

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
ELECTRONIC CONDUCTED (VIRTUAL)
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
RECAP –3/23/21

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Henderson called the electronic-conducted meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. After the call to order, Chairman Henderson turned over Councilwoman Berz for the Purchasing presentation.

- II. Purchasing Presentation: Councilwoman Berz gave an introduction to Anthony Sammons. Mr. Sammons joined the panel along with Harolda Bryson, Vickey Haley, and Debbie Talley. They gave a presentation on the “RFP Process Change” to bring the City into compliance with state law and to clean up the purchasing process. Discussion ensued.

- III. Non-Congregate Homeless Shelter Contract: Tyler Yount explained the request for a contract with Budgetel for Non-Congregate Covid-19 related housing and security services for up to 100 households. Discussion ensued, with Daisy Madison joining the panel to discuss where the funds would be withdrawn. Councilman Mitchell moved to add the resolution to tonight’s Council agenda. Councilman Ledford seconded. Chairman Henderson authorized the City Attorney to add the resolution to tonight’s agenda.

- IV. Juneteenth Holiday: Councilwoman Coonrod spoke on why Juneteenth should be a paid city holiday. Discussion ensued about the budget amendment process, the public notice, and the fiscal year where it would be observed. The resolution will be sent to committee once it is drafted.

- V. Other Business Status
 - A. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions
 - 1. Panhandling Ordinance TBD: Legislative Committee
 - B. Pending Legislative Matters (None)
 - C. Future Legislation/Education Session
 - 1. Residency Requirements Sworn Emergency Personnel: Chairman Henderson asked Mr. Noblett to explain the need for this proposed resolution: A resolution authorizing the City Attorney to obtain an interpretation from the United States District Court for on certain provisions of the court order in Brown v. City of Chattanooga, CIV-1-87- 388, on the residency requirements for sworn emergency personnel and to draft suggested language revisions to the city charter at SECTION 3.1.1 After some discussion, Chairman Henderson informed the Council that he would ask Vice-Chairman Smith about adding this resolution to the next Legislative Committee agenda.

- VI. Administrative Items for Future Consideration: 4/6 agenda and beyond
- VII. Council Agendas
 - A. Council Agenda for 3/23
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Committees: Public Works and Transportation
 - 3. Department Report: ECD
 - 4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - B. Council Agenda for 3/30
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Committees:
 - a) Youth and Family Development - re: Office of Family Empowerment
 - b) Economic and Community Development - re: Open Spaces fee waivers
 - 3. 6:00 Council Meeting
- VIII. Board Appointments
 - A. Appointments by Individual District Representative
 - 1. Board of Sign Appeals (Districts 7)
 - 2. Board of Zoning Appeals (Districts 1 & 8)
 - 3. Community Development Advisory (Districts 1, 3, 7 & 8) - District 7 appointment pending 3/23
 - 4. Office of Multicultural Affairs (Districts 1 & 3)
 - 5. Youth and Family Development (District 5)
 - B. Group Nomination Process
 - 1. Health, Education, and Housing Facility (1 seat) - Appointment pending 3/23
 - 2. Industrial Development Board (2 seats)
- IX. Attorney Client Privilege Meeting (Closed session at 3:19 p.m.)
- X. Adjournment