

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Recap – 4/19/16

- I. Call to Order: Chairwoman Berz called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was present, including Chair Berz and Councilmen Anderson, Freeman, Gilbert, Grohn, Hakeem, Henderson, Mitchell and Smith. The assigned attorney was Mr. Hinton. Mayor's staff included Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Cooper. Other staff were Mr. Hinton, Mr. Dockery and Mr. Messner. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Press present was Mr. Wilson and Mr. Leach. Two community members from the Boyce Station Neighborhood Association were present.

- I. Old Business
 - A. Council Agenda for 4/19/16: Regarding Agenda Item VI(a), Councilman Freeman will reach out to the Applicants to see if they are requesting a deferral or a withdrawal on this East 3rd Street rezoning request.
 - B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 4/19: (No further information needed)
 - C. Committees for 4/19: (No committees)
 - D. Other:
 1. YFD Board Appointments (Districts 1, 2 & 3)
 2. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - Adult Oriented Establishments – Mr. Hinton informed the Council that next Monday is the deadline for hearing from the Love Shack's attorney.
 - Bessie Smith Legislation – Councilmen Smith informed the Council that the legislation will be signed by the Governor on 4/27.
 - Illegal Tire Dumping – Mr. Hinton will check with Ms. Roderick regarding the final draft. She will present to the Council next week on the legislation.
 - Maximum Occupancy in R-1 Zoning – Mr. Hinton reminded the Council to review the memo and summary documents he provided recently.
 - Sign Ordinance – Councilman Anderson (4/19; Economic & Community Development)
 - CPD Update – Councilman Henderson introduced Chief Fletcher, who wanted to give an update to the Council on the acts of violence that happened over the weekend. He reported on the shootings that had taken place over the past four days. He informed the Council of his upcoming press conference today on the violence. He also responded to Councilman Hakeem's question on how the Council may assist in CPD's efforts.
 - VRI Data/Social Services Work Group – Councilman Henderson
 3. Pending Presentation:
 - Public Stuff App – Councilman Mitchell asked for a Public Staff demonstration. Ms. Sullivan agreed to a demonstration on 5/3.
 - Disparity Study – Councilman Hakeem requested to invite a professional to the Strategic Planning meeting to better inform the Council about disparity studies. The Council agreed. Councilman Hakeem will arrange for a professional to speak to the Council during an extended Strategic Planning meeting in three weeks (5/10 at 12:30 pm).

4. Meeting with Legislators – Councilmen Hakeem, Smith & Mitchell
5. Budget Timeline:
 - May 17 -- Receive Budget
 - May 31 -- Operation Budget Work Session #1 (10am-2pm)
 - June 7 -- Operation Budget Work Session #2 (10am-2pm)
 - June 21 -- Capital Budget Work Session (10am-2pm)
 - June 21 -- 1st Reading of Operations & Capital Budgets
 - June 28 -- 2nd Reading of Operations & Capital Budgets

II. New Business

- A. Council Agenda for 4/26/16: (No further information needed)
 1. Resolution 7(b) – Councilman Gilbert had questions about this item. Ms. Richardson agreed to ask Donna Williams to report to the Council on this item (4/19).
 2. Agenda Item 7(g): Councilman Hakeem requested a letter of support from the Council for the TIGER grant application. The Council came to a consensus that they would vote on the resolution before submitting a letter. Ms. Richardson agreed to inform the Council about the match that is anticipated for the grant.
- B. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session for 4/26: (No further information needed)
- C. Committees for 4/26: (Public Works and Transportation)
- D. Other:
 1. Budget Year-End Items – Councilman Mitchell informed the Council of three areas where year-end purchases had been requested: technology upgrades, security upgrades and office equipment purchases. A discussion ensued about prioritizing the purchases.
 - Councilman Mitchell indicated that he would check into all three areas to see what could be encumbered this fiscal year.
 - Councilman Mitchell will reach out to I.T. to determine if the wiring for the Assembly Room dais could be bid out and encumbered in this fiscal year.
 - The Council recommended additional Assembly Room upgrades: USB ports, electrical outlets, wireless microphones and a new speaker notification system.
 - Councilman Gilbert recommended contacting Phillip Jones’s audio company for a quote on the audio upgrades in the Assembly Room since Mr. Jones does audio work for the city’s civic facilities.

III. Attorney/Client Privileged Meeting (*Not needed*)

IV. Adjournment: Chairwoman Berz adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.