

RESOLUTION NO. 31365

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING WESTSIDE EVOLVES, A PLAN ESTABLISHING A ROADMAP FOR EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE, AND HOLISTIC REVITALIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE FAMILIES WHO LIVE THERE.

WHEREAS, the Westside community in partnership with the Chattanooga Housing Authority, the City of Chattanooga, and the Chattanooga Design Studio have collaboratively developed a bold vision for this historic neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Westside Evolves Plan focuses on an area bounded by U.S. 27 and downtown to the east, Main Street to the south, MLK Boulevard to the north, Riverfront Parkway, and the Tennessee River to the west; and

WHEREAS, the Westside Evolves planning process moved thoughtfully through phases of information gathering, community review and feedback, and the development of a multi-faceted community plan; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement is “The Westside neighborhood is to become a thriving, moving and culturally sound community. It will embrace what was, while building a healthy, enlightened, and rich future for everyone.”; and

WHEREAS, the Plan seeks to enhance and promote social, economic, and physical benefits to its residents and notes that the core building blocks of community building and connection for the Westside begin with providing new, high-quality housing and diverse education and employment opportunities to community residents; and

WHEREAS, the Plan prioritizes major redevelopment at Gateway Tower, College Hill Courts, and the Youth and Family Development (YFD) Office campus; and

WHEREAS, the Plan also introduces retail, services, and economic development nodes to provide access to jobs and amenities near home; and

WHEREAS, within its urban context, the Plan:

- Provides a healthy mix of uses and creates a variety of housing choices
- Provides an environment where people can live, work, learn, and play based on their choice of lifestyles
- Provides a variety of housing options for people of a wide range of incomes, ages, and backgrounds
- Introduces a high-quality open space network that weaves throughout the district to provide a variety of multi-generational functions to meet the needs of the diverse community
- Reconnects the neighborhood through a network of new and improved streets, open spaces, a compact and walkable block network, and opportunities for new amenities

WHEREAS, the plan will be a policy, and as such, will not guarantee zoning changes or funding for projects or other recommendations contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, after review, recommended that the Chattanooga City Council adopt Westside Evolves as a 10+-year roadmap for equitable, sustainable, and holistic revitalization of the community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That there be and is hereby adopting a plan for the physical development of the Westside Community through Westside Evolves.

ADOPTED: November 1, 2022

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