

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 21, 2020

Call to Order

Councilman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Jr., Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson, and Council members Anthony Byrd, Russell Gilbert, Ken Smith, Carol Berz, and Darrin Ledford. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support, were also present. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod was not present.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Maura Sullivan (Chief Operations Officer); Public Works: Justin Holland (Administrator), Ed Odom (Recreation Specialist), James Bergdoll (Parks Director, Maintenance), Gene Hyde (Urban Forester), Peter Stewart (Administrative Manager), and Dennis Malone (Assistant City Engineer); Mayor's Office: Justin Steinmann (Strategic Capital Planning Manager); CARTA: Lisa Maragnano (Executive Director) and Philip Pugliese (Transportation System Planner); City Council: Nicole Gwyn (Council Clerk)

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Council Chairman Oglesby, the minutes of the last meeting (January 07, 2020) were approved as published.

CARTA (Transportation) Presentation

Mr. Pugliese and Ms. Maragnano gave a presentation regarding CARTA's future that included information on the following:

- Update on Draft Plan
- Chattanooga Parking Authority
- Shuttle Park North
- 26% Chattanooga Housing
- 25% Chattanooga Transportation
- Typical Household in this location would own 1.61 cars and drive them over 20,000 miles per year
- 30% don't drive
- Electric Cars
- Autonomous Cars
- Uber/Lyft
- Mobility
- Accessibility
- Freedom of Choice
- The Potential of all Trips
- Concepts Overview
- Process Timeline
- Short-Term Network Parameters
- Minimizing Redundancies in the System
- Downtown Shuttle Corridor
- Downtown Pulse
- Shuttle Park North
- Short-Term Network Outcomes
- Short-Term Network
- Long-Term Network Parameters
- Long-Term Network Outcomes
- Long-Term Network
- Next Steps

Mr. Pugliese and Ms. Maragnano took questions from the Council regarding the following topics:

- Dialogue with other entities during study/allowing elderly to age in place/creating a transportation medical corridor/cost of 70% budget increase (Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- Future of the small shuttle (Councilman Ledford)
- Small shuttles (Councilman Mitchell)
- Bus service frequency and scope (Councilman Ledford)
- Low ridership/alternatives to small shuttles/what other cities doing (Councilwoman Berz)
- Mayor's Council for Women study of bus travel/seeking partnerships (Councilwoman Berz)
- Reduction frequency in some areas (Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- Lack of ridership at Enterprise South (Councilwoman Berz)
- 3-year short-term network proposal and travel times (Vice-Chairman Henderson)
- Consulting with CHA/potential of losing coverage (Councilman Gilbert)
- Predicted sources of income or revenue/concrete funding (Councilman Mitchell)

Public Works Golf Courses Presentation

Mr. Holland, Mr. Bergdoll, and Mr. Odom gave a presentation on the plan for Brainerd and Brown Acres Golf Courses. They presented information on the following topics:

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| • City of Chattanooga Golf Courses | • Capital Improvements |
| • Golf Course Mission Statement | • Course Drainage Issues |
| • Courses by the Numbers | • Replacing Cart Paths |
| • Community Use of Golf Courses | • Other Improvement Concerns |
| • Local Schools using City Golf Courses | • Replacing Aging Equipment |
| • Brainerd Women's Golf Association | • 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan |
| • Consultant Study | • Equipment Priorities |
| • Golfer Survey: Highlights | • Potential Threats to Revenue |
| • Golfer Survey: Comparisons | • Other Opportunities |
| • Cost Comparisons | • Greens Fees |
| | • Annual Passes |

The presenters also answered questions on the following topics:

- Percentage of city residents using golf courses (Vice-Chairman Henderson and Councilwoman Berz)
- History of Brainerd Golf Course (Councilman Gilbert)
- The last time one of the courses broke even/possibility of breaking even this year (Councilman Mitchell)
- Potential revenue source projections (Councilwoman Berz)
- Percentage of city residents in sample survey (Councilwoman Berz)
- Segments of Chattanooga that play one sport vs. another (Councilwoman Berz)

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Resolutions – Agenda Item 7E

Mr. Malone and Mr. Steinmann answered questions on the following topics:

- Changed cost of the project (Chairman Oglesby)
- Purpose of the project (Councilman Gilbert)

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Resolutions – Agenda Items 7N-O

There were no questions regarding these resolutions.

Next Week's Agenda: January 28, 2020

Resolutions – Agenda Item 6B

Mr. Bailey confirmed for Councilman Gilbert that this item would change the speed limit on Ochs Highway from 40 to 35 mph. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7H

Mr. Holland informed the Council that his department requested all the proposed changes to address complications with the sewer line project. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7I & 7J

Mr. Holland responded questions from Councilman Ledford on the reason for the change order in these two items. Upon no further questions, the issues were closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7L

Chairman Oglesby confirmed for Councilman Mitchell that he had no problems with this item. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.