

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL  
J.B. COLLINS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNCIL BUILDING  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**  
**MINUTES/RECAP – April 4, 2023**

- I. **Call to Order**: Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Jenny Hill, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilwoman Marvene Noel joined the meeting after the call to order. Councilpersons Chip Henderson and Ken Smith were not present. Other participants present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk.
  
- II. **Minute Approval**: **Councilwoman Berz moved** to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Councilman Hester seconded. The motion carried.
  
- III. **Ethics Environment Presentation**: Stan Sewell, City Auditor, presented the 2022 Work Environment (Ethics) Survey that is posted on the Internal Audit [webpage](#). Mr. Sewell noted that the next survey would take place in fall 2023.
  
- IV. **C-Pacer Ordinance**: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, gave a presentation that included the following: What is C-PACER; how it works; who can use C-PACER; benefits to local government; and TN C-PACER Enabling Legislation. Mr. Thongnopnua informed the Council that he would seek a deferral of the first reading of this ordinance to next week, 4/11, so that it coincides with the hearing set on 4/11.
  
- V. **Noise Ordinance Study – UTC**: Councilwoman Hill asked the Council to consider a vehicle noise study by Dr. Acuff at UTC and presented a proposal to the Council regarding loud vehicle noise . Councilwoman Coonrod asked the Council to consider utilizing other consultants at UTC for this study request. Councilwoman Berz will look into funding available related to requesting another study this fiscal year and recommended moving unused district funds to research where needed during this fiscal year. Councilwoman Hill recommended further discussion on the use of the UTC contract and the approach for requesting a study. Councilwoman Coonrod recommended utilizing the Office of City Attorney for research, to which Attorney Noblett agreed to provide research at the state level. The Council came to a consensus to move the noise ordinance previously deferred by Councilwoman Berz from the 4/25 agenda to the 4/11 agenda.
  
- VI. Other Business
  - A. **Active Shooter Training**: Councilwoman Coonrod recommended active shooter training for the city’s community centers. Mr. Thongnopnua informed the Council of the city’s EIS team recently completed active shooter training at the community centers.
  - B. **Council Election of Officers** 2023-2024
  - C. Pending Legislative Matters: (None)
  - D. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
    - 1. Department Report - CPD ..... TBA: Public Safety Committee
  
- VII. Council Agendas
  - A. Agenda for 04/04
    - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
    - 2. Parks and Public Works Committee
    - 3. Planning and Zoning Committee
    - 4. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

- B. Agenda for 04/11
  - 1. 3:30 p.m. Agenda Session
  - 2. 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
    - a) Proclamation – World Autism Awareness Month (Ledford)
    - b) C-PACER Public Hearing

VIII. Board Appointments

A. Pending Resolutions:

- 1. **HEB Appointment (District 7)** – 4/18 Council Agenda

B. Current Vacancies

- 1. Health, Educational & Housing Facility Board (3 seats: Districts 1, 3, and 8 needed)
- 2. Industrial Development Board (2 seats: Districts 6 and 8 needed)
- 3. Passenger Vehicle for Hire Board (3 seats/previously appointed by group nominations)
- 4. Sports Authority Board (District 8 needed; District 5 eligible for reappointment)
- 5. Head Start Governing Board (1 seat: Districts 1 and 3 needed)
- 6. Police Advisory and Review Committee (1 seat: District 6 needed)
- 7. Lookout Valley Region Community Advisory Committee (1 seat: District 1 needed)
- 8. Shallowford Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 1 seat; District 9 needed: 1 seat remaining)
- 9. North Chattanooga Region Community Advisory Committee (District 1 needed: 2 seats)
- 10. South Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7: 1 seat needed)
- 11. Westside Region Community Advisory Committee (District 7 needed: 4 seats)
- 12. Bushtown- Glenwood Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 1 seat)
- 13. Dodson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 8 needed: 1 seat)
- 14. Hixson Region Community Advisory Committee (District 3 needed: 4 seats)
- 15. Washington Hills Region Community Advisory Committee (District 5 needed: 4 seats)

IX. Adjournment