

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
COUNCIL ASSEMBLY ROOM
03/17/20 RECAP

- I. Call to Order/Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Oglesby. A quorum was present, including Vice-Chairman Henderson and Council members Byrd, Coonrod, Ledford, Mitchell, and Smith. Councilman Gilbert was present via telephone, but did not vote during this meeting. Councilwoman Berz was not present this meeting. The assigned attorney was Mr. Noblett. Council staff in attendance was Ms. Gwyn. Mayor's staff in attendance was Mr. Hayes, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Sammons, and Ms. Satterfield. Other city staff in attendance was Ms. Madison, Ms. Williams, Ms. Moultrie, and Ms. Haley. Also attending were three members of the community and two members of the media.

- II. In-person Council Meetings during COVID-19 pandemic:
 - A. **Vice-Chairman Henderson moved** to authorize the Council Chair to suspend the rules of procedure on future meetings during the declaration of emergency by the Mayor and to cancel all other meetings today, and authorize the Council Chair to convene any future meetings in a manner and time as authorized under state law, with prior notice as required by state law. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried, with Councilman Gilbert abstaining. Therefore, all remaining meetings of the Council were canceled for today (3/17), effective immediately.
 - B. **Councilman Mitchell moved** to form a committee of this Council to move forward with figuring out an electronic means of meeting that is remote. Vice-Chairman Henderson seconded. The motion carried, with Councilman Gilbert abstaining.
 - 1. Councilman Mitchell recommended himself, Councilman Ledford, and Councilman Smith as committee members. He also noted the participation of Chairman Oglesby by his authority. By consensus, the Council accepted the recommendation of the committee members.
 - 2. Chairman Oglesby asked for a preliminary recommendation from the committee by Monday, March 23.
 - 3. The committee will also consider the impact of electronic meetings on budget hearings and zoning hearings.
 - C. Discussion ensued about how to discuss matters in committee via email in light of Open Meeting and Open Records laws.
 - D. **Councilman Mitchell moved** to amend by authorizing the Council to send emails to the City Attorney's Office in connection with this committee. Vice-Chairman Henderson seconded. The motion carried, with Councilman Gilbert abstaining.
 - E. Discussion ensued about DIT looking into electronic means of meeting and engaging the public during meetings electronically.
 - F. Further discussion ensued with Mr. Sammons about the purchases that were emergency and/or time-sensitive.

- III. Other Business Status
 - A. Pending Presentations/Education Sessions:
 - 1. Steep Slopes Sub-Committee (TBD)
 - 2. Disparity Study (TBD)

- B. Pending Legislative Matters:
 - 1. De-annexation Hearing (Military Road) 3/31 proposed agenda
 - 2. Juneteenth Resolution 3/31 proposed agenda
 - 3. PARC Charter Ordinance Amendment 3/31 proposed agenda
 - 4. Short-term Vacation Rentals 3/31 proposed agenda
 - 5. Paving Budget
 - 6. NLC Leading Together 2020
 - 7. Equal Treatment Resolution

- A. Board Appointments
 - 1. Board of Sign Appeals (District 7)
 - 2. Community Development Advisory (District 1)
 - 3. Office of Multicultural Affairs (Districts 1, 3, 5, 6 & 8)
 - 4. Police Advisory and Review Committee (District 1)
 - 5. Sports Authority (Districts 3 & 7)

IV. Attorney-Client Privilege Meeting (Not needed)

V. Adjournment