

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
Recap – 9/22/15

- I. Call to Order: Chairwoman Carol Berz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Chair Berz and Councilmen Anderson, Freeman, Gilbert, Grohn, Hakeem, Henderson, Mitchell and Smith. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Mayor's staff included Ms. Richardson, Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Carmody, Ms. Madison, Mr. Hinton and Ms. Cooper. Council staff included Ms. Gwyn and Mr. Tansil. Other staff included Mr. Temple and Ms. Power. One member of the press was present. Community member, Mr. Green, was also present.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Council Agenda for 9/15/15: (No further information needed)
 - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 9/8: (No further information needed)
 - C. Committees for 9/15:
 1. Economic and Community Development: The Gestamp PILOT agenda item would be added to next week's agenda.
 2. Public Works and Transportation: (No further information needed)
 - D. Other:
 1. Board Appointments & Elections:
 - Passenger Vehicle for Hire Board Election: Councilman Anderson has an individual in mind, but needs to speak with the individual first.
 - Sports Authority Board: District 4 still needs an appointee.
 - Beer & Wrecker Board: Vice Chair Freeman may recommend someone for the Mayor's consideration.
 2. Council Building Use Policy: The Council will review the draft policy for one more week. Cary Bohannon in General Services is looking into proximity sensors for increased security to/from the Assembly Room.
 3. Legislative Matters:
 - Dog licensure - Mr. Hinton will submit a draft to the Council next week (Oct. 6).
 - Predatory Lending: Mr. Hinton will submit a draft to the Council in two weeks.
 - Sign Ordinance: TBD (Anderson)
 - Beer & Wrecker Ordinance: TBD (Henderson)
 - Minimum Wage Proposal: TBD (Freeman)
 4. Pending Presentations:
 - Affordable Housing Educational Session: (Anderson & Hakeem) Tentative 10/27
 - Meeting with State Legislators: Councilman Hakeem will prepare 3-5 questions to the legislator for the Council to review. The Council would like to move the meeting to the EPB conference room.
 5. Employee Information Guide: Vice Chair Freeman informed the Council of Human Resources training sessions this week and next week on the EIG. He invited the Council to attend one of these sessions.

6. National Night Out:

- The Council will discuss rescheduling the 10/6 Council meeting to an earlier start time, depending on the agenda, so that councilpersons may participate in the annual community event.
- Special presentations on the Foster Grandparents Program and Moccasin Bend will be moved to the 10/13 agenda.

7. Board of Zoning Appeals: Vice Chair Freeman informed the Council of a conflict with a contractor applying for a Special Exceptions permit to contradict special conditions that have already been voted on by the Council. Mr. Hinton and Mr. Noblett will contact the BOZA regarding its jurisdiction and administrative authority. The board will be discussed soon in Planning & Zoning Committee.

III. New Business

A. Council Agenda for 9/29/15: (No further information needed)

B. Agenda Items 6A: Ms. Madison explained that the ordinance amendment was needed to assist the 28th Community Development Corporation in paying back taxes on some properties.

C. Agenda Items 6B: Ms. Madison explained that the Operations and Capital Improvements Budget ordinances had to be amended regarding the Fire and Police contribution and the Tivoli Foundation.

D. Agenda Item 7D: Mr. Goldberg will ask Chief Fletcher or Paul Smith to be available at next week's Agenda Session to respond to questions regarding the Violence Reduction Initiative.

E. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 9/29: (No further information needed)

F. Committees for 9/29: (No committees scheduled)

G. Other:

1. A City Apart: Councilman Hakeem discussed a recent article in the newspaper regarding the report on black Chattanooga. He distributed a list of barriers to removing conditions of black and poor people in Chattanooga.

- Mr. Noblett informed the Council that he had prepared a memo in response to #1 and #5 on the list.
- Administration agreed to provide expanded responses to the list by next week's (9/29) Strategic Planning meeting.
- The Council will continue the discussion on this matter next week.

IV. Attorney/Client Privileged Meeting: (*Closed Session*)

V. Adjournment: Chairwoman Berz adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.