

# ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 8, 2019

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson and Council members Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert and Jerry Mitchell. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present. Councilpersons Carol Berz, Darrin Ledford and Ken Smith were not present at this meeting.

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Gilbert** and seconded by Vice-Chairman Henderson, the minutes of the last meeting (September 10, 2019) were approved as published.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator, and Charita Allen, Deputy Administrator; Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Civic Engagement Coordinator; Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce: Charles Wood, VP Economic & Community Development.

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A**

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

## **Next Week's Agenda: October 15, 2019**

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## **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A & 6B**

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

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## **Resolutions - Agenda Items 7A**

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Ms. Allen gave the Council a PowerPoint presentation on the Tubman that included the following:

- Six-year Redevelopment Timeline
- 2019 Certified Sites
- Community Engagement – Economic Development Meeting
- Community Feedback
- Elimination or Approving Prospects

Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Resolutions - Agenda Items 7B**

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Mr. Wood gave a presentation on Nippon Paint (USA) that included information on the following:

- History of Company
- Community Demographics
- Project Details
- East Chattanooga Rising
- Stewardship
- Job Details
- Job Breakdown
- Site Details
- Land Donation
- Community Partnership

A discussion ensued in which Mr. Woods and Ms. Allen responded to questions on the following topics:

- Hiring Process (Councilman Gilbert)
- Hiring Locals (Councilman Gilbert)
- Training for Community Members (Councilman Gilbert)
- Base pay (Councilman Gilbert)
- Drug Testing requirements (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Re-entry Efforts (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Zoning of Site (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Criminal Background (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Misleading information given to community (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Matching Funds (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Chemical Plant (Councilman Byrd)

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

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## **Resolutions - Agenda Items 7C**

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Mr. Freeman gave a presentation on the East Chattanooga RISING Application for Tax Increment Financing that included the following:

- Unemployment Wages
- Growth – East Chattanooga
- East Chattanooga is Rising
- Major Public investments in East Chattanooga
- Project Overview
- TIF Explained
- Use of TIF Funds
- Project Overview
- Community Engagement & Request Proposal
- Map of Area
- TIF Application Process
- TIF Community Engagement Plan & RFP Process

A discussion ensued in which Mr. Freeman, Mr. Woods and Ms. Williams responded to questions on the following topics:

- Details of Process to follow in the next couple weeks (Councilman Henderson)
- Boundaries of TIF District (Councilman Henderson)
- Deadline for appointment of Review Committee (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Master Developers Role (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Process should operations be closed (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Use of funding for TIF (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- What is Affordable Housing (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Infrastructure (Councilman Byrd)
- Creating more opportunities/revenue (Councilman Byrd)

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

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### **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.