

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES/RECAP – October 18, 2022
(Video of this meeting is available [here](#))

- I. **Call to Order**: Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Ken Smith, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, and Demetrus Coonrod. Harolda Bryson, Assistant City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk, were also present. Chairman Darrin Ledford and Councilman Isiah Hester were not present.
- II. **Minutes Approval**: On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (October 4, 2022) were approved as published.
- III. **Land Bank Authority Nomination** – Discussion ensued about the process for the election. The Council came to a consensus to take the current slate of nominees and narrow down the top candidate in a roll call vote.
 - A. Nominees
 1. Becky Cope English (Nominated by Councilwoman Coonrod)
 2. Donna Williams (Nominated by Councilwoman Coonrod)
 3. Emerson Burch (Nominated by Councilwoman Coonrod)
 4. Stuart Wasilowski (Nominated by Councilwoman Hill)
 5. Harriett Whitaker (Nominated by Councilwoman Berz)
 - B. **Election Upon Roll Call Vote: The Council elected Harriet Whitaker (4-3) to the Land Bank Authority by a roll call vote.**
 1. Henderson – Vote for Becky Cope English
 2. Hill – Vote for Harriet Whitaker
 3. Smith – Vote for Becky Cope English
 4. Berz – Vote for Harriet Whitaker
 5. Noel – Vote for Harriet Whitaker
 6. Coonrod – Vote for Becky Cope English
 7. Dotley – Vote for Harriet Whitaker
- IV. **STVR Panel Discussion**: Councilman Henderson opened the discussion with background information on what the STVR Ad Hoc Committee addressed in their last meeting and placed the questions before the Council. Chris Anderson, committee member, introduced the guest presenter, Chris Acuff of UTC, who consulted for the Council regarding STVR. Professor Acuff’s presentation covered the Items Completed by the Committee, Key Questions, and Density Estimates. [The presentation is available here.] Discussion ensued about absentee owners, unpermitted rentals, enforcement, density versus distance, limits in R-1 zone, citywide overlay, and density cap, and limits in certain areas of the overlay. Councilman Henderson agreed to bring the Council’s concerns back to the ad hoc committee at their meeting on 11/1.
- V. **Proposed Wrecker Ordinance**: Vice Chair Dotley presented the redlined draft of the legislation to the Council and advised that it is ready for review in committee. Councilman Smith added this topic to the 11/15 Legislative Committee meeting.
- VI. Other Business Status
 - A. Pending Legislative Matters:
 1. **City Election Cycle** – Councilwoman Coonrod advised that she is still working on legislation with Attorney Noblett.
 2. **Noise Ordinance** – Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that the legislation is ready for review. She advised that Attorney Noblett will circulate it. Councilman Smith added this topic to the 11/15 Legislative Committee meeting.

3. Removal of Political Signs (Hester)
 - B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
 1. Volunteer Behavioral Health – 11/1 SP Meeting
 2. **Quarterly Report-Library Transition** (Thongnopnua/Ewalt) – November SP Meeting
 - a) Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer, informed the Council that Corinne Hill is resigning from the Library. Richard Beeland is the Interim Director.
 - b) Mr. Ewalt informed the Council that the November presentation will include a quarterly update by Mr. Beeland. When questioned about bringing the library under city government as a department, Mr. Ewalt affirmed that this will be addressed in the November meeting.
 3. Agenda Modification Process – January 2023 SP Meeting
 - C. Future Legislation/Education Sessions: (None)
 - D. STVR Ad Hoc Committee – 11/1 @ 12:30 p.m. Conference Room
- VII. Council Agendas
- A. Agenda for 10/18
 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 2. Committee: Parks and Public Works
 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - B. Agenda for 10/25
 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 2. Committees:
 - a) Equity and Community Development
 - b) Public Safety
 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- VIII. **Board Appointments**: Councilwoman Hill questioned Mr. Anderson about the status of the Community Advisory Board appointments. Mr. Anderson advised that he will work on the term limits this week.
- A. Pending Resolutions
 1. Community Advisory Board – Pending agenda dates / term lengths needed
 - a) District 2 – 2 seats (North Chattanooga Region)
 - b) District 6 – 4 seats (Standifer Gap Region)
 - c) District 7 – 3 seats (South Region)
 - d) District 9 – 1 seat (Dodson Region) / 2 seats (Bushtown-Glenwood Region)
 2. Industrial Development Board Appointment (District 6) – 10/18 Agenda
 - B. Current Vacancies
 1. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (3 seats: Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
 2. Industrial Development Board (1 seat: District 8 needed)
 3. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
 4. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1 and 3 needed)
 5. Lookout Valley Region Community Advisory Committee (4 seats: District 1 needed)
 6. Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 3 seats; District 9 needed: 1 seat remaining)
 7. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
 8. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
 9. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 1 seat)

10. Bushtown-Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats)
 11. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9: 1 seat needed)
 12. Hixson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
 13. Washington Hills Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 4 seats)
- IX. Adjournment: Vice Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.