

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES: January 5, 2021

In Attendance

Councilman Darrin Ledford, committee chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance

Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (December 1, 2020) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6C

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Chairman Henderson inquired about the version being discussed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Next Week's Agenda: January 12, 2021

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Chairman Henderson had questions about when the rezoning occurred, when the conditions were placed on the property, and why. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6B

Mr. Bridger updated the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6C

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Councilman Ledford informed the Council that he would seek to defer this case. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6D

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6E

Mr. Bridger updated the Council on this item. Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that she would seek to defer this item, but wanted to communicate with the Applicant prior to doing so. Councilman Ledford asked Mr. Bridger to make contact with the Applicant; Mr. Bridger agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6F, 6G & 6H

Mr. Bridger updated the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issues was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7I

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Vegetative Component Update

Mr. Bridger gave a presentation on the "Consultant and Staff Feedback" on the Revegetative Standards Proposal for steep slopes. Information on the following was covered:

- Context
- Revegetative Proposal Key Elements
- Points from Consultants Review
- Internal Coherence of the Proposal Language
- Gaps in the Proposal Language
- Staff Comments
- Contractor Comments
- Next Steps

A discussion ensued. Mr. Bridger addressed the following concerns from the Council:

- Consequences for Developers (Councilman Gilbert)
- Enforcement (Councilman Gilbert)
- Character and look of Chattanooga (Councilman Henderson)
- Component pre-construction/post construction (Councilman Henderson)
- Attorney knowledgeable on Land and/or Real Estate (Councilman Mitchell)
- Passed by Homebuilders (Councilwoman Berz)
- Areas in need of work (Councilwoman Berz)
- Questions that came up from the contractors (Councilwoman Berz)

Councilman Gilbert asked the ECD Chairman, Councilman Oglesby, for an update from LDO in the next few weeks; Councilman Oglesby agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Councilman Ledford yielded the chair of the meeting to Chairman Henderson at this time.

Other

Consent Decree Update

Councilwoman Coonrod requested an update on the consent decree project. Chairman Henderson asked Councilman Mitchell to place this in Public Works & Transportation Committee. Councilman Mitchell agreed.

Disparity Study Follow-up

Councilwoman Coonrod expressed concerns about follow-up on the Disparity Study. Chairman Henderson indicated that legislation could be a follow-up on this. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

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