

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 2, 2013

In Attendance

Councilman Chris Anderson, Committee Chair; Council Chairman Yusuf Hakeem; Vice Chairman Chip Henderson; Council members: Carol Berz, Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith; City Attorney Wade Hinton

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Travis McDonough, Chief of Staff; Karen Walsh, Executive Director of McKamey Animal Center; Melinda Foster, Assistant City Attorney; Mike Mallen, Chair of Animal Control Board; Council Clerk's Office: Randy Burns, Management Analyst, and Nicole Gwyn, Deputy Clerk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Freeman and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the previous meeting (June 25, 2013) were approved as published.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7F

Mr. McDonough briefed the Council on this agenda item and noted that there were two typographical errors in the current resolution that needed to be amended. He indicated that the words "to accept" would be changed to "the acceptance and distribution," so that the amended the language of the resolution would read:

A Resolution Approving The Acceptance And Distribution Of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Emergency Solutions Grant Funds From The U.S. Department of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) in The Amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$118,552.00).

Mr. McDonough also indicated that two line items within the resolution package had been transposed. The correct line items should read as follows: Chattanooga Church Ministries/ Community Kitchen - \$25,000 and Family Promise of Greater Chattanooga - \$15,000.

Councilman Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Freeman, to accept the amended resolutions package for consideration at tonight's Council meeting. The motion carried.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A

A discussion ensued with Ms. Walsh about this agenda item. Mr. Mallen arrived later and joined in the discussion.

Councilman Anderson distributed a package of amendments to the animal permits ordinance (agenda item 6A). Councilman Anderson noted the following amendments in the ordinance package since last week:

Amendments:

Sec. 7-482	Permit fees
Sec. 7-483-(a)6	Urban Chicken Permit
Sec. 7-485-(b)	Location of coops and enclosures
Sec. 7-485-(a)1	<i>(This section was changed last week)</i>
Sec. 7-483-(a)9	<i>(This line has been deleted)</i>
Sec. 7-492	Removal of coop when no longer used
Sec. 7-495	Opt out provision
Sec. 12	<i>(Change in the effective date)</i>

Councilman Freeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, to accept the amended ordinance package for first reading tonight. A discussion ensued.

During the discussion on the permitting cost analysis, Chairman Hakeem asked Ms. Walsh to follow-up at another time with the following information: What is the compensation for 30 minutes of the Executive Director's time?

Councilwoman Berz suggested an educational session to examine the amendments to the ordinance. Chairman Anderson agreed to host an educational session before the next Council meeting, with Chairman Hakeem's permission to schedule it.

Councilman Mitchell suggested amending Section 7-495 by deleting the word "active" and adding the words "two thirds of the residents." After discussion, the wording "active member as defined by the association" was added as a "friendly amendment" to the motion on the floor.

With the motion by Councilman Freeman and second by Councilman Gilbert, Councilman Anderson restated the motion to substitute the current bill with the amended bill for first reading tonight. He then called for a roll call vote:

Smith	Abstain	Freeman	Yes
Mitchell	Yes	Berz	No
Henderson	Yes	Hakeem	Yes
Grohn	No	Anderson	Yes
Gilbert	Yes		

The motion carried on roll call vote: **YES: Six (6) - NO: TWO (2) - ABSTAIN: ONE (1)**

Upon no further questions from Council, Attorney Hinton read the procedures for members of the public wishing to address the council. After which, Chairman Hakeem recognized the following speakers:

- **Ron Roy (of Ashton Street)** - Opposes urban chickens due to problems with predators, specifically raccoons and coyotes; believes urban chickens negatively affect the quality of life for one's neighbors; he also commented on an opinion piece in the newspaper regarding urban chickens.

- **Susan Roy (of Ashton Street)** - Opposes urban chickens due to problems she has witnessed at her daughter's house in Seattle, who has numerous problems with her neighbor's urban chickens; she brought a letter from her daughter regarding the problems living next to urban chickens. Councilpersons questioned Ms. Roy about the problems she has witnessed at her daughter's home. Councilman Mitchell asked for copies of Ms. Roy's letter for the Council.
- **Atty. Charles O. Hon III (of Walnut Street)** - Opposes urban chickens due to health and nuisance concerns; lauds the Council for allowing education on urban chickens.

Announcement

Councilman Anderson noted that he and other councilpersons wore red ribbons for HIV/AIDS Awareness today because Chattanooga CARES held its "Open House and Ribbon Wearing" at its new location: 1000 Third Street, Ste. 300.

Adjournment

On motion of Vice Chairman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Freeman, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.