

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**  
**RECAP – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

- I. **Call to Order**: Chairman Henderson called the hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that included Vice-Chairman Smith and Councilpersons Berz, Coonrod, Dotley, Hester, and Hill. Councilman Ledford arrived shortly (2:06 p.m.) after the call to order. Also present were Attorney O’Donnell, Council Clerk Gwyn, and Chief of Staff Goldberg. Councilman Byrd was not present at this meeting.
  
- II. **Technical Problems**: There were technical difficulties reported by viewers with the audio on Zoom and YouTube. The audio problems were corrected during this meeting.
  
- III. **Approval of Last Minutes**: **Vice-Chairman Smith moved** to approve. Councilwoman Dotley seconded. The minutes from August 3, 2021, stood as recorded.
  
- IV. **Research Topics for UTC Contract**: Chairman Henderson submitted a proposal for a research project studying the merger of Hamilton County and city governments. He recognized Hamilton County Commissioner and Chair Sabrena Smedley, who was invited to hear the proposal. Discussion ensued. Councilpersons Hill and Ledford informed the Chairman that they will submit their questions to him. Chairman
  
- V. **Redistricting**: Chairman Henderson announced a Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Councilpersons Berz, Smith, Dotley, and Hester to gather data and bring back timelines for the redistricting process. Councilpersons Hill and Ledford questioned deadline information posted by the Comptroller’s website. Attorney O’Donnell also spoke on her interpretation of the deadline.
  
- VI. **Enforcement Concerns from Council**: Mr. Goldberg confirmed the list of questions from the Council: litter, blight, lighting, STVR, motorcycles, golf carts, zoning, land use, panhandling, and stormwater; general enforcement; accountability; Administrative Hearing Officer; and violations to Chancery Court. The Council came to a consensus on this list. Mr. Goldberg informed the Council that initial findings and a timeline will be presented by the end of October.
  
- VII. Other Business: Status
  - A. Pending Legislative Matters
    - 1. **City Court – Division Two** (Henderson) . . . . . 9/28 agenda
    - 2. **Judges Salary Ordinance** (Coonrod) . . . . . 10/12: Legislative Committee; Ms. Gwyn will research when the salary was set for judges.
    - 3. **Council Rules** - With Councilwoman Coonrod objecting, the Council came to a consensus to limit weekly public comments to the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting only.
    - 4. **Parks Act-Safe Zone Ordinance** (Coonrod) - Councilwoman Coonrod will report to the Council once revisions are done.

- B. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions
  - 1. Homelessness (Hill) . . . . . TBD: After budget process
- C. Future Legislation/Education Sessions
  - 1. **Citations** - Councilwoman Coonrod intends to draft legislation regarding Class E & C misdemeanors.

VIII. Administrative Items for Future Consideration: 10/5 agenda and beyond

IX. Council Agendas

- A. Council Agenda for 9/21
  - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
  - 2. Committees:
    - a) Parks & Public Works
    - b) Public Safety (re: Curfew amendment)**
  - 3. Department Report: (None)
  - 4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- B. Council Agenda for 9/28
  - 1. 3:00 p.m. Certified Tax Rate Public Hearing (registered Zoom speakers)
  - 2. Agenda Session (if time allowed after public hearing)
  - 3. Department Report: (None)
  - 4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
    - a) 6:00-8:00 p.m. Certified Tax Rate Public Hearing (Personal appearance)

X. Board Appointments

- A. Current Vacancies
  - 1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 4)
  - 2. Board of Zoning Appeals (Districts 1 & 8)
  - 3. Community Development Advisory (Districts 1, 3 & 8)
  - 4. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (2 seats)
  - 5. Office of Multicultural Affairs (Districts 1 & 3)
  - 6. Sports Authority Board (District 8)
  - 7. Youth and Family Development (District 2)
- B. Upcoming Vacancies

XI. Attorney-Client Privilege Meeting (Not needed)

XII. Adjournment