

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES December 18, 2018

In Attendance

Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. in the Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Ken Smith, Vice-Chairman Erskine Oglesby and Council members Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson and Jerry Mitchell. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present. Councilwoman Carol Berz and Councilman Darrin Ledford were not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Tyler Yount, Civil Engagement Coordinator; Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator; Elmington Capital Group: John Shepard, Vice-President; Analytic Insight: Amy Flowers, President, and Leslie Ogilvie, Senior Research Associate

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Henderson, the minutes of the last meeting (December 11, 2018) were approved as published.

Resolutions Agenda Items 7A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolution Agenda Item 7B

Ms. Williams addressed Councilman Byrd's questions on the Chattanooga Rugby proposed lease and possibility of utilizing a city-owned property. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolution Agenda Item 7C, 7D & 7E

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Patten Towers PILOT Financials

Mr. Shepard gave an overview of the PILOT's financials, per Council's request from last week's committee meeting. Both Mr. Shepard and Ms. Williams answered the questions on the following topics:

- Residents remaining in place (Councilman Gilbert)
- Process for new tenant (Councilman Gilbert)
- Applying for Tax Credits (Councilman Mitchell)
- Clause to renegotiate PILOT (Councilman Mitchell)
- Process to obtain tax credit (Councilman Mitchell)
- Claw back provisions (Councilman Mitchell)

Upon no further comments or questions, these issues were closed.

Homelessness Plan Presentation

Mr. Yount gave an introduction to Council on the 2018 Homelessness Plan for the Chattanooga Community. He then introduced Ms. Flowers and Ms. Ogilvie, who made a presentation on the plan that included information on the following:

- Agenda
- Gathering feedback
- Vision Statement
- Coordination
- Existing Coordination Barriers
- Recommendations for improved coordination
- 2018 Homelessness plan
- Flow from Homelessness to Housing
- Create standardized assessment and referral process
- Expand outreach worker capacity
- Identifying homelessness
- Establish and maintain database of available housing units
- Establish maintain database of resources
- Mobile services
- Clean and safe ambassador program
- Emergency and temporary shelter
- Re-establish hotel stay program
- Establish low-barrier emergency shelter
- Placement in permanent housing
- Housing navigators
- Intensive case management and service coordinator
- Flexible community fund
- Increase scattered site capacity
- Housing stability and homelessness prevention
- Align funding opportunities to expand supportive housing capacity
- Expand affordable housing incentives
- Expand job fairs
- Implementation timeline
- Plan costs
- Next steps

A discussion ensued in which Mr. Yount, Ms. Flowers and Ms. Ogilvie responded to questions from the Council on the following:

- Coverage area (Councilman Gilbert)
- Contact for presenting to the community (Councilman Gilbert)
- Process to prioritize individuals (Councilman Henderson)
- Placement timeline (Councilman Henderson)
- Risk assessment (Councilman Henderson)
- Timeline to build shelter (Councilman Mitchell)
- Designee leading effort (Councilman Oglesby)
- Communication with potential tenants (Councilman Byrd)
- Incentives for potential tenants (Councilman Byrd)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.