

# Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022



**Present:** Temporary City Council Chair Tom Beckius, Council Members: James Michael Bowers, Richard Meginnis, Jane Raybould, Bennie Shobe, and Sandra Washington. **Absent:** Council Chair Tammy Ward.

**Others Present:** Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, City Attorney Yohance Christie, City Council Assistant JaMel Ways, City Clerk Soulinnee Phan; and various City Directors and Staff.

Temporary Council Chair Beckius opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. announcing the location of the Open Meetings Act.

## I. PRIOR DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTE APPROVALS

- Approval of minutes from July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by Temporary Council Chair Beckius.

## II. ADJUSTMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA & CITY CLERK ADVISORIES

- Announcement of regular City Council meeting, followed by the City Budget meeting.

## IV. MAYORAL OFFICE ADVISORIES

- **Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird** – Gave “Kudos” for all the hard work being done on the City budget. Advised of the LFR Graduation program, celebrating a diverse group of 12 graduates. Gave updates on the Youth Employment Program and incentives for the completion of the program. Interns raised \$1200.00 for the Foodbank! Mayor went over the Summer Reading Challenge that 16,405 people signed up for with the goal of 7 million min. of reading time being met. Updates given on the Lincoln pools and Summer Camp programs utilized this year by 900 campers! Advised of the push for Covid vaccines being recommended to the youth before school starts.
- **Pat Lopez, Health Director** – Advised that Covid numbers are on the decline from July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Numbers are down 22%. There are no patients on vents. Vaccine numbers for the youth are increasing. Overall, Covid positive test rates reporting remain at 24.6%.

## V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

- **Sandra Washington & James Michael Bowers**
  - **Joint Budget Committee**– Discussions were had regarding upcoming grants and check ins done on ARPA funding. Committee to meet again in 2 months.
- **Bennie Shobe**
  - **Performance Audit Committee** – Gave updates on StarTran Services. The report is expected to be complete in the next 2 weeks.
  - **Internal Liquor Commission** – Gave an update on the Bridge transitions. Beverage delivery discussions between City and State were had. Each has different criteria and corrections were addressed to keep communities protected.
- **Jane Raybould**
  - **Tourism Task Force** – Advised of recipients of grant programs.

Temporary Council Chair Beckius adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.