

# ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

March 1, 2016

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### **In Attendance**

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Councilman Chris Anderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in the City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council Chairwoman Carol Berz, Vice Chair Moses Freeman and Council members Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Chip Henderson, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Clerk, were also present.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Henderson** and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (February 16, 2016) were approved as published.

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### **Today's Agenda**

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Councilman Anderson introduced Donna Williams, Administrator for the Department of Economic and Community Development, for an update on the city's Land Bank Authority.

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### **Presentation: Land Bank Authority**

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Ms. Williams gave a visual presentation that included slides regarding the following:

- What is the Land Bank Authority (LBA)?
- What can the LBA do?
- What the LBA cannot do in Tennessee?
- What are the benefits to citizens?
- Progress update
- Board Members
- What are the next steps?
- Examples: 1815 E. Main St. and 2440 Glass St.
- THDA Property List

After the presentation, Ms. Williams responded to questions from the Council on the following:

- LBA perspective on CNE: partner or competitor?
- Environmental issues at the Main St. property
- LBA staffing?
- Consideration of incentives for the Main St. property
- Process for deciding the properties that made it to the list
- Process for ECD in determining qualified applicants
- Leveraging money/allocations
- Groundbreaking date
- HOME Program: is it an acronym or not?

(Councilman Grohn stepped out momentarily, but returned. Chairwoman Berz left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and did not return to this meeting.)

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**Adjournment**

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Councilman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.