

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
ELECTRONIC (VIRTUAL) MEETING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
RECAP – 07/21/20

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. via electronic (virtual) means. A quorum was present that included Vice-Chairman Smith and Councilpersons Berz, Byrd, Gilbert, Ledford, Mitchell, and Oglesby. Councilwoman Coonrod arrived after the call to order. Mr. Noblett was the assigned attorney. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn.
- II. Minutes (Recap): Vice-Chairman Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Mitchell. Chairman Henderson declared the minutes will stand as approved.
- III. Steep Slopes Follow-up: John Bridger asked the Council for either a resolution or a formal consensus authorizing RPA's work on the next steps. Councilman Ledford informed the Council that Phase 3 would be the first step, then go back later to look at the other phases. Mr. Bridger indicated that Land Development and Public Works would create the language for the ordinance, with RPA in consultation. BY CONSENSUS, the Council authorized RPA to begin working on the next step. The Council also agreed to involve the Homebuilders Association before and during the ordinance process.
- IV. Proposed Budget Amendments (Budget & Finance Committee): Chairman Henderson yielded the chair of the meeting to Councilwoman Berz, who led the committee discussion on the proposed budget amendments sent by the Chattanooga DSA. Mr. Noblett gave four concerns he had about amending the budget. Maura Sullivan joined the panel to detail the community input in the BFO process.
 - A. Council Action: **COUNCILMAN HENDERSON MOVED** that the Council not go further with the proposed amendments. Vice-Chairman Smith seconded. Discussion ensued, with Councilpersons Berz, Byrd, Coonrod, and Mitchell making comments. Councilman Gilbert questioned Mr. Noblett on Administration's ability to move revenue from one area to another. Upon no further discussion, Councilwoman Berz conducted a roll call vote. **The motion carried** upon roll call vote (7-2) as follows: Gilbert – Yes; Henderson – Yes; Smith – Yes; Mitchell – Yes; Oglesby – Yes; Ledford – Yes; Coonrod – No; Byrd – No; Berz – Yes. Councilwoman Berz ruled that the Council will not move forward with the proposed budget amendments.
 - B. Further Discussion
 1. Councilpersons Gilbert and Mitchell asked the Council to determine a date for when funding ideas could be discussed.
 2. Chairman Henderson proposed an ad hoc committee to look into specific funding issues. Councilwoman Berz volunteered for that committee. Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to **add the ad hoc committee to the next SP agenda for discussion on 8/4.**
 3. Councilwoman Coonrod recommended incorporating funding ideas into the GARE retreat pending for the Council.
 - C. Councilwoman Berz yielded the chair of the meeting to Chairman Henderson.
- V. Other Business
 - A. Hearing-impaired Accommodations (Mitchell): Councilman Mitchell spoke to The Partnership for Families, Childrens, and Adults about their sign language services and had questions for the Council about the scope of services needed. Questions from The

Partnership: (1) Will interpreters work all meetings, or just the 6:00 meeting? Will interpreters work from the building or remotely?

1. Councilman Ledford will reach out to the hard-of-hearing community.
2. Councilman Mitchell mentioned closed captioning as an option, but he did not ask The Partnership about it.
3. Chairman Henderson will work with the Clerk to get answers for other questions.

B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions: (None)

C. Future Legislation/Education:

1. GARE and Racial Equity Training (Coonrod/Mitchell)
2. Juneteenth as Paid City Holiday (Coonrod) - Chairman Henderson assigned this to the HR Committee. Councilman Gilbert will determine a date for the next committee meeting.
3. Quarterly Reports from Council-Appointed Boards (Berz) - Per the recommendation of Councilwoman Berz, Chairman Henderson instructed the Clerk to DELETE this item from the SP agenda.
4. Education Session on Role of the City Council (Coonrod)
5. Non-owner Occupied STVR (Coonrod)
6. Election Date and Staggered Terms (Coonrod)

D. Board Appointments

1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 7)
2. Community Development Advisory (District 1)
3. Office of Multicultural Affairs (Districts 1, 3, 5, 6 & 8) – Councilman Gilbert will announce his District 5 appointment at tonight’s Council meeting.
4. Beer & Wrecker Board (Mayoral Appts.) - Councilman Byrd will make a District 8 recommendation to the Mayor for the Beer & Wrecker Board.

VI. Administrative Items for Future Consideration: Items 8/4 and Beyond

VII. Council Agenda for 7/21

A. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session

1. Committees: Public Works and Transportation – (including Global Green Lighting Audit Report)
2. Department Report: (None)

B. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

VIII. Council Agenda for 7/28

A. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session

1. Committee: Legislative Committee - (discussing “8 Can’t Wait” resolution)
2. Department Report: CFD

B. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

IX. Attorney-Client Privilege Meeting (Closed Session)

X. Adjournment