In Attendance

Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Council Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present including Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Ken Smith. Also present were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilman Jerry Mitchell was not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor’s Office: Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff, Maura Sullivan, Chief of Operations; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator, Richard Beeland, Deputy Director.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Gilbert and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (November 19, 2019) were approved as published. [Editor’s Note: The Council did not meet on November 26, 2019.]

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A

A discussion ensued with Mr. Noblett, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Madison, Ms. Williams and Mr. Beeland on the STVR (Short-Term Vacation Rental) ordinance. They responded to questions from Council on the following topics:

- Legal Concerns (Councilwoman Berz)
- Parcelling money out to certain areas (Councilwoman Berz)
- Precedence Being Set (Councilwoman Berz)
- Fees for those district outside of layover (Councilwoman Berz)
- Use of Funds (Councilman Gilbert)
- STVR Designated Employees (Councilman Gilbert)
- Funds for specific areas/districts (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Revenue (Councilman Byrd)
- Other sources of income (Councilman Ledford)
- Oversee expenditure (Councilman Ledford)
- Hotel/Motel Funds (Councilman Henderson)
- General Fund (Councilman Henderson)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A & 7B

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.
Resolutions – Agenda Items 7C

Councilman Ledford had questions pertaining to the needs, the benefits and the process of abating from the normal procedure, all which Ms. Richardson addressed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Items 7D, 7E, 7F & 7G

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.