

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL January 12, 2021

In Attendance

Councilwoman Carol Berz, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. A quorum was present including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists also present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Tyler Yount, Civic Engagement Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (January 5, 2021) were approved as published.

FY22 Budget Public Input Results

Councilwoman Berz introduced the presentation coming before them by Mr. Yount. His presentation included information on the following:

- Agenda
- The Process
- Methodology Notes
- FY22 Budget Input Responses by District
- Meeting and Survey Results
- Summary Themes
- Main Topics by District
- Main themes by Result Area
- Growing Economy
- Safer Streets
- Stronger Neighborhoods
- Smarter Students and Stronger Families
- Social Media Results
- Main Drivers of Discourse
- Sharing Results

A discussion ensued, wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed:

- Education of the Process (Councilman Byrd)
- Fixing Issues (Councilman Byrd)

- Keeping Community Informed (Councilman Byrd)
- Help of City Auditor Survey (Councilman Henderson)
- Priorities in Survey (Councilman Ledford)
- Addressing Poverty (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Equity (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Need of the Community (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Representation of Survey (Councilman Smith)
- 2020 Survey (Councilman Henderson)

Councilwoman Coonrod suggested a meeting of the full Council with Administration to address concerns pertaining to the budget process. Councilwoman Berz asked the Chairman about the possibility of holding a Special Strategic Planning Meeting where this could take place. Chairman Henderson offered the date of January 26th. Councilman Oglesby inquired about starting the meeting at 1pm allowing for a good length of time for discussion with no interruptions. Chairman Henderson instructed Council Staff to set the Special Strategic Planning Meeting for January 26, 2021, at 1pm. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Berz adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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