

KNOX COUNTY GROWTH POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Knox County Growth Policy Coordinating Committee met in session on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Street. Those members present were Mr. Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Mayor, Mr. Justin Bailey, CEO Realty Executives, Mr. Darren Cardwell, General Manager for Hallsdale Powell Utility District, Mr. Broadus Hubbs, Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Ms. Sara Martin, owner of Open Door Architecture, Ms. Amy Nolan, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, Mr. David Smoak, Town Administrator for the Town of Farragut, Mr. John W. Williams, III, Senior Vice-President of Engineering and Construction for Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB), and Ms. Fiona McAnally, Director of Government Relations for the City of Knoxville, representing Ms. Indya Kincannon, Knoxville City Mayor, who was absent from the meeting. Those members absent were Ms. Betsy Henderson, Chair of the Board of Education for Knox County, Ms. Kelle Shultz, President and CEO of Knoxville Habitat for Humanity, and Mr. Brian Simmons, Developer with Simmons Property Group. Also present were Commissioners Kim Frazier and Terry Hill, Mr. Ron Williams, Mayor for the Town of Farragut, and members of the news media.

Mayor Jacobs, Chairman, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:

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IN RE: CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jacobs called the meeting to order.

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IN RE: ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Haley Wilson, Clerk Recorder, called the roll.

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IN RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mr. Smoak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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IN RE: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Smoak moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Cardwell seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 9-3-0-0. Ms. Henderson, Ms. Shultz and Mr. Simmons were absent from the meeting.

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IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2023:

Consideration of approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held on November 27, 2023 was before the Growth Policy Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Bailey moved to approve the amended minutes from the previous meeting held on November 27, 2023. Mr. Hubbs seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 9-3-0-0. Ms. Henderson, Ms. Shultz and Mr. Simmons were absent from the meeting.

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IN RE: PRESENTATION:

There was no presentation given at the meeting but Placetype Character documents were submitted to the Growth Policy Coordinating Committee members.

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IN RE: PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Mr. Eric Ressler, concerned citizen, was present and spoke in opposition to the proposed Growth Policy Plan and the lack of information about the plan.

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2. Ms. Sandra Korbelik, concerned citizen, was present and spoke concerning deferring the vote on the proposed Growth Policy Plan due to the lack of information about the plan.

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3. Ms. Margie Grace, concerned citizen, was present and spoke in opposition to the proposed Growth Policy Plan regarding the Sevierville Pike area.

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4. Ms. Dawn Close, concerned citizen, was present and spoke in opposition to the proposed Growth Policy Plan regarding the Sevierville Pike, White School Road and Evans Road areas.

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5. Mr. Bradley Russell, concerned citizen, was present and spoke in opposition to the proposed Growth Policy Plan regarding the Dry Hollow Road and Sevierville Pike areas.

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6. Ms. Pamela Stoutt, concerned citizen and representing the Knox County Farm Bureau, was present and spoke concerning the proposed Growth Policy Plan regarding farming in the North Ruggles Ferry Pike area.

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7. Ms. Colleen McWilliams, concerned citizen, was present and spoke concerning the proposed Growth Policy Plan regarding farming.

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8. Mr. Charlie Debevoise, concerned citizen, was present and spoke concerning a study of the roads in the East Knox County area being done before approving the proposed Growth Policy Plan.

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9. Ms. Anna Kern, concerned citizen, was present and spoke concerning Ijams Nature Center, Strong Stock Farm, and delaying the vote on the proposed Growth Policy Plan.

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10. Ms. Gretchen Knode, concerned citizen, was present and spoke concerning House Mountain, farming in the Washington Pike area, and delaying the vote on the proposed Growth Policy Plan.

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11. Ms. Lisa Starbuck, Ritta Community resident, was present and spoke concerning deferring the vote on the proposed Growth Policy Plan due to the lack of information about the plan.

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12. Mr. Larry Silverstein, Chairperson for Community Forum, was present and spoke concerning deferring the vote on the proposed Growth Policy Plan due to the lack of information about the plan.

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13. Mr. Herb Anders, concerned citizen, was present and spoke concerning deferring the vote on the proposed Growth Policy Plan due to the lack of information about the plan.

Mr. Jim Snowden, Director for Knox County Engineering and Public Works, was present and spoke on the matter.

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14. Ms. Mary Long, Ritta Community resident, was present and spoke concerning deferring the vote on the proposed Growth Policy Plan due to the lack of information about the plan in the Northeast Knox County area.

Ms. Amy Brooks, Executive Director for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, was present and spoke on the matter.

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15. Ms. Megan Howard, Wise Springs Road resident, was present and spoke in opposition to the proposed Growth Policy Plan and the lack of information about the plan.

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16. Mr. Wolf Naegeli, Karns resident, was present and spoke in opposition to the proposed Growth Policy Plan and the lack of information about the plan.

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17. Mr. Bob Thompson, concerned citizen, was present and spoke regarding clarity of the population projections in the proposed Growth Policy Plan.

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IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT:

Discussion of the amendment was before the Growth Policy Coordinating Committee.

There was no discussion of the amendment.

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IN RE: DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Mayor Jacobs indicated the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Knox County Growth Policy Coordinating Committee, Mayor Jacobs declared the meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR GLENN JACOBS, CHAIRMAN