

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 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 McCown nominated Mayor Werner to be elected for the position of Mayor. The nomination of Mayor Werner was unanimously approved. Mayor Werner then called for nominations for Vice Mayor. Commissioner Ryan DeSear nominated Vice Mayor McCown to be elected for the position of Vice Mayor. The nomination of Vice Mayor McCown was unanimously approved.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2022. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Chad Reagan and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public, Certificates of Recognition were presented to the 2022 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School's Boys Soccer Team, Boys Tennis Team and Boys and Girls Track Teams. Additionally, Certificates of Recognition were also presented to the 2022 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School 4 X 800 Girls Relay State Champion Team, Steffi Johnson, 1600 Meter State Champion and Sam Fulton, 800 Meter State Champion.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to advise that status updates of several Capital Projects and the Convention Center Renovation Project have been placed at the podium for review: and,
- (2) that she would like to announce some activities that are coming up to celebrate the July 4th Holiday. The City Manager stated that the Annual 4th of July Midnight Parade will kick off at 12:01 a. m. on Monday, July 4 and later that day the River Raft Regatta will begin at 11:00a.m. and that evening, a patriotic concert with the 100th Army Band from Fort Knox, Kentucky will be held at 9 p.m. at Ripley's Aquarium Plaza. The celebrations will conclude with a Fireworks Finale beginning at 11 p.m. from the Space Needle; and,
- (3) that she would like to announce that Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales will return to the streets of Gatlinburg this season and that costumed musicians and storytellers will share traditional Appalachian music and rich stories nightly beginning at 6 p.m. July 1-31; and,
- (4) and finally, she would like to announce that Kids Police Camp for ages 9 to 13 years of age will be held July 25 through July 29 and for more information please call 865-436-1421.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2587, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BEING ORDINANCE 830, AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY PARCELS 26 & 27 OF TAX MAP 127, LOCATED AT 312 NEWMAN ROAD FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT, Second Reading and Public Hearing (Passed Planning Commission 4/21/2022 and First Reading on 5/17/2022).

Item A under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2587, an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 830, and further being an ordinance to reclassify Parcels 26 & 27 of Tax Map 127, located at 312 Newman Road from R-1 (Low Density Residential) District to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) District, Second Reading and Public Hearing (Passed Planning Commission 4/21/2021 and First Reading 5/17/2022). Commissioner DeSear made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and, after no comments were made, the Public Hearing was closed. The motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading was unanimously approved.

Ordinance Number 2588, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BEING ORDINANCE 830, AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY PARCEL 9 OF TAX MAP 126N, GROUP G LOCATED AT 337 REAGAN DRIVE FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO C-1 (TOURIST COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, Second Reading and Public Hearing (Passed Planning Commission 4/21/2022 and First Reading 5/17/2022).

Item B under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2588, an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 830, and further being an Ordinance to reclassify Parcel 9 of Tax Map 126N, Group G located at 337 Reagan Drive from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) District to C-1 (Tourist Commercial) District, Second Reading and Public Hearing (Passed Planning Commission 4/21/2022 and First Reading 5/17/2022). Commissioner Reagan made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and, after no comments were made, the Public Hearing was closed. The motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2589, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BEING ORDINANCE 830, AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY PARCEL 6 OF TAX MAP 126O, GROUP A LOCATED ON SUNSET DRIVE FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO C-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT, Second Reading and Public Hearing (Passed Planning Commission 4/21/2022 and

First Reading 5/17/2022).

Item C under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2589, an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance 830, and further being an Ordinance to reclassify Parcel 6 of Tax Map 1260, Group A located on Sunset Drive from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) District to C-2 (General Business) District, Second Reading and Public Hearing (Passed Planning Commission 4/21/2022 and First Reading 5/17/2022). Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and, after no comments were made, the Public Hearing was closed. The motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2590, 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 2022-23, Second Reading.

Item D under Old Business was Ordinance 2590, 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 Fiscal Year 2022-23, (Passed First Reading 5/17/2022). Commissioner DeSear made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE USAGE OF THE AQUARIUM PARKING GARAGE BY THE FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE'S BABIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ON AUGUST 20, 2022.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage by the Friends of Tennessee's Babies with Special Needs on August 20, 2022. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Commissioner DeSear expressed that the Friends of Tennessee's Babies with Special Needs holds a great event and they always express their gratitude to the City Commission for the usage of the Parking Garage. Following these comments, the motion to approve the requested usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH RELATED TO SITE DEVELOPMENT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MASS TRANSIT FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON NEWMAN ROAD.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Professional Services Agreement with CDM Smith related to site development and drainage

improvements for the Mass Transit Facility to be located on Newman Road. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. The City Manager explained that this item was briefly discussed during the Capital Improvements Program Workshop Meeting on June 20, 2022, and that the site of the Mass Transit Facility is on Newman Road next to the Service Center. The Public Works Director explained that the City received a Tennessee Department of Transportation Grant to help offset the cost of this work and the Grant award for engineering and site development is \$536,248 with the City's match being \$289,450 and that the total cost of the Professional Services Agreement is \$148,200. After these comments, the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING OTHER THAN THE LOW BID TO CITY WIDE FACILITY SOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY HALL COMPLEX AND THE GOLF COURSE BUILDINGS JANITORIAL SERVICES.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving other than the low bid to City Wide Facility Solutions for the City Hall complex and the Golf Course buildings janitorial services. The Finance Director explained that City staff held meetings and site visits with companies which submitted bids. The Finance Director also explained that after reviewing staffing and present clientele, it was concluded that City Wide is better equipped to meet the City's cleaning needs and that they presently provide services with morning cleaning in several of the City's public restrooms and do a good job. Following these comments, the motion to approve the bid to City Wide Facility Solutions was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING OTHER THAN LOW BID TO CITY WIDE FACILITY SOLUTIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING JANITORIAL SERVICES.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving other than low bid to City Wide Facility Solutions for the Community Center building janitorial services. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the other than low bid which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. Mayor Werner referenced the discussion associated with the previous Agenda item. Following these comments, the motion to approve the bid to City Wide Facility Solutions was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 994, A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE RESIDENTS OF SEVIER COUNTY AND FURTHER BEING A RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND SUPERSEDE RESOLUTION NO. 836 AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY.

Item E under New Business was Resolution Number Resolution No. 994, a Resolution regarding the distribution of additional local option sales and use tax as previously adopted by the residents of Sevier County and further being a Resolution to amend and supersede Resolution No. 836 as previously adopted by the City. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The City Manager explained that this tax was approved in 2009 and the City at the time passed Resolution No. 836 to send the ¼ cent tax to the Sevier County Board of Education for 15 years, with an expiration date of June 30, 2023, and that the tax is normally split 50/50 between the City and the School System. The City Manager explained that the Sevier County Board of Education was requesting for an additional 15-year period, to expire on June 30, 2038. Following these comments, the motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SEVIER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE GATLINBURG-PITTMAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD.

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Lease Agreement with the Sevier County School Board of Education for property located adjacent to the Gatlinburg Pittman High School football field. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Kirby Smith. The Assistant City Manager explained that the Sevier County Board of Education has requested to lease additional property adjacent to the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School football field for the purpose of building a new field house for the football team. The Assistant City Manager also explained that the proposed Lease is for 25 years with an option to renew for an additional 25 years and is for the sum of \$1.00 per year. Following these comments, the motion to approve the Lease Agreement was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ANNA PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving appointments to the Anna Porter Public Library Board. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the appointments which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager explained that the City's approval of the Board came from a State requirement that governmental entities that provide the bulk of funding for a Library approve the membership of the Library Board. Following these comments, the motion to approve the appointments as submitted was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Item H under New Business was discussion and Consideration of making appointments to the Planning Commission. Commissioner DeSear nominated Chad Reagan to fill the City Commission representative to the Planning Commission. The nomination was unanimously approved. Mayor Werner then nominated Jackie Leatherwood to fill the Mayoral Appointment to the Planning Commission. The nomination was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Item I under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner DeSear nominated Amanda Caton to fill the unexpired term of Ron Smith, who resigned from the Board with a term which expires in January 2024. The nomination was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING TWO CITY TROLLEYS AS SURPLUS.

Item J under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring two City trolleys as surplus. Vice Mayor McCown made the motion to declare the two City Trolleys as surplus which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. The City Manager explained that new Mass Transit Manager Nick White has been employed by the City for a month and has been hands on and realized that these two Trolleys needed to be declared as surplus. The City Manager also introduced the Mass Transit Manager to the Commissioners. Following these comments, the motion to declare the two City Trolleys as surplus was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2591, AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, First Reading.

Item K under New Business was Ordinance Number 2591, Amending the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, First Reading. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on first reading which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager explained that this is commonly referred to as the Year End Transfer Ordinance and most of the transfers relates to business items approved during the Fiscal Year which require an additional appropriation. Vice Mayor McCown asked why there was a \$5,500,000 transfer from the General Fund and the City Manager explained that \$4,500,000 of the \$5,500,000 was related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. After these comments, the motion to adopt the Ordinance on first reading was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Ryan DeSear

(1) Stated that it was great to honor all the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School student athletes for their Spring sports accomplishments and State Championships.

Commissioner Kirby Smith

(2) Stated that he was thankful that former Gatlinburg-Pittman High School football Coach Benny Hammonds is making a successful recovery from his recent surgery.

Commissioner Chad Reagan

(1) Stated that he wanted to reiterate the comments made by Commissioner DeSear and Commissioner Smith; and,

(2) Stated that he wanted to welcome new Building and Planning Director Jeff Ownby and new Mass Transit Manager Nick White to the City.

Vice Mayor Mark McCown

(1) Stated that he wanted to thank former Building and Planning Director David Ball for his 33 years of service to the City; and,

(2) Stated that he wanted to welcome Jeff Ownby back to the City and that he was hearing good things about the Building and Planning Department; and,

(3) Stated that he wanted to offer his congratulations and welcome to Nick White, the City's new Mass Transit Manager.

Mayor Mike Werner

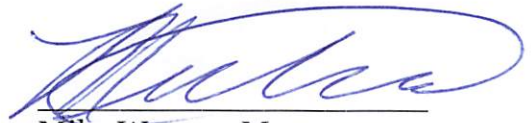
(1) Stated that he wanted to echo all of the previous comments made by his fellow Commissioners; and,

(2) Stated that he wanted to thank his fellow Commissioners for electing him to serve another year as Mayor.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Commissioner DeSear made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reagan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Cindy C. Ogle

Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Werner", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Werner, Mayor