

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday June 6, 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. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

The next Item on the Agenda was the election of the Mayor. Vice Mayor Mark McCowm nominated Mayor Mike Werner to serve another term as Mayor. Commissioner Don Smith then seconded the nomination which was unanimously approved. Mayor Werner then called for nominations for Vice Mayor. Commissioner Mike Helton nominated Vice Mayor Mark McCowm to serve another term as Vice Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith and then unanimously approved. Mayor Werner then stated that it is an honor to serve on City Commission and is definitely an honor to serve as Gatlinburg Mayor and that he appreciates the support of his fellow Commissioners.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2017. Vice Mayor McCowm made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public and Items from the audience Mayor Werner asked the City Attorney to explain the "Gag Order" and Mr. Sharp proceeded to do so by stating that the juvenile matters are criminal matters and that his understanding is that the court has put down an order that the matters related to the fires not be discussed as it could potentially jeopardize the case. Mr. Sharp continued that it would be best not to make comments or discuss these matters as directed by the Court and the District Attorney and if these matters were discussed it could lead to possible contempt of court charges or being jailed or fined and stated that this is ordered by the Court and not something that the City has done and it is further his understanding that a motion had been filed some two weeks ago to withdraw this order but no hearing had been set.

Mayor Werner then recognized Ms. Dinah Bays, Ms. Genie Brabham, Mr. Scott Thomas and Mr. Erik Cooper. 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.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees Mayor Werner recognized the Mountain Tough Recovery Team Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Ellen Wilhoit, and Executive Director, Mrs. Janice Hendrix, who proceeded to give an update on the Mountain Tough Recovery Team and stated that the office opened June 1, 2017 and that since May 1 that there have been five case managers that have been hired

and trained. Mrs. Hendrix further stated that Mountain Tough Recovery Team had been in contact with a number of various community agencies that will assist as needed and that there are a number of cases already in process and that the ribbon cutting will be held on June 8 at 9:00 A.M. and that everyone one is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Mayor Werner then recognized Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau President/CEO Mr. Mark Adams who reported on the Gatlinburg Relief Fund that the Gatlinburg Chamber Foundation is handling and stated that \$1,583,999 has been disbursed to victims and that \$25,000 to each of the 14 families that lost a loved one in the fires and that 704 employees whose jobs were lost or affected by the fires were assisted. Mr. Adams further stated that the Foundation will grant excess funds which are approximately \$200,000 to the Mountain Tough Recovery Team to continue to help with the needs of the people in the community.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like to announce that Smoky Mountain Tunes and Tales begins this Friday, June 9, 2017 and runs nightly 6:00 to 11:00 P.M. through July 29, 2017. The City Manager continued that the cast includes a dozen different acts with strolling musicians playing bluegrass and old timey mountain music, cloggers, storytellers and artisans spinning yarn, whittling wood and making quilt squares; and,

(2) that she would also like to announce that the Free Parkway Trolley begins running Saturday, June 17 and that the open air Trolley offers free service to patrons along the length of the Parkway for eight weeks this summer and that extra stops have been established between traffic light 1 and 10 along the Parkway. The City Manager continued that the free shuttles will operate form 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. daily through August 12, 2017.

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, PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING, (Passed First Reading 5/09/17 and Planning Commission 4/27/17).

Item A under Old 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

Hickman Hollow Road, From R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to C-2 (General Business) District, Public Hearing and Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 5/09/17 and Planning Commission 4/27/17). Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. The motion to approve Ordinance Number 2512 was then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION BOARD (Deferred 5/09/17).

The last Item under Old Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Recreation Board (Deferred 5/09/17). Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to appoint Mr. Tyler Huskey which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY USE REQUEST LOCATED AT 1455 ARBON LANE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL (REQUESTED BY CHAD WALTERS).

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving right-of-way use request located at 1455 Arbon Lane for the construction of a retaining wall (requested by Chad Walters). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Helton. The City Manager then commented that the right-of-way use request requires City Commission action and that the Building and Planning Director and the Public Works Director have been in communication with the engineer and that they are still working out some of the details. The City Manager then asked the Building and Planning Director to further explain and Mr. Ball stated that the existing retaining wall has been in place since 1965 and that the applicant would like to replace the wall and has contracted with a design engineer that has come up with a design and would like to put in a new wall where the current wall is located. Vice Mayor McCown then asked about a permanent construction easement and Mr. Ball stated that this has been discussed with the property owner and that a permanent construction easement would allow the new wall to stay in the location on the City right-of-way. After these comments, the motion to approve the right-of-way use request located at 1455 Arbon Lane was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AUDIT CONTRACT WITH PUGH AND COMPANY, PC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2107.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Audit Contract with Pugh and Company, PC for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Audit Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Helton. The City Manager then commented that Mr. Larry Elmore with Pugh and Company is here this evening and can answer questions you might have and then asked the Finance Director give an overview of the Audit Contract. Mr. Holt then stated that June 30 is the City's Fiscal Year End and Pugh and Company, PC is the firm that the City and staff is familiar with and that there are several new reporting requirements this year and stated that with the new financial software, Pugh and Company would be a good fit to handle the audit services and that there is a 2% increase over last year's contracted amount. Mr. Larry Elmore with Pugh and Company then stated that they are happy to serve as auditors for the City and that City Staff is helpful in getting them what they need to prepare the audit and he appreciates the opportunity to work with the City on this Audit. After these comments, the motion to approve the Audit Contract with Pugh and Company, PC was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANT CONTRACT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving Amendment Number One to the Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Access Grant Contract. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the amendment which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then commented that the amendment is simply requesting a one year extension on this Grant Contract which is associated with the construction of a large Trolley shelter at Rocky Top Sports World along with some improvements to pedestrian signals and crosswalks located on Highway 321 and also sidewalk improvements. The City Manager further stated that the requested extension is due to the Wildfires and the amount of work that is involved to complete this project and a one year extension would give the City until 2021 to complete the project. After these comments, the motion to approve Amendment Number One was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2513, AMENDING SECTION 14-101 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION, FIRST READING.

Item D under New Business was Ordinance Number 2513, amending Section 14-101 of the Municipal Code to reduce the number of Members of the Municipal Planning Commission, First Reading. Commissioner Smith made a motion to

approve Ordinance Number 2513 which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously adopted on First Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain vehicles as surplus property. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve declaration of certain vehicles as surplus property which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2514, AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, FIRST READING.

Item F was Ordinance Number 2514, amending the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017, First Reading. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2514 which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then commented that this is commonly referred to as the Year End Transfer Ordinance and that there are four Funds that are related to this transfer which are the Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, the Sanitation Fund and the 805 Fund which was created due to the Wildfires and is the Wildfires Recovery Fund. The City Manager further commented that the specific information related to these Funds was included in the Agenda package. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2514 was unanimously adopted on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2515, APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND BOARDS OF THE CITY PENDING THE FINAL PASSAGE OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18, FIRST READING.

The last Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2515, appropriating an amount sufficient to cover the necessary expenses of the various Departments, Offices and Boards of the City pending the final passage of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2017-18, First Reading. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2515 which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then explained that this is commonly referred to as the Interim Budget Ordinance and that this is necessary to operate the City for the months of July and August during the preparation, presentation and passage of the FY2017-18 Budget. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2515 was unanimously adopted on First Reading.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Stated that he was very pleased to be reelected and that he is looking forward to continuing to work with his fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Mike Helton:

- (1) Congratulated Mayor Mike Werner and Vice Mayor Mark McCown for serving another year in their respective roles; and
- (2) Congratulated Commissioner Don Smith and Vice Mayor Mark McCown for being reelected for another four-year term.

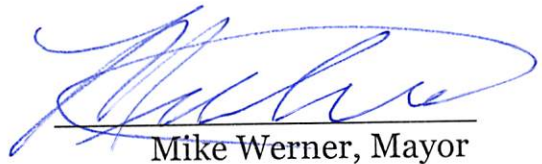
Vice Mayor Mark McCown:


- (1) Stated that he appreciated the vote of confidence that this Board has in him in electing him a second year as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Thanked everyone for being at the meeting this evening.

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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