

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

MINUTES:

September 5, 2017

In Attendance

Councilman Darrin Ledford, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell, Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, and Erskine Oglesby. Also present were Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Kera Jackson, Administrative Support Assistant.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer; Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director; Chattanooga Zoo: Darde Long, CEO and President

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (August 1, 2017) were approved as published.

Next Week's Agenda: August 8, 2017

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Mr. Bridger updated the Council on this agenda item. A discussion ensued, with Councilman Henderson inquiring about access to Stinger Street. He also asked Mr. Bridger to ensure that the old plans for this site be brought before the Council for comparison to the new plans. Mr. Bridger agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B

Mr. Bridger gave an overview of this ordinance, and then confirmed for Councilman Henderson that the entry would be on Belvoir Avenue. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6C

Chairman Mitchell delayed discussion of this item until next week, pending the response from Applicant. There were no objections from the Council, so the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6D

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview on this agenda item. Vice-Chairman Smith asked Mr. Bridger to clarify that the property could only be used as a short-term vacation rental, to which Mr. Bridger responded. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6E

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview of this agenda item. Councilman Ledford expressed his support. Upon no further comments, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6F

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview of this agenda item. Councilman Ledford informed the Council that a community meeting will be held on Thursday September 7, 2017 to discuss this case. A discussion ensued about TDOT's review of the roads. Upon no further questions or comments, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6G

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview of this agenda item. A discussion ensued, with Mr. Bridger responding to questions from Chairman Mitchell and Vice-Chairman Smith and Mr. Bridger about airport zoning and purchasing. Upon further questions or comments, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6H

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview of this agenda item. Upon no questions or comments, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6I

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview of this agenda item. Councilman Ledford gave his support. A discussion ensued about livestock and the acreage required. During discussion, Mr. Bridger agreed to make a pros-and-cons list to present to the Council. Upon no further questions or comments, this issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6J & 6K

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview on these agenda items. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D & 7E

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview on these agenda items. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7F

Mr. Bridger gave the Council an overview of this agenda item. A discussion ensued, with Vice-Chairman Smith inquiring about the traffic impact survey and whether the Council can make a decision to vote without the traffic impact survey. After all discussion, this issue was closed.

Other Business

Highland Park

Chairman Mitchell asked Mr. Bridger about an email he had received regarding Highland Park. Mr. Bridger indicated that it would be discussed next week. Councilman Ledford asked the Council if they wanted to hear about the matter next week. By consensus, the Council agreed to hear the matter.

Chattanooga Zoo

Councilman Byrd asked the Chattanooga Zoo staff members to address the following:

- Speculation that the zoo is not bringing in its own money
- Speculation that the zoo owes the city for outstanding loans
- Speculations regarding the death of the red panda mother
- Sources of their animals
- The number of zoo employees each year

Ms. Long and her staff responded to the allegations regarding zoo revenue, debuts, animals and employees. After all discussion, Councilman Byrd and Vice-Chairman Smith expressed thanks to the zoo staff for their attendance today and for their work.

Councilman Byrd asked for Ms. Sullivan to discuss relocating the Powerhouse Gym from its current location at the zoo. During this discussion, Councilman Gilbert recommended looking at District 5 for relocating the gym. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.