council Agenda for 8/20

- A. 1:00 p.m. Parliamentary Refresher Course – The Council came to a consensus on changing the start time of the course to 1:00 p.m. so that they may attend various luncheons in the city on 8/20. They also agreed that no lunch would be needed at the refresher course.
- B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session:
1. Items VI(b) - Councilman Mitchell asked Mr. Noblett what changes are in the Alternate Version of the Outdoor Storage and Mini-Warehouses legislation. Chairman Oglesby informed the Council that Mr. Bridger will discuss the Alternate Version next week.
 2. Item VII(c) - Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Maddox about the number of delinquencies in taxes. Mr. Maddox will have that information by the 6:00 p.m. meeting.
 3. Item VII(i) – Councilman Mitchell had given permission to add this item to the 8/20 agenda, but asked Ms. Sullivan to have someone discuss it at 3:00 p.m. today. Ms. Sullivan agreed.
- C. 3:00 p.m. Committees:
1. ECD - re: Chamber update
 2. Public Safety – re: Police Advisory and Review Committee
 3. Public Works and Transportation – (No further information)
- D. Department Report: (None)
- E. 6:00 p.m. Special Presentation: (None)

V. Other Business

- A. Admin. Items Under Future Consideration 8/20 and beyond
1. Councilman Mitchell questioned Mr. Noblett about the City Attorney’s Office agreement on North River and the time on the bond for the pool. Mr. Noblett informed the Council about North River requesting to end the agreement. Ms. Madison did not have information with her about the bond.
- B. Proposed Purchases:
1. Councilman Ledford inquired about the WNOO tower replacement. Ms. Sullivan explained what happened to the tower and the recompense.
 2. Councilman Gilbert inquired about the fleet maintenance purchases and whether those impact the City’s agreement with Enterprise for lease cars. Ms. Sullivan was not sure, but agreed to check on that for the Council. Ms. Madison clarified that the fire lease payment is under CFD, not Fleet Maintenance. Chairman Oglesby noted that Ms. Woodward would be available tonight to answer any questions on these purchases.
- C. Memorial Dedication Steering Committee: (No further information)
- D. Pending Presentations/Educational Sessions: (Information provided via email by Ms. Sullivan)
1. 911 Presentation on 8/13 – Councilman Gilbert requested that the presentation include details on how 911 will spend the funds received, specifically a breakdown of spending for

salary and benefits of 144 people. Ms. Sullivan agreed to inform the 911 director about the requested information.

2. Homeless – 8/27 in Strategic Planning
 3. Purchasing – 8/27 Agenda Session (during Dept. Report)
- E. Public Safety 8/20 – (No further information needed)
- F. Pending Legislative Matters:
1. STVR Changes – Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about when the District 9 map change would come to the agenda. Mr. Noblett informed the Council that he needs the map from Planning to proceed.
 - a) 8/22 – Public meeting 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at DRC
 - b) 8/23 – Public meeting 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 - c) 8/26 – 9/3 – ECD meeting individually with councilpersons
 - d) 9/10 – Discussion in ECD Committee
 - e) 10/1 – First reading
 - f) 10/8 – Second reading
 2. Oversight Board Referendum – (No further information)
 3. Charter Amendment re: Police Chief – Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about the timeline for bringing forth an amendment. Mr. Noblett informed the Council of the July 28, 2020 deadline for getting amendment to the Election Commission.
- G. Board Appointments:
1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 7) – (No further information)
 2. Community Development Advisory (District 1) – (No further information)
 3. OMA Advisory Board (Districts 1, 2 & 3) – (No further information)
 4. Sports Authority Board (Districts 3, 6, 7) - (No further information)
 5. Police Advisory and Review Committee (District 7) – (No further information)

IV. Attorney/Client Privilege Meeting (Not needed)

V. Adjournment