

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday July 18, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present. Mayor Mike Werner called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Building and Planning Director David Ball gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2017. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

Mayor Werner then made several comments regarding the November 28, 2016, Wildfires. Mayor Werner also stated that the public has an opportunity for speaking and that the format was changed so that meetings can be more productive. The Mayor advised that answers to questions previously sent have been distributed.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public and Items from the audience Mayor Werner then recognized Ms. Darlene Verito, Ms. Genie Brabham, Mr. Erik Cooper, Ms. Lauren Meier, Ms. Sharon Hirschfield, Ms. Mary Dumas, Ms. Dinah Bays and Mr. Ryan DeSear. Most of the individuals that addressed City Commission had questions and concerns that related to the November 28, 2016, Wildfires, and actions during and subsequent to the event. There were no reports of Boards or Committees.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like to announce that there will be a Sevier County Job Fair on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Rocky Top Sports World from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and that there will be representative from area attractions, hotels/motels, manufacturing, restaurants, retail shops and more that will be taking applications for full and part-time jobs. The City Manager continued by stating that a Tennessee Career coach will be on site to assist with resume writing and career coaching and that the Job Fair is sponsored by the Sevier County Economic Development Council and for more information to visit www.seviercountyjobs.org; and,

(2) that she would also like to announce that the Gatlinburg Recreation Department will be closing the Community Center for maintenance week Monday, August 7, 2017 through Sunday, August 13, 2017 and will reopen at 6:00 A.M. on Monday, August 14, 2017. The City Manager further stated that all the hard wood floors will be refinished and painting will be done throughout the facility as needed and that there will be numerous other maintenance jobs performed during this week. The City Manager concluded by stating that all of this work is done in

house which annually saves the City several thousand dollars and keeps the Center looking great.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2516, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE GATLINBURG REGIONAL ZONING ORDINANCE, BEING ORDINANCE NUMBER 813, Public Hearing and Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 6/20/17 and Planning Commission 6/15/17).

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2516, an Ordinance repealing the Gatlinburg Regional Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance Number 813, Public Hearing and Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 6/20/17 and Planning Commission 6/15/17). Commissioner Mike Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. Ordinance Number 2516 was then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 560 GREYSTONE HEIGHTS ROAD (Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Muszik).

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a permanent construction easement on public right-of-way at 560 Greystone Heights Road (Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Muszik). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith. The City Manager then asked the Building and Planning Director to provide an overview and Mr. Ball stated that the Muszik's have requested to do some public right-of-way improvements immediately adjacent to their property at 560 Greystone Heights Road and that those improvements include a retaining wall that would be on the City right-of-way and paving that would add to the width of the road. Mr. Ball further stated that with these improvements, the actual paved width of the street would be 20 feet as opposed to what it is now which ranges between 12 to 16 feet in some areas. Mr. Ball continued that this has been before Planning Commission and it is recommend for approval. Mrs. Carol Muszik clarified the request by stating that it would be two walls with one in the City right-of-way that would be 4 feet high and would have the same stacked stone as what is in the front of Anakeesta and that another wall would be on private property and would be 6 feet high except for right at the driveway where the property is so close together the retaining wall would reach 10 feet high for approximately 50 feet. Mr. Ball then stated that this has been reviewed with Public Works and that it is recommended to approve this request with the contingencies as noted in his memorandum which include an easement that would be made of record at the Courthouse after

completion and to include the detail on the retaining wall that would be built on the right-of-way and that the project be reviewed for proper design and construction. After these comments, the motion to approve a permanent construction easement, with the noted contingencies, was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT G. CAMPBELL & ASSOCIATES RELATED TO THE LOOP ROAD SLOPE REPAIR PROJECT.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Professional Services Agreement with Robert G. Campbell & Associates related to the Loop Road Slope Repair Project. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then explained that this was discussed and incorporated into the FY2017-18 Budget that was reviewed yesterday and that the total Budget amount is approximately \$250,000 and that this is an Engineering Agreement in the amount of \$26,000 with Robert G. Campbell & Associates for this slope repair that has been necessitated due to a water line break in the area of Loop Road and Topside Drive. After these comments, the motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Robert G. Campbell & Associates was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2026.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Gatlinburg Convention Center Rate Schedule for 2017-2026. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the schedule which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then asked the Convention and Visitors Bureau President/CEO to explain. Mr. Adams stated that historically about every three years the rate schedule for the Convention Center is reviewed to make sure that the rates are competitive with comparable settings and then make necessary recommendations and that the recommendations are for the remainder of 2017 through 2026 with a proposed rate increase every fourth year. Mr. Adams further stated that groups book three, five even ten years out and that gives a rate schedule for the client and that the proposed schedule takes into consideration the Mills Auditorium and the Tennessee Ballroom which host numerous food events, and also the Great Hall as well as the Exhibit Hall. After these comments, the motion to approve the Gatlinburg Convention Center Rate Schedule for 2017-2016 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE GATLINBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Gatlinburg Board of Education. Commissioner Helton made a motion to reappoint Mr. Vern Hippensteal which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Operating Assistance Grant with the Tennessee Department of Transportation related to the Mass Transit Department. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Grant which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then explained that at the last meeting, there was an Operating Assistance Grant on the Agenda and that this grant is approximately \$350,000 and the previous one was in the amount of \$500,000 and that these two sources of funding from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the operations of the Trolley Department are extremely important which provide approximately \$800,000 of income to this Department. After these comments, the motion to approve the Operating Assistance Grant with the Tennessee Department of Transportation was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2517, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, AND TO CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, First Reading.

The last Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2517, an Ordinance making and fixing the annual appropriation for the several Departments of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances, First Reading. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Werner then referenced the all day Budget meeting that was held on Monday and stated that it was very productive. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2517 was unanimously adopted on First Reading.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

(1) Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and sharing their opinions.

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Also thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting; and,
- (2) Thanked the City Manager and the Finance Director for their hard work on the Budget.

Commissioner Mike Helton:

(1) Commented that there was a good crowd tonight.

Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

(1) Stated that he would like to clear up a rumor that had been going around about City Commissioners making \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year and stated that that is far from the truth, and that Commissioners make \$500 per month and the Mayor makes \$100 more per month due to having to sign various documents and welcome groups to the Community; and,

(2) Stated that the comments that Mayor Werner made prior to the meeting were right on track; and,

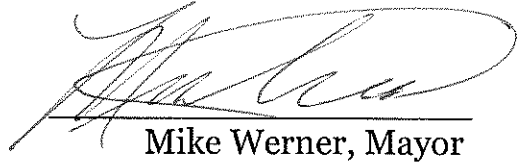
(3) Commented to the City Manager and stated that he backs her 100% and that she lost her home and her possessions and that she has stuck in there and done a great job and commented to Mayor Werner that he lost his business and his home and that he is the spokesman for this Commission and stated that he has done a great job; and,

(4) Commented that he was out of town when Resolution 939 was passed and that he would have voted in favor of the Resolution and stated that there is no intention to censor anyone, and the desire is to bring order to chaos.


Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Stated that he would like thank everyone for being here this evening and that we do not need any division in our community, and that great results would be realized if we would all work together.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Helton seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.



Mike Werner, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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