

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday April 19, 2016, 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 April 5, 2016. Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith and then unanimously adopted.

There were no petitions or communications from the Public or Items from the audience.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees, the City Manager presented the 2016 Employee Recognition Board First Quarter Awards to Employees of the First Quarter those being Mr. John Miley of the Convention Center and Mr. Archie Hatcher of the Street Department. The City Manager also presented the Units of the First Quarter Awards to Mr. Bud Trentham and Rodney Hurst of the Recreation Department and also to Mr. Josh Smith, Mr. John Bridges, whom the City Manager stated could not be here this evening due to his Mother's passing, and Lee Frye of the Fire Department.

Mayor Werner then recognized Executive Director Ms. Vicki Simms to present the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau 2016 First Quarter Report. Ms. Simms proceeded to distribute a copy of the report and referenced Earth Day T-shirts and the various activities for this week. Ms. Simms also commented on the upcoming Beans and Cornbread Event which is May 12, 2016. Ms. Simms then reviewed digital and social media statistics including the fact that Gatlinburg.com traffic is up two percent over 2015. Ms. Simms then reviewed public relation activities and stated that she appreciates Commission's support and confidence in the organization.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to announce that the 66th Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage is this week April 19 through 23 and that it is based at the W.L. Mills Conference Center and that Registration began this evening at 5:00 P.M. and that there are many workshops and hikes that will be offered over the four day event; and,
- (2) that she would like to remind everyone of the Mountain Man Memorial March that is this weekend Friday and Saturday, April 22 & 23 and that the Race will start at 9 A.M. at Fun Mountain Parking Lot and that this is the ninth year of this event. The City Manager further stated that the event was organized in 2008

as a personal tribute to University of Tennessee Army ROTC Cadet-1LT Frank Walkup, a 2005 UT graduate killed in action on tour in Iraq and that this weekend, about 900 participants from around the Southeast will walk or run either a 10K, half marathon or full marathon through Gatlinburg and surrounding areas and that more than 20 ROTC units from around the Southeast, along with active duty military, reserve and guard units, veterans, will participate; and,

(3) that she would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Gatlinburg Emergency Services Annual Golf Tournament which will be held Friday, May 6 at the Gatlinburg Golf Course and the Tournament is sponsored by Gatlinburg Community Police Programs (G.C.O.P.P.) and the Gatlinburg Firefighters Association (G.F.A.) and that proceeds go to benefit Community Police Programs and Fire Prevention and Education. The City Manager concluded by stating that lunch is being sponsored and provided by Calhoun's Restaurant and that prizes will be awarded; and,

(4) that she would like to remind everyone of the fourth annual Gatlinburg Smoky Mountain Wine Fest Weekend will be this Saturday, April 9, 2016, from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. on the Arrowmont Campus and that tickets are \$25. The City Manager further stated that there will be several wineries from the area and around the State that will bring samples of their best labels along with local restaurants and food vendors that will provide food pairings and that there will be entertainment; and,

(5) that, lastly, she would like to update everyone on the North Parkway Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) slope stabilization and debris clean-up project on State Route 71 (HWY 441) near Dudley Creek Road. TDOT has advised that the structures have been removed and that crews are cutting and clearing trees and grubbing out the site area to begin reshaping the slope and that the Project is on schedule for the anticipated completion date Thursday, May 26, 2016.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2493, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY A PORTION OF PARCEL 31 OF TAX MAP 126M, GROUP A, FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (TOURIST COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING, (PASSED FIRST READING 03/08/2016 AND PLANNING COMMISSION 01/21/2016).

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2493, an Ordinance amending the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and further being an Ordinance to reclassify a portion of Parcel 31 of Tax Map 126M, Group A, from R-1 (Low Density

Residential) to C-1 (Tourist Commercial) District, Public Hearing and Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 03/08/2016 and Planning Commission 01/21/2016). Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and, there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. The motion to approve Ordinance Number 2493 was unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR THE USAGE OF THE FRED MCMAHAN PARKING GARAGE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS ON MAY 26 AND JUNE 4, 2016, FROM THE ARROWMONT SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS.

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a request for the usage of the Fred McMahan Parking Garage for Special Events on May 26 and June 4, 2016, from the Arrowmont School of Arts Crafts. Commissioner Mike Helton made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION BOARD.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Recreation Board. Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to appoint Mr. Dave Ballentine and reappoint Mr. Al Shirley, Mr. Allen Cox, Mr. Buster Flynn, Mr. Lester Flynn and Mr. Whit Helton. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 924, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE HUMAN RESOURCES RULES AND REGULATIONS DATED JUNE 1, 2016.

The last Item under New Business was Resolution Number 924, a Resolution approving and adopting the Human Resources Rules and Regulations dated June 1, 2016. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Mayor Werner then referenced the Workshop Meeting that was held yesterday and stated that the Human Resources manual looks good and then asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 924 was unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Commended the Employee Recognition Board award recipients for their hard work and the money savings to the City.

Commissioner Mike Helton:

- (1) Echoed the above and also stated that it is nice when employees can do in-house work with savings to the City.

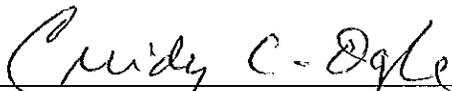
Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

- (1) Congratulated the Employee Recognition Board awards recipients, Mr. John Miley, Mr. Archie Hatcher, Mr. Bud Trentham and Mr. Rodney Hurst of the Recreation Department and Mr. Josh Smith, Mr. John Bridges and Mr. Lee Frye of the Fire Department and stated that the City does have some exceptional employees.

Mayor Mike Werner:

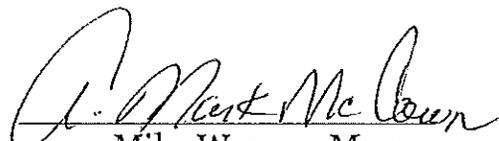
- (1) Echoed the above.

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



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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Mike Werner, Mayor