

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday April 5, 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. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2016. 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, Mayor Werner recognized Ms. Diane Anderson who wanted to ask about Section 8 Housing. Ms. Anderson stated that she was very concerned about what she had been hearing throughout the Arts and Crafts Community. Mayor Werner then stated that it is not Section 8 housing, it is affordable housing and that incorrect information has been circulated and that what is proposed in the whole deal is tax incentives for the developers to be able to build the housing complex and offer an affordable rate for tenants. Mayor Werner then reiterated that this is not Section 8 Housing. Ms. Anderson then asked if this was actually already a completed transaction and the City Manager then stated that the way the City knows about this, is that information was received from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) and that City Staff has reviewed the application and the City does not have a direct role in this process. The City Manager further stated that this is directly between the developer and the THDA and that the application is for a low income housing tax credit for the developer. The City Manager then stated that if the application was approved by THDA, then the developer would have to go through the City process with regard to regulations such as City codes and Zoning compliance. The City Attorney then stated that this is very preliminary and also that this is a lengthy process and that it is his understanding that this developer has submitted applications for several sites throughout the State and that there are seventy-five to one-hundred applications that have been submitted to THDA and that it would be a year or two before this would ever be presented to the City. Mr. Sharp further stated that it is simply a tax credit and once the application is approved by THDA, the developer would have to go through City Planning Commission review and meet City codes and regulations and if those were met, the City could not deny the developer's request. Mayor Werner then stated that some of the criteria for residency is that the individual would have to be employed and would have to be an American citizen and stated that several of the complexes he has seen have been very well done with nice amenities. Mayor Werner further stated that it is technically not in the Glades community, that the proposed site is on the top of the hill at the Hwy 321 and Glades Road intersection on the Blalock property, so that is on the fringe of the Glades and that this process will take some time. The City Manager then referenced an article in the Mountain Press and

stated that it discussed two other applications that were in for locations in Sevier County and that the article stated that, sometime in June, announcements would be made by THDA as to the recipients. The City Attorney then stated that one requirement for residency is that the person cannot be a convicted felon. The City Manager then stated that in order to sustain the tax credit, the developer must keep the property well managed and in compliance with THDA regulations and that more information can be obtained from the THDA website THDA.org.

There were no Reports of Boards or Committees.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to remind everyone that Arbor Day is Thursday, April 7, 2016, at Pi Beta Phi Elementary and that the celebration will be at 1:30 P.M. and stated that this is the 28th year of celebrating Arbor Day; and,
- (2) that she would like to also remind everyone of the upcoming Firefighters Fit for Duty 5K and 10K will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016, beginning at 9:00 A.M. with registration starting at 7:00 A.M. at the Gatlinburg Fire Department Headquarters. The City Manager further stated that proceeds help fund the Gatlinburg Firefighter's Association community programs; and,
- (3) that next she would like to announce a new event this is Hands on Gatlinburg which is being held April 8 -10, 2016, in the Great Smoky Arts and Crafts Community and more than 15 studios will offer over 40 different classes and that just over 100 people have signed up and stated that this is a great beginning for a first year program; and,
- (4) that she would like to remind everyone of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16 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 also that she would like to announce the temporary lane closure on North Parkway and that the Tennessee Department of Transportation has begun construction on a slope stabilization and debris clean-up project on State Route 71 (Hwy 441) near Dudley Creek Road and that traffic will be reduced to one lane each way during the project and that the anticipated completion date is Thursday, May 26, 2016, just in time for Memorial Day Weekend; and,

(6) that lastly, she would like to announce the upcoming Gatlinburg Emergency Services Annual Golf Tournament that will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Gatlinburg Golf Course and that 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 will benefit community related Police and fire prevention and education programs.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2494, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2015-16 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, SECOND READING, (PASSED FIRST READING 3/08/2016).**

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2494, an Ordinance amending the FY2015-16 Appropriation Ordinance, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 3/08/2016). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Mike Helton and then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RETAIL FOOD STORE WINE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR DIPEN PATEL, D/B/A STOP N SHOP MARKET, 1670 E PARKWAY.**

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Retail Food Store Wine Certificate of Compliance for Dipen Patel, d/b/a Stop N Shop Market, 1670 E Parkway. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE UNITED HEALTH CARE MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the renewal of the United Health Care Medical Insurance Plan. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the renewal which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then asked the Finance Director to explain and he first introduced Ms. Belva Hale with Sherrill Morgan Insurance Consulting Company, the benefits consulting firm which has guided the City through the Affordable Care Act regulations and has been instrumental in the bidding of the health and dental coverage for the City. Mr. Holt then proceeded to explain that there is a 5% increase with no change in coverage and that the dental rate is good for a two year term with no increase and that United Health Care began with a 12.5% increase which was negotiated down to the 5% and that the amount of additional annual cost to the City for the employee coverage is between \$75,000 and \$85,000 depending on the number of employees that are full time.

Commissioner Helton then verified that the dependent coverage is paid by the employee. After these comments, the motion to approve the renewal of the United Health Care Medical Insurance Plan was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN.**

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Insurance Plan. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the renewal which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH WHALEY & SONS, INC., FOR THE LOOP ROAD AND ARBON DRIVE SLOPE REPAIR PROJECTS.**

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an agreement with Whaley & Sons, Inc., for the Loop Road and Arbon Drive Slope Repair Projects. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. The City Manager then asked the Public Works Director and Engineering Consultant, Mr. Gary Norvell, to explain. Mr. Henderson proceeded to explain by stating that this is for two slope repair projects on Arbon Drive and one on Loop Road and that these are two areas that have needed attention for some time and that bids were opened on February 18, 2016, and that Whaley & Sons, Inc., bid amount was \$179,102 and that there are sufficient monies in the Budget to fund these projects and that there are also sufficient contingency monies set aside. Mr. Norvell then explained that contractors were given the opportunity to bid on each job individually and also collectively as one, and that awarding both to the same contractor reflects a considerable amount of savings for the Project. After these comments, the motion to approve an Agreement with Whaley & Sons, Inc., for the Loop Road and Arbon Drive Slope Repair Project was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 RELATED TO THE WATER PLANT ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving change order #1 related to the Water Plant Roof Replacement Project. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the change order which was seconded by Commissioner Helton. The City Manager then asked the Utilities Manager to explain. Mr. Phelps proceeded to do so by stating that this change order shows a proposed usage of a less expensive type of guttering and down spout and also adds

guttering to the remainder of the building and the flat roof and that there are monies to do the entire building with a commercial aluminum gutter and down spout and that there is a proposed savings of \$535 and, if approved, it will add 30 days to the contract if needed for the purchase of materials. After these comments, the motion to approve Change Order #1 related to the Water Plant Roof Replacement Project was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK.**

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration approving a Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding with Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then asked the Police Chief to review and Chief Brackins proceeded to do so by stating that this is a general law enforcement services contract between the two agencies and it includes the National Park Service firing range that the two agencies share as well as the National Crime Information work that the Police Department does for the Park Service. Chief Brackins further stated that the agreement allows for the two agencies to work together between jurisdictional boundaries of the National Park and the City and that this is a five year agreement. After these comments, the motion to approve the Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding with Great Smoky Mountains National Park was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING AS SURPLUS VARIOUS WINTER LIGHTS ITEMS.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring as surplus various winter lights items. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve declaring as surplus various winter lights items which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT THE CONVENTION CENTER WITH S&B SECURITY, LLC, D/B/A RED HAWK SECURITY.**

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an amendment to the contract for security services at the Convention Center with S&B Security, LLC, d/b/a/ Red Hawk Security. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the amendment which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown.

The City Manager then asked the Finance Director to explain and he proceeded to do so by stating that several groups at the Convention Center that have a lot of young people with them, and at least ten groups within the last six months, have requested armed security services mainly due to the recent attack in Paris and also the incident in Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Holt further commented that it is proposed to modify the existing contract to add armed security as an option for the group and that it would increase the hourly rate from \$16.25 to \$24.00 and stated that this would be passed onto the customer. After these comments, the motion to approve the amendment to the contract for Security Services at the Convention Center was unanimously adopted.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Jerry Hays:**

- (1) Referenced Mr. Walt Hall's passing and stated that it was sad to see and that his wife was a longtime Pi Beta Phi teacher and that he will be missed.

**Commissioner Don Smith:**

- (1) Stated that he was glad to see Commissioner Helton back this evening.

**Commissioner Mike Helton:**

- (1) Thanked everyone for all the prayers and stated that he really appreciates them.

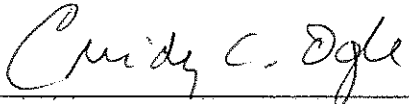
**Vice Mayor Mark McCown:**

- (1) Stated that it is good to see Commissioner Helton here this evening.

**Mayor Mike Werner:**

- (1) Echoed the above.

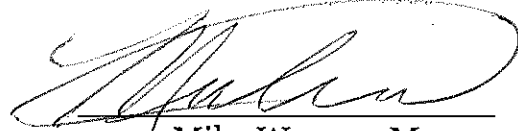
There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.



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Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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Mike Werner, Mayor

