

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES (RECAP) – July 18, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Raquetta Dotley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. There was a quorum present that also included Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Isiah Hester, and Maria Noel. Councilwoman Coonrod arrived after the call to order. Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford, and Ken Smith were not present. Also present were Valerie Malueg, Senior Assistant City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. [Video for this meeting is available [here](#).]
- II. **Minute Approval:** **Councilwoman Noel moved** to approve. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.
- III. **Community Center Update:** Don Walker, Interim Administrator, updated the Council on the following: Highlights from active programs, number of community engagements, number of unique programs. During the update, Mr. Walker distributed a card to each councilperson that contained the service standards for center employees.
 - A. **Question & Answer Session** - Mr. Walker responded to questions on the following:
 - 1. Data on unique experiences (Berz)
 - 2. Regular seniors programming (Hester & Noel)
 - 3. Seniors input and engagement (Coonrod & Noel)
 - 4. Youth input and engagement (Coonrod)
 - 5. Landscaping and décor (Coonrod & Hill)
 - 6. Park maintenance funding (Hill)
 - 7. City buy-in for Community Advisory Committee ideas (Berz)
 - 8. Employee representation and customer service (Coonrod)
 - 9. Program visibility (Hill)
 - 10. At-risk youth outreach (Berz)
 - 11. Inclusion of arts programming (Coonrod)
 - 12. Staffing to ensure diversity and inclusion (Coonrod)
 - B. **Follow-up:** Mr. Walker agreed to provide data for Councilwoman Berz on the number of unique visitors served and the number of active programs per center.
- IV. **Stadium Design Update:** Jim Irwin gave a presentation [see video [here](#)] on the stadium design at the former U.S. Pipe & Foundry site that included information on the following: Form-Based Code update/1st zoning proposal submission, Ball park framework plan, and several renderings throughout the stadium (entrance, Powerhouse, Patton Shop, main concourse, residential, etc.). During the presentation, Mr. Irwin responded to questions about design standards for seating (Hill), seating for shade during hottest times of day (Hill), stadium and amphitheater capacity (Hester), ADA accommodations and options (Noel), first pitch suggestion, ground breaking (Dotley), site remediation (Dotley), and agreements signed as one document (Dotley). Jermaine Freeman, Interim Chief of Staff, also acknowledged Hamilton County Deputy Mayor Cory Gearrin, who was in attendance.
- V. Other Business Status
 - A. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - 1. **Form-Based Code Appeal FBC-23-15 8/1: Agenda Session**
 - B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions
 - 1. **IABPF Summer Camp Presentation 8/8: Agenda Session**
 - 2. **HCS EDConnect Update 8/15: Agenda Session**

- VI. Council Agendas
 - A. Agenda for 7/18
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - a) Fire and Police Pension Quarterly Report (Hopkins)
 - 2. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 - B. Agenda for 7/25
 - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
 - 2. Parks and Public Works
 - 3. **Budget and Finance** *[See Comments/Announcements below in Section VIII]*
 - a) Update on the status of STVR tax rates & TN law
 - 4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- VII. Board Appointments
 - A. Future Appointment Resolutions (None)
 - B. Expiring Appointments/Eligible for Reappointment
 - 1. PARC - Districts 1, 4, and 7 expiring August 1
 - 2. (Old) Sports Authority Board - Districts 2, 5, and 9 expired
 - C. Current Vacancies
 - 1. Animal Control Board (Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 needed)
 - 2. Board of Sign Appeals (District 5 needed)
 - 3. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
 - 4. Industrial Development Board (Districts 7 and 8 needed)
 - 5. Passenger Vehicle for Hire Board (3 seats)
 - 6. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1 and 3 needed)
 - 7. Lookout Valley Region CAC (3 seats: District 1 needed)
 - 8. Shallowford Region CAC (District 5 needed: 1 seat)
 - 9. North Chattanooga Region CAC (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
 - 10. Westside Region CAC (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
 - 11. Bushtown-Glenwood Region CAC (District 8 needed: 1 seat)
 - 12. Hixson Region CAC (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
 - 13. Washington Hills Region CAC (District 5 needed: 4 seats)
- VIII. **Comments/Announcements**
 - A. **AHO Update** **Added to 7/25 Budget & Finance**
 - B. **Status of Enforcement of unlicensed STVR** . . . **Added to 7/25: Budget & Finance**
 - C. **Proposal from Councilwoman Coonrod** **Added to 8/1: Strategic Planning**
 - D. **Legal standpoint regarding cars on grass (Hester)**
- IX. Adjournment