

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Mike Helton. 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 September 8, 2015. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public, the Building and Planning Director introduced Keep Sevier Beautiful Executive Director, Amanda Plante, and she proceeded to thank the City Commission for their support of the Litter Free Construction Zone Resolution and also for their leadership and partnership with Keep Sevier Beautiful. Ms. Vicki Simms, Executive Director of the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, then gave an update on upcoming events which included the Legislative Luncheon, the Anakeesta Open House and also distributed information related to the Veteran's Day and the Winter Lights Kick-Off Events. Ms. Simms concluded by giving copies of the 2016 Calendars of Events.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees, the City Manager presented the 2015 Employee Recognition Board Employee and Unit of the Third Quarter Awards to Employee Steve Edwards of the Finance Department and Unit of the Third Quarter to Charlie Flynn and Michael Huskey of the Sanitation Department.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to remind everyone that the City Employee Tailgate Luncheon will be this Friday, October 23, 2015, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Rocky Top Sports World and that tickets are \$8.00 and lunch will be provided by Bennett's Pit Bar-B-Cue with dessert provided by Park Vista. The City Manager further stated that tickets can be purchased from Police and Fire Department personnel and City Employee Recognition Board representatives and stated that there will be a different program this year and that guests are invited to participate in a Punt, Pass and Kick Contest and prizes will be awarded for greatest distance and also former Volunteer Football Players, Jabari Davis, Jason Layman, Scott Galyon and Avery Huff will be on hand to provide pointers; and,
- (2) that she wanted to announce that TripAdvisor has named Gatlinburg as one of the Top 10 Destinations for viewing Fall Foliage and that the recognition is based on the quality and quantity of reviews and opinions from millions of TripAdvisor travelers and that other destinations on the list include Stowe, Vermont, North Conway, New Hampshire, Portland, Oregon, Aspen, Colorado and Asheville, North Carolina.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, (DEFERRED 09/08/2015).

The only Item under Old Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Environmental Design Review Board, (Deferred 09/08/2015). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to appoint Mr. Kevin Tierney which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A BENEFITS CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH SHERRILL D. MORGAN & ASSOCIATES, INC., D/B/A SHERRILL MORGAN.

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Benefits Consulting Agreement with Sherrill D. Morgan & Associates, Inc., d/b/a Sherrill Morgan. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. The City Manager then commented that this was discussed and presented to City Commission in the Budget process and that monies were requested to secure these consulting services and that the Affordable Care Act is the major reason for the City's need for these services. The City Manager further stated that this is a one year Agreement in the amount of \$29,900 and monies have been appropriated in the Budget for these services. The Finance Director then referenced that representatives from Sherrill Morgan were present this evening and commented that this company has experience with other governmental entities and that staff felt this company was the best match for the City. After these comments, the motion to approve a Benefits Consulting Agreement with Sherrill D. Morgan & Associates, Inc., d/b/a Sherrill Morgan was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO THE ROCKY TOP SPORTS WORLD CORPORATION.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Quit Claim Deed to the Rocky Top Sports World Corporation. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Deed which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then explained that this is a long anticipated action for the City to take as it relates to the transfer of the property and the facilities of Rocky Top Sports World and that this is the property that the City purchased as part of the Project and that the building is situated on this property along with three of the turf fields. The City Manager further stated that this was delayed due to the need to verify that the Rocky Top Sports World Corporation would be considered a tax exempt organization and that the State of Tennessee held up the process and deferred the decision to the County Property Assessor who quickly advised that it is tax exempt. The City Manager concluded by stating that is a transfer of the property and facilities from the City to the Rocky Top Sports World Corporation that will reflect the 70% ownership of the City and duly reflect the 30% County ownership for their contribution to the Project. After these comments, the motion to approve a Quit Claim Deed to the Rocky

Top Sports World Corporation was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVERBELL PARKWAY, LLC, RELATED TO THE OGLE CABIN.

Item C under New Business was Discussion and Consideration of approving an Agreement with Silverbell Parkway, LLC, related to the Ogle Cabin. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then explained that with this Agreement, along with a Bill of Sale, Silverbell Parkway, LLC is donating to the City the Ogle Cabin and that the Bill of Sale that was attached to the Agreement is how the City gains ownership. The City Manager further stated that the Agreement is to cover the cost of moving the Cabin for which the Bentzs' have made all the necessary arrangements and the estimated cost is \$9,000 to move the Cabin to the McMahan/Parkway Parking Garage. After discussion, the motion to approve an Agreement with Silverbell Parkway, LLC, related to the Ogle Cabin was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVERBELL PARKWAY, LLC, RELATED TO IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SIDEWALK.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Agreement with Silverbell Parkway, LLC, related to improvements to the public sidewalk. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then commented that this is an agreement is to participate in the funding of the public sidewalk improvements with Silverbell Parkway, LLC, for the Anakeesta Development. The City Manager further stated that the Agreement states that the monies, which have been Budgeted for this project, be placed in an escrow account until such time as 25,000 square feet of retail, restaurant and/or entertainment space is under roof and the side walk is complete and accepted by the City. After these comments, the motion to approve an Agreement with Silverbell Parkway, LLC, related to improvements to the public sidewalk was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2487, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE METHOD OF MEASURING THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN A SCHOOL AND AN ESTABLISHMENT SEEKING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE IN THE C-1 COMMERCIAL ZONE, FIRST READING.

Item E under New Business was Ordinance Number 2487, an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code by changing the method of measuring the distance requirements between a school and an establishment seeking a Certificate of Compliance in the C-1 Commercial Zone, First Reading. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. The City Manager then stated that this is simply to clarify the method of measuring the distance between a

school and an establishment seeking a Certificate of Compliance. After these comments, the motion to approve Ordinance Number 2487, on First Reading, was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE GATLINBURG CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS RELATED TO PARKING AND TROLLEY SERVICE DURING THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS EVENT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a request from the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors related to Parking and Trolley Service during the Twelve Days of Christmas Event. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. Mayor Werner then asked the Executive Director of the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau to give an overview of the Event and the request. Ms. Simms proceeded to do so and stated that this is a concept that has been discussed in the past to encourage visitors to shop, dine and play during a time that has historically been a slower time for visitors. Ms. Simms then stated that the request is for free parking in both of the City Garages and Free Trolley Service for the twelve day time frame from Saturday, December 5 until midnight Wednesday, December 16. Ms. Simms continued by stating that a minimum of fifty businesses must agree to remain open until 10:00 P.M. and that additional Tunes and Tales Carolers will be performing and that the Ogle Cabin will be open with lantern tours in keeping with the Holiday theme and spirit. Ms. Simms concluded by stating that this will be promoted regionally, in Knoxville, the Tri Cities and Chattanooga and that participating businesses will be doing promotions as well and will be promoted through public relations, radio and newspaper. After discussion, Vice Mayor McCown made an amending motion to approve free parking at the McMahan/Parkway Parking Garage only and to approve the free Trolley service. Commissioner Hays was agreeable to this amending motion which was then unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 921, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LITTER FREE CONSTRUCTION ZONE PROGRAM FOR CITY OF GATLINBURG OWNED PROJECTS.

The last Item under New Business was Resolution 921, a Resolution adopting a Litter Free Construction Zone Program for City of Gatlinburg Owned Projects. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Mayor Werner then commented that Ms. Plante is very appreciative of the City's support and excited for Keep Sevier Beautiful and stated that it is a good idea to have this type of Program. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 921 was unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

- (1) Congratulated the recipients of the Employee Recognition Board Awards.

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Also congratulated the recipients of the Employee Recognition Board Awards.

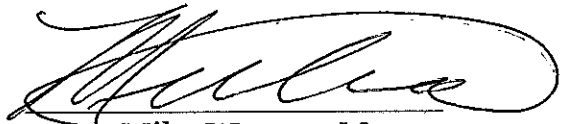
Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

- (1) Congratulated the recipients of the Employee Recognition Board Awards and stated that he is impressed with these awards.

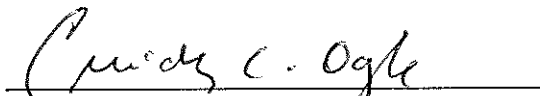
Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Echoed the above regarding the Employee Recognition Board Awards.

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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