

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 30, 2017

In Attendance

Councilman Erskine Oglesby, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson and Darrin Ledford. Wade Hinton, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Council Clerk, were also present.

Others in Attendance

Administration: Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff, and Jenny Park, Strategic Capital Planner;
Public Works: Dennis Malone, Assistant City Engineer

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Henderson, the minutes of the last meeting (May 9, 2017) were approved as published.

Councilman Oglesby opened the floor to Ms. Richardson, who recognized some of the city's partners in the Miller Park District: representatives from Benwood Foundation, Lyndhurst Foundation and Chattanooga Design Studio. She gave an introduction and displayed a slide show presentation on the following:

- Great Public Spaces
- Chattanooga's Revitalization
- City Center Plan
- Chattanooga Forward Task Force
- Innovation District of Chattanooga
- What's Next? Important Role of Parks

Ms. Park continued the presentation with information on the following:

- Before Miller Park
- Existing Setting
- A New Miller Park District
- Community Engagement
- Designs Proposed
- Perspective: Stage Pavilion
- The New Patten Parkway
- Programming Opportunity: Major Festival

Mr. Malone continued the presentation with information on the construction on during the park closure July 10, 2017 – July 3, 2018. The Council then proceeded to question the presenters.

- Ms. Park responded to a question from Councilman Gilbert about hotel/motel taxes not being used for this project.
- Ms. Richardson responded to a question from Councilman Ledford regarding the parking needs downtown.
- Ms. Park also responded to Councilwoman Berz about the total cost of the construction and the use of private donations if anything goes over the budgeted amount.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.