NOTES FROM CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON STR’s
Thursday, August 3, 2017
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building

I. “Pro’s” Themes and Additional “Bullet Points” (Individual “Pro’s”)

A. Economic Development/Tourism
   • Income to the City
   • Tourists support local businesses
   • Brings people closer to amenities
   • Supports Urban Wilderness
   • More affordable
   • Makes Knoxville a destination
   • Improves tourism

B. Enforcement
   • People are screened by online companies and ratings included
   • Permitting and controlling

C. Income for Families
   • Provides additional income
   • Can help with restoration

D. Property Rights
   • Private property right

E. Recognizes Reality
   • Recognizes reality/control it
   • Can recognize “sharing economy”

II. “Concerns” Themes and Additional “Bullet Points” (Individual “Concerns”)

A. Enforcement
   • Enforcement
   • Traffic
   • Parking
   • Noise
   • Number of people allowed
   • Occupancy – owner should be present
   • Hotel-like services with no oversight (health and safety)
• Garbage collection
• Bathrooms per bedrooms
• City may not have enough staff for enforcement/cost

B. Nuisance (see “Enforcement” and “Misunderstanding/Communication”)

C. Erosion of Zoning
• Businesses into residential
• Potential devaluing of property
• Erosion of R-1 zone

D. Misunderstanding/Communication
• Neighbor notification
• Do current investors lose investment
• How to notify neighbors
• Could turn neighbors against neighbors
• Could affect neighborhood watch groups
• Fear of some community members – generational issue, lack of understanding

E. Taxation
• Who collects taxes
• Property tax issues

F. Other
• Harm to hotels