

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 17, 2023

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## Call to Order

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Councilman Ken Smith, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:54 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of the Chattanooga City Council was present, including Council Chairman Darrin Ledford, Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Council members Chip Henderson, Jenny Hill, Carol Berz, Marvene Noel, Demetrus Coonrod, and Isiah Hester. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant.

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## Approval of Minutes

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**On motion of Chairman Ledford** and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last meeting (November 15, 2022) were approved as published.

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## City Election Cycle Legislation

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Councilwoman Coonrod presented her updated proposal to amend the City Charter regarding the City election cycle. She advised the impact the changes would make on constituents. Discussion ensued among the Council, which addressed the following questions and comments:

- Support for Coordinating Cycles with County Elections/ Opposition of Term Limit and Staggering modification (Henderson)
- Ballot Date Suggestion (Henderson)
- Opposition to Legislation Changes (Hill)
- Further Discussion on Legislation Changes (Henderson)
- Echo on Further Discussion/ Opposition to Current Draft (Ledford)
- Deferral Concerns (Coonrod)
- Clarification on Request (Ledford)
- Impact of Legislation (Ledford)
- History of Legislation Presentations (Coonrod)
- Timeline Preference (Smith)

Upon conclusion of the discussion, Councilman Smith advised the Council will revisit this legislation in 30 days. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## STVR Ordinance

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Councilman Henderson presented his proposed, red-lined Short-term Vacation Rental (STVR) Ordinance, advising of the changes made in result of the conversation at last week's work session. After further elaborating on the changes, discussion ensued among the Council, which addressed the following questions and comments:

- Suggested Process Modifications/ Enforcement Prioritization/Appeals Board (Hill)

- Combination of Current and Previous Versions (Hill)
  - Councilwoman Hill advised she would present an alternate version of the ordinance implementing items from both current and previous proposed legislation on January 24<sup>th</sup> during the Committee meeting.
- Fee Clarification/ Commercial Property Regulations/ Enforcement Echoes (Dotley)
- Transfer Process/ Enforcement (Ledford)
- Policy Creation (Henderson)
- Version Merge/ Compliance Expectations (Noel)
- Language Clarifications/ Erroneous Sections (Smith)
- Version Merge Suggestions/ Language Modifications/ Zoning Regulation Updates (Henderson)
- Implementation Intention and Timeline (Henderson)
- 1 Week Deferral Suggestion (Henderson)
- Regulation Suggestion (Ledford)
- Clarification of Current Legislation and Aimed Changes (Hill)
- Emphasis on Urgency for Enforcement Policies (Hill)
- Density Regulation/ Language Modifications/ Zoning Regulation Inquiry (Smith)

Mr. Anderson, representing Administration on this item, addressed the Council on the following:

- Enforcement Timeline/ Intentions
- Licensing Data
- Board Implementation
- Moratorium Timeline/ Effect on Enforcement Ability
- Administration Priority
- AHO Onboarding
- Compliance Process

Mr. Anderson advised that he would gather further information on the timeline expectations and process. He will present his compiled data during next week's committee meeting.

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

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### **January 24<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting**

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Councilman Smith announced a Special Call Legislative Committee Meeting to take place on January 24<sup>th</sup> following the 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session to further discuss the proposed STVR legislation.

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### **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.