

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

*Recap – 10/18/16*

- I. Call to Order: Councilman Freeman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present, including Vice Chair Mitchell and Council members Berz, Gilbert, Hakeem, Henderson and Smith. Councilman Anderson arrived after the call to order. Councilman Grohn was not present. The assigned attorney was Mr. Hinton. Mayor's staff included Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Carmody, Ms. Cooper and Ms. Stone. Other staff present was Mr. Bridger and Ms. Harmon. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Press present was Mr. Leach. There were three community members present, including Mr. McCallie and two representatives from ALCO.
  
- II. Old Business:
  - A. Council Agenda for 10/18/16: Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Hinton to ensure that Transportation was no longer highlighted in the department reports section of the agenda due to Transportation making a special presentation instead.
  - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 10/18: (No further information needed)
  - C. Committees for 10/18: (Planning & Zoning; Public Works & Transportation; Economic & Community Development)
  - D. Other:
    1. YFD Board Appointments - (Districts 1 & 2)
    2. HEB/IDB Nominations- Mr. Hinton informed the Council of the nominating cycle sent in an email from Ms. Gwyn.
      - HEB election: Group C (Districts 7, 8 & 9) - Election needed to fill an unexpired term formerly held by Victor Hogstrom.
      - IDB election: Group A (1, 2 & 3) - Election needed to fill an unexpired term formerly held by Dr. Thomas Rumph; then Group B (4, 5 & 6) - Due to the expired term of Henry "Skip" Ireland.
      - Ms. Gwyn will email the dates of the unexpired terms to the Council.
      - Councilwoman Berz nominated Jelena Butler to the IDB for District 4, 5 & 6. Councilman Gilbert seconded. The nomination was approved.
    3. Pending Legislative Matters:
      - Sign Ordinance – Councilman Anderson
    4. Pending Presentations:
      - Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) – Mr. Bridger distributed the comparison copy of the STVR ordinance that is currently posted on the Council's webpage. He explained the two changes made regarding "certain uses" with existing covenants and "15 days" to correct citations. Discussion ensued with questions from all Council members. Several recommendations were made by the Council:
        - (1) Councilman Henderson recommended an opt out clause for certain areas in certain zones;
        - (2) Councilwoman Berz recommended deleting the first sentence in the Section 1 definition;

- (3) Councilman Mitchell recommended adding R-2 back to Item E on page 4;
- (4) Councilwoman Berz recommended changing the term “*sleeping rooms*” to “*bedrooms*” in Section E;
- (5) Council members Gilbert, Berz and Mitchell recommended dealing with enforcement first and coming up with an enforcement plan;
- (6) Councilman Mitchell recommended addressing enforcement and developing a criteria for a special exceptions for homes of more than five bedrooms;
- (7) Councilman Henderson recommended looking at property tax records to see if number of bedrooms is indicated;
- (8) Councilwoman Berz recommended addressing property rights, especially in districts where multi-family units have had problems.
- (9) Chairman Freeman recommended looking at changes to Sec. 11-476 regarding the \$50 daily fine.
- (10) Councilman Berz recommended noticing all property owners who are running STVRs already.
- (11) Councilman Mitchell recommended sending copies to Council members when notices are sent to property owners in their districts.
- (12) Councilwoman Berz recommended that violations go to a housing board first, then the City Council, instead of going to City Court first. Mr. Hinton will report back to the Council on which board would hear violations and the powers of that board.

- **Councilman Mitchell moved** to create a special exceptions to accommodate larger structures in certain zones. Councilman Anderson seconded. The motion carried.
- The Council agreed with the recommendation by Mr. Hinton to add an annual fee of \$50.

III. New Business:

- A. Council Agenda for 10/25/16: (No further information needed)
- B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 10/25: (No further information needed)
- C. Committees for 10/25: (Public Works & Transportation; Economic & Community Development)

IV. Attorney/Client Privileged Meeting: *(Not needed)*

V. Adjournment: Chairman Freeman adjourned the open meeting at 2:46 p.m.