

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday August 21, 2018 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. The Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 2018. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Hannah Helton Harper and then unanimously adopted.

The Mayor acknowledged Mr. John Northcote who had signed up prior to the meeting to comment on the Big Belly Solar Lease Agreement. Mr. Northcote proceeded to discuss his support of the Project and ideas such as wrapping the receptacles as to historic information, panels for posters and the chance for advertising recycling bins. Mr. Northcote asked the Board of Commissioners to consider that the reduction in costs be earmarked for a Green Initiatives Fund.

There were no Reports of Boards or Committees.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like to begin by announcing some good news which is that Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Commissioner have announced that the City is the recipient of a \$500,000 Grant for the renovation of Mynatt Park. The City Manager further stated that the Project involves ADA compliance improvements at the Park along with trail improvements, parking and access paths to all of the Park elements. The City Manager continued to express the City's thanks to the Governor and the TDEC Commissioner for this Award and the Contract for the Grant along with other associated Contracts for the Design Consultants will be brought before the Commissioners in the future; and,

(2) that she would also like to announce that the public auction of the vehicles that were declared surplus at the last City Commission Meeting will be held this Thursday, August 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the Service Center and encouraged all interested to attend; and

(3) that she would like to remind everyone that the 19th Annual Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, August 30, at the Gatlinburg Golf Course. Registration and lunch will be from 11:00 a.m. to noon followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. with lunch being sponsored by DVL Seigenthaler and dinner being sponsored by Alvin's Kitchen and that this is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Foundation which funds

traditional and non-traditional scholarships, provides support to local schools and teachers and provides community education programs; and

(4) that she would also like to announce that the 21st Annual Taste of Autumn, the City of Gatlinburg's fundraiser for United Way will be happening Thursday, September 13 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Tennessee Ballroom at the Mills Conference Center. Area restaurants will be providing samples of entrees and desserts along with beer and wine samples and musical entertainment will be provided by Abbey Road LIVE, America's top Beatles cover band. The City Manager further stated that in the last 20 years, the City has raised more than \$180,000 for United Way of Sevier County and that tickets are \$30 and admission is free for children age 5 and under and tickets can be purchased at Gatlinburg.com/events.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2528, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, AND TO CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, Third and Final Reading, (Passed First Reading 7/17/18 and Public Hearing and Second Reading, as amended 8/7/18)

The only Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2528, an Ordinance making and fixing the Annual Appropriation for the several Departments of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2018, and to carry forward Appropriations for prior year encumbrances, Third and Final Reading (Passed First Reading 7/17/18 and Public Hearing and Second Reading, as amended 8/7/18). Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Ordinance Number 2528 was then unanimously adopted on Third and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BIGBELLY SOLAR, INC., FOR TRASH RECEPTACLES.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Contract Services Agreement with Bigbelly Solar, Inc. for trash receptacles. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Helton Harper. The City Manager asked the Public Works Director Larry Henderson to come to the podium.

The City Manager commented that this is a five year Lease Agreement which was reviewed with the Commissioners during the Budget process and that the amount for the first year of the Lease is \$29,500 which is covered in the Budget and the monthly cost after the first year will be \$2,316. The City Manager continued that this Agreement is for twenty-two receptacles to be placed on the Parkway between Mountain Mall and the Convention Center and Staff is pleased to be proceeding with the Project. Vice Mayor McCown asked if the amount of \$2,316, not including shipping, is the cost for the twenty-two units and Mr. Henderson responded that it is the monthly rental fee for twenty-two units and the amount is actually \$2,310 as there was an error in the memorandum. Commissioner Ryan DeSear stated that the receptacles are used at the Aquarium and have been great in helping with housekeeping productivity and continued that the City will have to be very vigilant in keeping the solar panels and tops of the units clean. Mr. Henderson responded that there is a provision in the Contract which states that Bigbelly will perform annual cleaning of the units. Mayor Werner asked if the City has had success with the current Bigbelly units to which Mr. Henderson responded that there has been very good success with the four current units with little maintenance having to be done during this time. Commissioner DeSear commented that the City could advertise Special Events on the units. The City Manager replied that Mr. Henderson did have a follow up conversation with Bigbelly yesterday and asked him to give an overview of that conversation. Mr. Henderson stated that vinyl wraps can be done on the units in relation to City events and information and cannot advertise private business. The City Manager asked about panel attachments to which Mr. Henderson replied that only the vinyl wraps were discussed at this time. Mr. Northcote asked if the Arts and Crafts Community would be considered private business to which the City Manager replied that it was a great question and would need to be researched. Commissioner DeSear commented that the receptacles are a great improvement to the Downtown area and Mr. Henderson added that the Sanitation Supervisor really likes the idea. Mr. Northcote asked what would happen to the Sanitation workers who service this area since less runs will be needed and Mr. Henderson replied that they will be kept on Staff as that is also a residential route. Commissioner DeSear asks if there are smoking receptacles in the Downtown area and Mr. Henderson replied that there are one or two and that the City has struggled to find a quality smoking receptacle that can withstand the test of time. Commissioner DeSear suggests that the City look into getting more smoking receptacles as it may keep people from using the tops of the trash cans to put out cigarettes. After these comments, the Contract Services Agreement with Bigbelly Solar, Inc. for trash receptacles was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN
ADDENDUM TO THE GOLF CART AGREEMENT FOR THE
GATLINBURG GOLF COURSE.**

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Addendum to the Golf Cart Agreement for the Gatlinburg Golf Course. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager commented that this is a follow through to the discussion at the last Commission Meeting regarding the Resolution that increased the rates at the Gatlinburg Golf Course. The City Manager continued that this Amendment is to allow part of that money to be used to add the Control and Tracking Program to the GPS system on the golf carts and that the Golf Course Manager Rick Tucker spoke about this in detail at the last meeting. The City Manager then recognized the Assistant Golf Professional Matt Poff and asked if there was anything that he would like to add. Mr. Poff stated that the Control and Tracking Program improves safety and customer service and does so many things that will be good for the Golf Course. The City Manager commented that this Amendment will add an additional amount of \$23,000 annually to the Golf Cart Agreement. After these comments, the Addendum to the Golf Cart Agreement for the Gatlinburg Golf Course was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 953, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERS" LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

Item C under New Business was Resolution Number 953, authorizing the City to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" Loss Control Matching Grant Program. Commissioner Helton Harper made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager commented that this is a long standing Grant Program that the City has participated in and the maximum amount to receive is \$3,000. The City Manager continued that included in the Agenda Package was some information about other TML Grant Programs as well. The City Manager further stated that \$68,000 was appropriated in the Budget for the Fire Department to replace all of the self-contained breathing apparatuses and the \$3,000 from this Grant would be used to offset those costs so the City would only be spending \$65,000 plus the Grant money. After these comments, Resolution Number 953 was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO SEVIER SOLID WASTE, INC.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Contract for the conveyance of property to Sevier Solid Waste, Inc. Vice Mayor

McCown made a motion to approve the Contract for the conveyance of property to Sevier Solid Waste which was seconded by Commissioner Helton Harper. The City Manager comments that this approves transferring a surplus City pick-up truck to Sevier Solid Waste, Inc. for \$500. After these comments, the Contract for the conveyance of property to Sevier Solid Waste, Inc. was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Ryan DeSear:

(1) Commissioner DeSear commented that he would like to congratulate the Highlanders for their great win on Friday and commented that the tribute to honor Mike Helton was very nice; and,

(2) Commissioner DeSear commented that the traffic issues at light #5 have become a real problem and stated that a solution needs to be determined to divert people to the McMahan Garage when the Aquarium Parking Garage is full whether it be by using digital signs or with help from the Police Department; and,

(3) Commissioner DeSear also commented that since the Budget has been passed that he hopes road paving will go into high gear and asked if it would be feasible for the City to subcontract some of the paving jobs out in order to expedite the process. Commissioner DeSear also asked Mr. Henderson how many roads have been paved recently and Mr. Henderson replied that five roads have been paved in the last two weeks. Vice Mayor McCown commented that the 1.7 million dollars in the paving Budget covers July 2018 to July 2019 and that the Street Department will pave some in October and November and then pick back up in the Spring. The City Manager asked Mr. Henderson how much paving can comfortably be done in a year to which Mr. Henderson replied that one million dollars is a comfortable amount. Mr. Henderson further stated that the Budget does include some milling and paving projects that will be done on a contract basis. The City Manager stated that the City will look into the matter and do an analysis to see what might be contracted out to speed up the paving process.

Commissioner Hannah Helton Harper:

(1) Commissioner Helton Harper commented that she would like to welcome Commissioner DeSear and that she looks forward to working with him; and,

(2) Commissioner Helton Harper also commented that she would like to thank the City and Gatlinburg Pittman High School for naming the Press Box after her

late Father and stated that it was such a sweet tribute and she and her family were very humbled and honored.

Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

(1) Vice Mayor McCown commented that a grandparent of one of the Gatlinburg Pittman High School Boys Soccer Team players had asked him if the City could put up signs at the entrance to Gatlinburg stating the GPHS Boys Soccer Team were State Champions. The City Manager stated that she would look into getting that done; and,

(2) Vice Mayor McCown also commented that the Budget is official and he would like to thank the City Manager and her Staff for all their hard work and stated that the City has a \$62 million dollar budget and he is looking for good things to happen.

Mayor Mike Werner

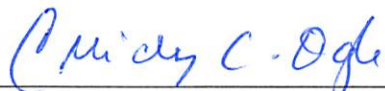
(1) Mayor Werner asked that everyone continue to keep praying for Boston Smith and his family as he continues to recover; and,

(2) Mayor Werner also commented that GPHS first three games are home games and invited everyone to come out to a Gatlinburg Pittman High School football game on Friday nights and support a great team and stated that there is no better place to be on a Friday night. Mayor Werner further stated how wonderful the tribute was to his former colleague and dear friend, Mike Helton.

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



Mike Werner, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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