

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM  
*11/28/17 RECAP*

I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with a quorum present, including Vice-Chairman Smith and councilpersons Berz, Coonrod, Gilbert, Henderson, Ledford and Oglesby. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Mayor's staff attending were Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Cooper and Ms. Bell. Other staff present was Ms. Harmon. Ms. Walton, a member of the media, was present. Community members present included Ms. Burns-Sharp and Mr. McCallie. Councilman Byrd arrived after the call to order.

II. **Old Business**

A. Council Agenda for 11/28:

1. Agenda Item VI(a): Councilman Henderson informed the Council that there would be more conditions added to the Alternate Version of this ordinance.
2. Agenda Item VI(b): Councilman Ledford informed the Council that he is awaiting a new map showing the areas for the animal shelters.
3. Agenda Item VII(b): Mr. Noblett indicated that Mr. Beeland at the ECD had requested to table this item due to issues with the agreement.
4. Agenda Item VII(c): Councilwoman Berz confirmed that the grant application did not require a city match, and that no city dollars would be used for the project.
5. Agenda Item VII(e): Vice-Chairman Smith requested that Ms. Camba of HR be available to respond to questions on this item.

B. Agenda Item 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session or 11/28: (No further information needed)

C. Committees for 11/28: (None)

D. Administrative Items for Future Consideration: 10/17 – 12/5

1. Vice-Chairman Smith informed the Council about the need to extend the soccer contract; he indicated that it should have been a 3-year contract.

E. HR Sub-Committee (re: 4<sup>th</sup> Staff Position) – Councilman Gilbert will present a draft of the proposed position description to the Council on 12/5.

F. Other:

1. Pending Legislative Matters:

- a. Small Cell/Chapter 32 – Vice-Chairman Smith announced an I.T. Committee on 12/12.
- b. Definition of Family – Councilman Gilbert is waiting for Mr. Hinton's return to proceed with this item. He expects a draft next week (12/5).
- c. Disparity Study – Councilman Gilbert (No further information)
- d. Panhandling Extension – Councilwoman Berz (No further information)
- e. Food Trucks – Councilpersons Coonrod and Oglesby (No further information)

2. Pending Presentations:

- a. Annexation Petition-Lookout Mountain Conservancy – (12/5; ECD Committee)
- b. Fire & Police Pension Plan – (12/12; Dept. Report)
- c. TIF Proposal-MLK Extension – (12/12; ECD Committee)

3. Board Appointments

- a. Community Development Citizens Advisory Board (Districts 1, 2, 7 & 8)
- b. Office of Multicultural Affairs Advisory Board (District 3) – Councilman Byrd indicated that he would make an appointment for District 8 on this board.

III. **New Business**

A. Council Agenda for 12/5: (No further information needed)

1. Agenda Item 6(a): Ms. Richardson spoke about the library ordinance bringing city code in line with state law. She also responded on questions the role of the library's board in fundraising.
  2. Agenda Item 7(d): Councilman Byrd informed the Council that he needs to meet with the contractor chosen for the new Avondale Center. Ms. Richardson will ask Mr. Holland to speak with Mr. Byrd about the project.
- B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 12/5: (No further information needed)
- C. Committees for 12/5: Public Works and Transportation; Planning and Zoning; Economic and Community Development
- D. Other:
1. Pending Legislative Matters: (None)
  2. Pending Presentations: (None)
  3. Sub-committee on Homeless: Councilman Byrd informed the Council of hostilities developing with the homeless community in the 10<sup>th</sup> Street area. Chairman Mitchell requested a strategy for dealing with all homelessness in the city. Ms. Richardson informed the Council of a Homeless Reduction Strategy meeting held today. Discussion ensued about the Community Kitchen extending its closing time, maps of homeless communities and an intermittent homeless camp on city property. Councilwoman Berz requested an educational session on homelessness and panhandling to address define and address the needs. Chairman Mitchell assigned a sub-committee on Homelessness to Councilwoman Berz (Chair) and Councilpersons Henderson, Byrd, Ledford and Coonrod. Councilwoman Berz suggested that she look at information from the Family Justice Center, then bring it to the committee-of-the-whole.
  4. Holiday Schedule – (Meetings cancelled on 12/26 and 1/2)
  5. District 4 Event – Councilman Ledford announced the tree lighting event on Friday, 12/1, at 6:00 p.m. at Jack Benson Heritage Park.

**IV. Attorney/Client Privilege Meeting** (Not needed)

**V. Adjournment:** The open meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.