

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Recap – 12/01/15

- I. Call to Order: Chairwoman Berz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Chair Berz and Councilmen Anderson, Freeman, Gilbert, Grohn, Hakeem, Henderson, Mitchell and Smith. The assigned attorney was Mr. Hinton. Mayor's staff included Ms. Richardson, Mr. Carmody, Ms. Stone and Ms. Cooper. Council staff was Ms. Gwyn and Mr. Tansil. Other staff members present were Ms. Madison and Mr. Noblett. Press present was Ms. Marchand and Mr. Hooper. Community members present were Mr. Smith and Ms. Sharp.

- II. Old Business
 - A. Council Agenda for 12/01/15: (No further information)
 - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 12/01: (No further information needed)
 - C. Committees for 12/01: (No committee meetings)
 - D. Other:
 1. Council's Rules and Procedures: (Discussion postponed until 12/01)
 2. Form-Based Code: Councilman Hakeem requested that individuals be allowed to address the Council regarding Form-Based Code. After some discussion, the Council came to a consensus that individuals would be allowed to address the Council during the non-agenda portion of the meeting tonight and at the 12/01 first reading.
 3. Fire & Police Pension Fund: Councilman Mitchell will announce a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on 12/15 to hear the Pension Fund's quarterly report from Council appointee Les Lee.
 4. Horse Trails – Mr. Hinton provided a timeline from 2003 - present regarding the City's involvement with funding horse trails at Enterprise South. He also informed the Council of the process for amending the capital budget. The Council asked Mr. Hinton to follow-up on (1) Other binding agreements with the County; (2) CAFR; (3) Any written agreements on the firing range and Calvin Donaldsen School; and (4) The economic impact of the horse trails. Mr. Norris will check on the maintenance costs for the horse trails. Councilman Anderson recommended a forum with the County Commission to discuss the city's role. Chairwoman Berz asked the Council to forward all basic concerns about the horse trails to Mr. Hinton.
 5. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - Audit Committee Resolution – (No further information; legislation on 11/24 agenda)
 - Pedal Carriages – (No further information; legislation on 12/01 agenda)
 - Animal Licensure – Mr. Hinton distributed the draft legislation that will be discussed in Public Safety Committee on 12/01 and placed on the 12/8 agenda for first reading.
 - R-1 Zoning/Definition of Family – Mr. Bridger at Regional Planning is working to bring this before the Planning Commission. Meanwhile, Mr. Hinton will send the zoning definition to the Council before it goes to the Planning Commission.
 - Liquor License (Bessie Smith C.C.) – Councilman Mitchell spoke to Senator Gardenhire, who advised that a resolution would be helpful for the delegation in presenting this at the State level. Mr. Hinton agreed to draft a resolution.
 - Sign Ordinance – Councilman Anderson
 - Illegal Tire Dumping - Councilman Smith
 6. Pending Presentations:
 - Hamilton County Legislative Delegation – Councilman Hakeem
 - Stormwater Ordinance/Building Height – Councilman Smith

III. New Business

A. Council Agenda for 12/01/15:

1. Agenda Item 5(a): Mr. Hinton will confirm if the second reading on the Cowart Street rezoning will take place on 12/01 or 12/8. It is currently on the 12/01 agenda.
2. Agenda Item 6(c): Councilman Anderson requested that Mr. Reisman be available at 3:00 to respond to questions about this item regarding pedicabs on bridges.
3. Agenda Item 7(a) and 7(b): Mr. Hinton and his staff will make a presentation on the city's updated Records & Information Management policy.
4. Transportation items for 12/01: Administration will ask Mr. Bailey to circulate his materials prior to next week's committee meeting. Mr. Bailey will also be available tonight to discuss any Transportation items since the regular committee meeting is next week.

B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 12/01: (No further information needed)

C. Committees for 12/1: (Public Works and Transportation; Public Safety; Planning and Zoning)

D. Other:

1. Zoning Ordinance Clarification: Mr. Noblett is looking at the certain language in the zoning ordinance and will speak with developer Mike Price about the Condition #4.
2. Flow Chart for Strategic Planning Discussions: The Council agreed to bring all questions on agenda items to the Strategic Planning meetings at 1:30. Administration agreed to be available at 3:00 to address those questions.
3. YFD Appointments: Ms. Gwyn will provide the board criteria to assist the Council in filling board vacancies for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9.
4. Frasier Pension Case: Mr. Hinton reported that the City had won this case and that the plaintiff would have 30 days to appeal.
5. Pending Legislation:
 - Ban The Box Initiative – Councilman Hakeem asked the Council to support the NAACP's initiative: (1) by passing a resolution that will remove the criminal history question from City of Chattanooga job applications, and (2) by putting the question on the ballot next year to amend the city charter. Councilman Anderson asked to co-sponsor the legislation. Mr. Hinton will have the language of the resolution by 12/01.
6. Pending Presentation:
 - WTCI presentation – Councilman Mitchell informed the Council that Paul Grove at WTCI had requested to make a presentation before the Council. Councilman Gilbert agreed to hear the presentation in the Youth and Family Development Committee. Councilman Mitchell will contact Mr. Grove to coordinate a date.

IV. Attorney/Client Privileged Meeting: (Closed session)

V. Adjournment: Chair Berz adjourned the open meeting at 2:52 p.m.