

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
09/04/2018 Recap

- I. Call to Order 1:30 p.m.: Chairman Smith called the meeting to order with a quorum that included Vice-Chairman Oglesby and Councilpersons Berz, Byrd, Coonrod, Henderson, Ledford and Mitchell. Mr. Noblett was the assigned attorney. Mayor's staff in attendance was Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Sammon, Ms. Lowdermilk, Ms. Satterfield and Ms. Albright. Council staff present was Ms. Gwyn. Other city staff present was Ms. Madison, Ms. Adams, Mr. Susman and Mr. Kazmierzak. Councilman Gilbert was not present this meeting. There were five members of Media present during this meeting, including Ms. Walton, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Cordell. Councilman Gilbert was not present this meeting.

- II. Agenda Item VI(a): Ms. Sullivan introduced Mr. Kazmierzak and Mr. Susman of the Open Spaces division to discuss the resolution regarding Miller Park fees and rules. They distributed information a handout regarding the flat hourly rate, comparison with other parks and examples matrix. Discussion ensued with the Council regarding several topics: park enforcement, Real-Time intelligence connectivity, maintenance staff, extension hours of access, fee comparison with other parks, organized vs. passive activity, use of lawn and walking areas, and usage as a public square. Councilwoman Coonrod and Berz recommended further discussion with CPD regarding park closure time and hours, and looking further at enforcement. Mr. Susman recommended a 6-month review of the fees. The discussion ended at 2:12 p.m.

- III. Council Agenda for 9/4
 - A. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session
 - B. Committees: Public Works and Transportation/ Planning & Zoning
 - C. Departmental Report: Police
 1. 6:00 p.m. Council meeting: Regarding item VI(b), Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Noblett about tabling this agenda item as opposed to continuing to defer it.

- IV. Council Agenda for 9/11
 - A. 3:00 p.m. Agenda Session
 - B. Committees: Youth and Family Development / Economic and Community Development
 - C. Departmental Report: Public Works
 - D. 6:00 p.m. Council meeting:
 1. Item VII(h) on this week's agenda– Councilwoman Coonrod asked to know the five grant projects and what funds would be used for writing the grants. Ms. Richardson named the five projects and informed the Council that the grant writing would not be paid through the funds.
 2. Item 7(a) on next week's agenda - Chairman Smith asked for clarification on the damage fees that would be waived and whether it would pose a liability problem for the city. Mr. Noblett agreed to check on this. Chairman Smith also questioned if such wording had been used in previous fee waiver resolutions. Ms. Sullivan identified one previous fee waiver resolution that did contain the waiver of "damage fees."

- V. Administrative Items for Future Consideration 9/18 & Beyond: Discussion ensued about the ECD resolution regarding up to \$50,000 for community enhancement. Ms. Richardson mentioned the PACE program and offered to make a presentation on this next week. Councilman Byrd confirmed

an ECD Committee meeting next week where this agenda item would be discussed. Councilman Byrd also asked to see the list of events regarding PACE. Ms. Richardson agreed.

VI. Other Business

- A. Campaign Donations – Councilwoman Coonrod asked about a \$3,500 donation that had been made by the City of Chattanooga to the campaign of Rep. Chuck Fleischman. Mr. Noblett agreed to follow-up with Rep. Fleischman’s campaign to find out which individual(s) donated the funds.
- B. Hamilton County Steering Committee – (No further information)
- C. Junk Car Problems – Councilwoman Berz follow-up with the Council about the laws already in place regarding junk cars. She will forward her concerns to the Land Development Office regarding the removal of junk cars. Discussion ensued with Mr. Noblett about Chapter 24 of City Code regarding abandoned and discharged vehicles and the process for removing junk cars. Mr. Noblett will forward the appropriate sections of Chapter 24 to the Council. This item will be removed from future Strategic Planning agendas.
- D. Land Bank Authority – Chairman Smith requested an update soon on the Land Bank Authority. Ms. Sullivan agreed.
- E. Stormwater Fees Update – Councilman Mitchell requested follow-up on the stormwater fee increase. Ms. Richardson informed the Council that Public Works will be reaching out to schedule follow-up meetings on the water quality fee increase.
- F. Strategic Housing Plan – Councilwoman Coonrod questioned if there was a strategic housing plan for the city and commented on the rising rental rates in her district, making some apartment complexes no longer affordable. Ms. Sullivan responded on the \$1 Million approved in this fiscal year’s budget for housing initiatives and a housing conference coming soon.
- G. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - 1. Building Renaming – This will be added to the 9/18 agenda and removed from future Strategic Planning agendas.
 - 2. Family Entertainment Centers – This will be removed from future Strategic Planning agendas.
- H. Board Appointments:
 - 1. Community Development Citizens Advisory Board (District 1)
 - 2. Office of Multicultural Affairs Advisory Board (Districts 3, 7 & 9)
 - 3. Board of Sign Appeals (District 7)
 - 4. Board of Zoning Appeals (District 7)

VII. Attorney/Client Privilege Meeting (Not needed)

VIII. Adjournment