

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING

SPECIAL CALLED
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
RECAP – FEBRUARY 8, 2022

- I. **2:00 p.m. Call to Order**: Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of eight was present that also included Vice Chairman Smith and Councilpersons Hill, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Dotley, and Coonrod. City Attorney O'Donnell and Council Clerk Gwyn were also present.
- II. Selection of Process for District 8 Interim Appointee
 - A. Debate:
 1. **Restriction Regarding Not Running for Office** - Discussion ensued about whether the Council would ask that Interim Appointee applicants to state their intent not to the District 8 seat. Chairman Henderson called for a roll call vote on whether or not to ask applicants to not run in the General Election. The consensus was not unanimous: Chairman Henderson and Councilwoman Hill voted to restrict. The remaining six councilpersons voted not to not restrict. Chairman Henderson ruled in favor of not restricting applicants by asking them to not run in the General Election.
 2. **Special Run-Off Election** - Discussion ensued establishing a Special Run-Off Election after the August 4, 2022, General Election. Chairman Henderson called for a roll call vote to determine consensus on setting the Run-Off. The consensus was unanimous (8-0) for a Special Run-Off Election [September 15, 2022].
 - B. **Selection Process**: The Council came to a consensus as follow: The Council will have one week to review all applications. Applicant interviews will take place during the March 8th Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. After all applicant presentations, the Council will put nominations on the floor and state their preferences from the nominations. The Chairman will call for a roll call vote for the appointment. The selected appointee will be sworn in immediately.
 - C. Action Items/Follow-up:
 1. **Special Run-Off Election** - City Attorney will add the language for the Special Run-Off Election to the February 15th resolution directing the Hamilton County Election Commission.
 2. **Applying for Interim Appointee**: The Chairman instructed the Clerk to begin accepting resumes from District 8 applicants from February 16, 2022, through noon on March 1, 2022.
 3. **General Election**: Residents will be able to submit applications for the District 8 seat on February 17, 2022, at the Hamilton County Election Commission.
- III. Adjournment: Chairman Henderson adjourned the open meeting at 2:33 p.m.
- IV. Attorney-Client Privilege Meeting (**Closed Session**)