

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present. Mayor Mike Helton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Helton then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2014. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

There were no Petitions or Communications from the Public or Reports of Boards and Committees.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to give a status update on the Glades Road Improvement Project which began January 5, 2015. This Project includes the construction of a new retaining wall and road widening of the section of Glades Road between Walnut and Shields View Drive. The area has been reduced to one lane for use by northbound traffic only and southbound traffic is being detoured onto Pine Street to access Highway 321. The Public Works Director advises Falin Construction mobilized on January 5, 2015, and has since started construction of the gravity type retaining wall system. As of today, approximately 80% of the wall has been constructed. Once the wall is constructed, slope stabilization, paving and guardrail work will follow to complete the project. The work is progressing well and appears to be ahead of the scheduled completion date of March 27, 2015.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONCESSION AND CATERING CONTRACT WITH TRI-C, INC., D/B/A COLLIER RESTAURANT GROUP RELATED TO THE CONVENTION CENTER.

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Concession and Catering Contract with Tri-C, Inc., d/b/a Collier Restaurant Group, related to the Convention Center. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown. The City Manager then commented that the City had solicited for proposals for these services and that two proposals were received. The City Manager further stated that a committee was formed including Commissioner Smith as a restaurant owner along with City Staff members and Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau representatives. The City Manager also stated that the committee conducted very thorough interviews with each group and from that process of going through the proposals, the Committee does officially recommend the approval of this Contract.

The City Manager concluded by asking the Finance Director to summarize the highlights of the proposed Contract. The Finance Director then stated that two very good proposals were received from great Companies and that the Collier Group met most of the criteria that was most beneficial to the situation and that it is what the committee is recommending for approval this evening. The Finance Director further stated that the term is for three years with an optional five year renewal thereafter with the mutual agreement of the City and Collier Restaurant Group and then stated that there is an increase of 2% in the amount that the City receives for concession services from 16% to 18% and for banquet services from 18% to 20%. Mr. Holt concluded that the Collier Group would begin catering services in the Convention Center on June 4, 2015 at the latest and it could possibly be sooner. Vice Mayor Werner then commented that the Collier Family does a great job in the food business. After these comments, the motion to approve the Contract with Tri-C, Inc., d/b/a Collier Restaurant Group was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR FREE PARKING AT THE AQUARIUM PARKING GARAGE FROM MOUNTAIN HOPE GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC FOR A FUND-RAISING EVENT.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a request for free parking at the Aquarium Parking Garage from Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic for a fund-raising event. Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY TREE BOARD.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the City Tree Board. Commissioner McCown made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Gail Valentine and to appoint Mr. Ryan DeSear. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Environmental Design Review Board. Commissioner McCown made a motion to reappoint Mr. Steve Reilly and Chris Johnson and to appoint Ms. Hannah Helton. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Municipal Board of Zoning Appeals. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to reappoint Mr. Joe Waggoner which was seconded by Commissioner McCown and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE REGIONAL BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Regional Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to reappoint Mr. Billy Maples which was seconded by Commissioner McCown and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MILLS PARK.

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for improvements to Mills Park. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Recreation Director then commented that the Grant is a 50/50 matching grant and that \$98,000 would come from the State and the same amount from the City for a total Project amount of \$196,000. Mr. Nicely continued that the Project would include the demolition of playground equipment and replacement with new equipment and the track lighting would be replaced as well and that is the basic scope of the contract which is for a two year term and will begin when the City receives the fully executed contract back from the State. After these comments, the motion to approve a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for improvements to Mills Park was then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR CONVEYANCE OF EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY OF PIGEON FORGE.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Contract for conveyance of equipment to the City of Pigeon Forge. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the contract which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner. The City Manager then stated that this is related to snow plow equipment that is no longer being used and it is a brand that is still used by the City of Pigeon Forge. The City Manager then stated that this is the proper way to convey this equipment. After these comments, the motion to approve the Contract for

conveyance was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN CITY EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS.

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain City equipment as surplus. Commissioner Smith made a motion to declare certain city equipment as surplus which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner. The City Manager then commented that usually the request is not for one piece of equipment, however, this is related to a forms burster which is a large piece of equipment that needs to be moved out of the computer room in the Finance Department so that HVAC renovations and general improvements that need to be made to that room can be done.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Hoped that everyone has a good 2015 and stated that 2014 turned out to be a better year than the City had seen in a while and hopes that everyone keeps working hard to make Gatlinburg the best it can be.

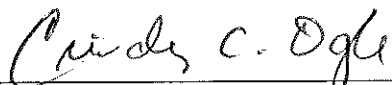
Mayor Mike Helton:

- (1) Wanted to send out condolences to the Mr. Eddie Trentham, Mr. Herb Clabo and Mrs. Mary Conner families for their respective losses and stated that the City has lost some long time pillars of the community and these individuals need to be remembered.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McCown seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.



Mike Helton, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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