

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday May 9, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Jerry Hays. 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 April 11, 2017. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Mike Helton and then unanimously adopted.

Item A under Petitions and Communications from the Public and Items from the audience was the Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to the Gatlinburg-Pittman 2016-17 Lady Highlanders Basketball Team by Mayor Werner.

Mayor Werner then made a few comments to the audience and stated that there is a three minute time limit and asked that individuals please refrain from asking repetitive questions that were answered at the last meeting and that if there is something new the Board is anxious to hear about it. Mayor Werner continued by stating that at the last meeting, the City contracted with ABS Consulting to do an after action review and that this takes time and that we all will learn a lot from this and that it just takes time.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public, Mayor Werner recognized several individuals who had signed in to speak which were Ms. Lauren Justine, Mr. Chris Dunaway, Mr. Henri Grissino-Mayes, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Eric Cooper, Ms. Dinah Bays, Ms. Sheri Robinson, Ms. Cheryl Refsland, Ms. Stacie Henry Dawson, Ms. Nicole Hollingsworth, Mr. Kevin McGuire, Ms. Merry Dumas, Mr. Scott Thomas, Ms. Susan Born and Ms. Genie Brabham. 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 and a few had comments and concerns as to how the minutes were transcribed from the previous meeting.

Item A under Reports of Boards and Committees was the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau First Quarter Report presentation by President/CEO Mark Adams. Mr. Adams reviewed the Report and gave information regarding Special Events, Sales, Chamber of Commerce visitor counts, Marketing highlights, as well as Public Relations and concluded with information regarding vacation guide requests. Mr. Adams then asked Mr. Chad Netherland to review the Recovery Marketing Strategy which he did and stated that the tagline is that Gatlinburg is open for business, and showed the TV commercial.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like take this opportunity to announce a couple of upcoming events including the Gatlinburg Beans and Cornbread Festival that will be held this Thursday, May 11, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Parkway in the Downtown area and that free concerts will be offered on two stages including Jimbo Whaley and Greenbrier and Jody Medford and Cash Creek with more than a dozen vendors competing in the cook-off and she further stated that everyone is encouraged to participate. The City Manager reported that another upcoming event is the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation Golf Tournament which will be held on Thursday, May 18, at 11:00 A.M. with Lunch from 11:00 to noon and a shotgun start at 12:30 P.M. and to register call Tammy at the Gatlinburg Events Office; and,

(2) that she would also like to announce this evening that the hydroseeding on the cut and fill slopes of the City streets impacted by the Wildfires began on April 5<sup>th</sup> and was completed on May 5<sup>th</sup> and that a total of 31.92 miles of right-of-way were hydroseeded which included 103 roads in the City. The City Manager concluded by stating that the Public Works Director Larry Henderson has a listing of those roads if anyone is interested in receiving a copy; and,

(3) that next she needed to request this evening that City Commission authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Charles Blalock & Sons associated with the Private Property Debris Removal Program and that a committee representing the City and Sevier County reviewed proposals from companies offering their services for this Program and it is recommended that Blalock & Sons be awarded the contract to perform the debris removal. The City Manager continued that this is a voluntary program that is particularly designed to aid those residents whose properties were either uninsured or underinsured and that presently there are 41 parcels in the City that have applied for participation and are in the process of being reviewed. The City Manager concluded by stating that the request this evening is to officially authorize the Mayor to sign this contract once it is complete. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve Mayor Werner signing the Contract with Blalock and Sons associated with the Private Property Debris Removal Program which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH HERRCO, INC., RELATED TO THE NORTH PARK LANE BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT.**

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration approving a

Construction Contract with Herrco, Inc., related to the North Park Lane Bridge Repair Project. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the contract which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown. The City Manager then commented that this is the bridge over into Herbert Holt Park and that it was damaged during the Wildfires. The City Manager further stated that this is the low bid for the Project and that the amount is approximately \$75,000 and that Mr. Kyle Horner from Robert Campbell and Associates is here this evening as well as the Public Works Director to answer any questions. After these comments, the motion to approve the Construction Contract with Herrco, Inc. was unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 937, A RESOLUTION TO PRORATE TAXES ON PROPERTY FIFTY (50) PERCENT OR MORE DAMAGED BY THE NOVEMBER 2016 WILDFIRES.**

Item B under New Business was Resolution Number 937, a Resolution to prorate taxes on property fifty (50) percent or more damaged by the November 2016 Wildfires. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Helton. The City Manager then asked the Finance Director to give an overview of the Program and Mr. Holt stated that this Program allows property owners whose property was impacted by the Wildfires fifty percent or more the opportunity to get relief on their real and personal property taxes. Mr. Holt continued that the County Property Assessor has identified the properties that qualify and the State will be sending applications out to property owners that must be returned to the County Property Assessor by June 30, 2017 to participate. Mr. Holt further stated that the application that the State will send will allow for the applicant to apply for relief for both City and County taxes with one application and that the Property Assessor will notify the City which property owners have applied for relief and the proration will be calculated by the Property Assessor. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 937 was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON CONSULTING SERVICES.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Professional Service Agreement with Thompson Consulting Services. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the amendment which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then explained that FEMA has requested that the City place in the Contract with Thompson Consulting Services, which was approved previously by

City Commission, a not to exceed amount and stated that this amendment provides for that. After these comments, the amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Service Agreement with Thompson Consulting Services was unanimously adopted. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF PARKWAY FROM TRAFFIC LIGHT #6 TO REAGAN DRIVE FOR THE 2017 BEANS AND CORNBREAD FESTIVAL ON MAY 11, 2017.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the closure of a portion of Parkway from Traffic Light #6 to Reagan Drive for the 2017 Beans and Cornbread Festival on May 11, 2017. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the closure which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION BOARD.**

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Recreation Board. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to reappoint Mr. Dave Ballentine, Mrs. Marci Brien, Mr. David McCown, Mr. Chris Bowling and Mr. Dan Saffelder and to defer action on the vacant seat. Commissioner Helton seconded the motion which was then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN CITY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AS SURPLUS.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain City equipment and vehicles as surplus. Commissioner Helton made a motion to declare certain City equipment and vehicles as surplus which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE USAGE OF THE MCMAHAN PARKING GARAGE MAY 19, 2017, FROM THE ARROWMONT SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS.**

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the usage of the McMahan Parking Garage May 19, 2017, from the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the usage which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously approved.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2512, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 830, AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY PARCEL 18**

**OF TAX MAP 127A, GROUP B, LOCATED AT 116 HICKAM HOLLOW ROAD, FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT, FIRST READING, (Passed Planning Commission 4/27/17).**

The last Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2512, an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance being Ordinance No. 830, and further being an Ordinance to reclassify Parcel 18 of Tax Map 127A, Group B, located at 116 Hickam Hollow Road, from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to C-2 (General Business) District, First Reading, (Passed Planning Commission 4/27/17). Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then asked the Building and Planning Director to give an overview of the Ordinance and Mr. Ball stated that this is property that is owned by the McKinney family that is on the right side of Hickam Hollow that joins the commercial property that fronts on East Parkway and that the request is that this parcel be rezoned to C-2 so that it zoned the same as the adjoining property that fronts the East Parkway. After these comments, the motion to approve Ordinance Number 2512 was unanimously adopted on First Reading.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Don Smith:**

- (1) Reminded everyone of the City Election that will be held May 16 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the American Legion and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

**Commissioner Mike Helton:**

- (1) Congratulated the Lady Highlanders for making it to the State Tournament and stated that he is very proud of the Team and the Coaches.

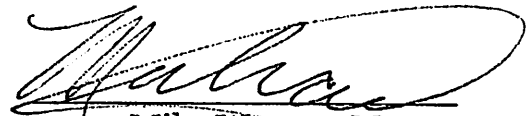
**Vice Mayor Mark McCown:**

- (1) Echoed the above regarding the Lady Highlanders lead by Que Hines and Rylie Patterson and stated that he enjoyed watching the team win a game at the State Tournament.

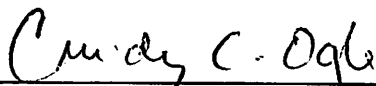
**Mayor Mike Werner:**

- (1) Echoed the above regarding the Lady Highlanders; and,
- (2) Commented that some people want an open forum and stated that the City has provided that and have answered questions that have been presented to the best of our ability and stated that he is totally behind the Fire Chief, Police Chief and the City Manager and that everyone did the best job that they could in an unprecedented situation that had never happened before and that he admires everyone's hard work and that the After Action Report will be something that we can learn from and he wants the City and residents to move forward and be better than ever before.

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



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Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder  
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