

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**  
**RECAP/MINUTES – October 4, 2022**

- I. **Call to Order**: Chairman Ledford called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Vice Chair Dotley arrived later in the meeting. Also present were Emily O’Donnell, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk.
- II. **Minutes Approval**: On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Henderson, the minutes of the last meeting (September 20, 2022) were approved as published.
- III. **Land Bank Authority** (1 seat available)
  - A. **Nominees**: Stuart Wasilowski (Hill) and Emerson Burch (Coonrod) had already been nominated at previous meetings. Councilwoman Coonrod nominated two more individuals expressing interest to serve: Becky Cope English and Donna Williams. She distributed the resume for Ms. English in the meeting and offered to request the resume from Ms. Williams for Council consideration.
  - B. **Process**: A discuss ensued about the process for narrowing down nominees for the one Council seat. Jermaine Freeman advised that someone would need to be appointed by December. After all discussion, Chairman Ledford scheduled the Council to verify the process and decide on a nominee at the 10/18 Strategic Planning meeting. He set the appointment resolution for the 10/25 Council agenda.
- IV. Other Business
  - A. Pending Legislative Matters:
    1. STVR Ordinance (Henderson) – 10/11 at 2:00 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
    2. **City Election Cycle** (Coonrod) – Councilwoman Coonrod will work with Mr. Noblett on a draft.
    3. **Removal of Political Signs** – Councilman Hester is also working on a resolution to address enforcement for political signs. Councilwoman Berz and Attorney O’Donnell discussed the timeline for removing signs after a primary that are not needed for a general election. Ryan Ewalt recommended that citizens submit a 311 request regarding removal of signs.
    4. Noise Ordinance (Berz)
  - B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
    1. **Volunteer Behavioral Health** – At the request of Jed Mescon, Chairman Henderson has granted the request for a VBH presentation and scheduled it for the 11/01 SP Meeting.
    2. Quarterly Report-Library Transition (Thongnopnua/Ewalt) – November SP Meeting
  - C. Future Legislation/Education Sessions:
    1. **Council as a Whole Sponsoring Legislation** – This topic is not needed at this time. Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to remove it from future SP agendas.
- V. Council Agendas
  - A. Agenda for 10/04
    1. 2:30 p.m. Agenda Session
    2. Committees:
      - a) Parks and Public Works
      - b) Planning and Zoning
    3. 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting

- B. Agenda for 10/11
  - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
  - 2. Committee: (None)
  - 3. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
    - a) Domestic Violence Proclamation Presentation (Berz)
- VI. Board Appointments
  - A. Pending Resolutions
    - 1. Community Advisory Board – Pending agenda dates / term lengths needed
      - a) District 2 – 2 seats (North Chattanooga Region)
      - b) District 6 – 4 seats (Standifer Gap Region)
      - c) District 7 – 3 seats (South Region)
      - d) District 9 – 1 seat (Dodson Region)
    - 2. Head Start Governing Board - District 9 appointment on 10/11 agenda
  - B. Current Vacancies
    - 1. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (2 seats: Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
    - 2. **Industrial Development Board** (2 seats: Districts 5, 6, and 8 needed): Chairman Ledford instructed the Attorney to correct the IDB roster so that it shows Jimmy Rodgers, current board chair, as a District 5 appointee.
    - 3. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
    - 4. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1 and 3 needed)
    - 5. Lookout Valley Region Community Advisory Committee (4 seats: District 1 needed)
    - 6. Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 3 seats; District 9 needed: 1 seat remaining)
    - 7. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
    - 8. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
    - 9. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 1 seat)
    - 10. Bushtown-Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9 needed: 2 seats)
    - 11. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 2 seats; District 9: 1 seat needed)
    - 12. Hixson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
    - 13. Washington Hills Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 4 seats)
- VII. **Adjournment:** Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.