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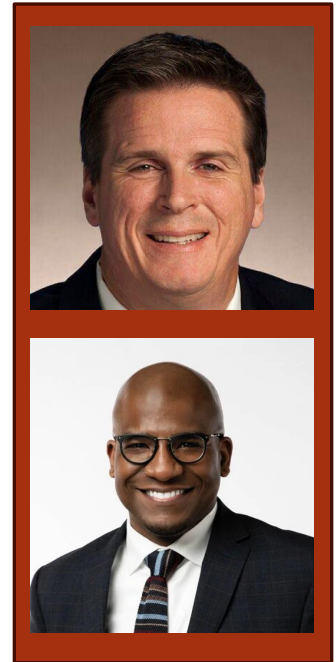
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WE ARE IN THE OFFSEASON; THINGS CAN BE A LITTLE QUIET THESE TIMES OF YEAR. BUT THE OFFSEASON CAN OFTEN BE WHERE MOST OF THE WORK IS DONE! LET'S GET RIGHT INTO IT.

Still in the wake of a mayoral and city council race, we are keeping up with lots of moving parts, namely, lots of role changing. Those role changes are pivotal movements in the direction of an administration or city council.

Recently, the mayor named state Rep. **Darren Jernigan** director of legislative affairs. Part of his job will be restoring Metro's relationship with the state, tense for years but deteriorating rapidly in the past year.

Also, O'Connell is also bringing back **Jamari Brown** as director of economic and community development. A former state economic development official, Brown served in the Metro role for less than a year spanning the end of the David Briley administration and the beginning of the John Cooper administration.



In other city news, Jacob Kupin of District 19 has hit the ground running and introduced a bill that addresses safety on Broadway, specifically relating to snake handlers on Broadway (for any of us that don't know, not kidding — <https://www.wsmv.com/2023/10/02/pythons-lower-broadway-business-raise-safety-permit-questions/>). The council and their newly elected have gathered twice, and we will continue to give updates as legislation rolls through that affects our industry.

Your association has been working with the mayor's office and other key players that are looking to address safety issues in the downtown corridor. Downtown Partnership has done a great job with their initiatives so far, and we are looking forward to Connect Downtown's transit plan draft to come out soon.

GNHA has also been with the city and a few key players around 2nd avenue street closure due to the reconstruction from the Christmas Day bombing. That group's goal is to address the impact that the closure will have on our businesses and to seek potential solutions.

That is the roundup for now. Reach out to dane@rmstrategiestn.com for any clarifications.