

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES (RECAP) – September 6, 2022

- I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by
- II. **Minutes Approval**: On motion of Councilman Hester and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.
- III. **Hamilton County Schools**: Councilwoman Berz introduced the speakers from Hamilton County Schools. Krissa Barclay of the Hamilton County Schools Foundation gave a presentation about that included information about the Foundation, Foundation Timeline, Foundation Support for HCS, and Annual Events. Dr. Lawless Mitchell joined the presentation to talk about Midtown Schools. Councilwoman Berz requested a list of needs for District 6 schools.
- A. **Follow-up**:
1. Dr. Mitchell and Ms. Barclay agreed to send a list of school needs for all nine districts.
- IV. **PARC Requirements**: Councilman Henderson brought the matter of PARC board member requirements to the Council for consideration. Councilwoman Berz explained a Citizens Police Academy timing conflict for her newly-appointed board appointee that prompted this conversation. She also had questions about the wording of “new member” in the ordinance in regards to training. Chief Murphy informed the Council that she likes the way the ordinance currently states the requirements and offered to look at the timing of the Academy to accommodate newly-appointed members. She also supported the idea of a refresher course, such as a 1-day continuing education component, for reappointed members.
- V. **Wrecker Ordinance Review**: Vice Chair Dotley informed the Council of her meetings with local wrecker company representatives to discuss a fee increase for local wreckers and possibly amending the ordinance regarding the rates. Discussion ensued with wrecker operators Mark Shackelford, Rick Yates, and Kenny Burke, and Sgt. Jason Wood of the CPD’s Regulatory Division (Beer & Wrecker Board) to speak on the hardships for wrecker companies and the effect of wrecker problems filtering down to citizens. Councilman Henderson asked Vice Chair Dotley to consider adding a periodic review of the Wrecker Ordinance when submitting her legislation. Councilwoman Coonrod questioned if wrecker companies have worked with private property on the towing prices, to which Mr. Yates responded.
- A. **Follow-up**:
1. Vice Chair Dotley will work with the Clerk to email the Sheriff’s Office policy and State and local rates to the Council.
 2. Vice Chair Dotley will meet again with the wrecker review committee on September 13th.
- VI. **Public Safety Presentation** (Satterfield) – Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at the next Strategic Planning meeting, 9/20. Ms. Satterfield agreed.
- VII. **Nonprofit RFPs / Results of RFP Evaluation** (Berz & Goldberg): Due to time constraints, Mr. Goldberg agreed to discuss these topics at the next Strategic Planning meeting.
- VIII. **City Election Cycle**: Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council about speaking with Mr. Goldberg and Election Administrator Scott Allen about the city’s election cycle. Discussion ensued about moving the election to 2024 or 2026. Mr. Goldberg informed the Council that November 2024 would be the next time a referendum could be added to the ballot unless there is a special election. Further discussion took place.
- A. **Follow-up**:
1. Chairman Ledford assigned this topic to the Legislative Committee and will work

with the Clerk to schedule the committee meeting within the next 1-1.5 months.

- IX. Other Business Status
- A. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - 1. Budget Amendment Public Hearing (Berz) - 9/20 Council Meeting
 - 2. Removal of Political Signs (Hester)
 - 3. Noise Ordinance (Berz)
 - B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
 - 1. Budget Meeting (Berz) – 9/13 Strategic Planning
 - 2. Quarterly Report on Library Transition (Thongnopnua/Ewalt) – 10/4 Strategic Planning
 - C. Future Legislation/Education Sessions:
- X. Council Agendas
- A. Agenda for 9/6
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Committee:
 - a) Parks and Public Works (including Parks & Outdoors presentation)
 - b) Planning and Zoning
 - 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - B. Agenda for 9/13
 - 1. 3:30 Agenda Session
 - 2. Committee: Budget and Finance Committee (including Budget Amendment presentation)
 - 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- XI. Board Appointments
- A. Pending Resolutions
 - 1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 9) – 9/6 agenda
 - 2. Head Start Governing Board (Districts 2, 5, 6 & 7) – 9/6 agenda
 - 3. Community Advisory Boards (Districts 2 – 2 appointees; District 6 – 4 appointees; District 9 – 1 appointee) – Agenda dates pending
 - B. Current Vacancies
 - 1. **Land Bank Authority** (1 seat): Councilwoman Coonrod affirmed having submitted her nominee to Administration.
 - 2. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (2 seats: Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
 - 3. Industrial Development Board (2 seats: Districts 5, 6, and 8 needed)
 - 4. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
 - 5. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1, 3, 8, and 9 needed)
 - 6. Community Advisory Committees
 - a) Lookout Valley Region (4 seats: District 1 needed)
 - b) Shallowford Region (District 5 needed: 3 seats; District 9 needed: 1 seat)
 - c) North Chattanooga Region (District 1 needed: 2 seats; District 2 needed: 2 seats)
 - d) Westside Region (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
 - e) South Region (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
 - f) Bushtown-Glenwood Region (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9 needed: 2 seats)
 - g) Dodson Region (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9: 1 seat needed)
 - h) Hixson Region (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
 - i) Washington Hills Region (District 5 needed: 4 seats)
- XII. **Adjournment:** Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.