

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 06, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Vice Mayor Mark McCown. 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. Commissioner Chad Reagan nominated Mayor Werner to be elected for the position of Mayor which was seconded by Commissioner Kirby Smith. The nomination of Mayor Werner was unanimously approved. Mayor Werner then called for nominations for Vice Mayor. Commissioner Reagan nominated Vice Mayor McCown to be elected for the position of Vice Mayor which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. 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 9, 2023. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to advise that status updates of the FY 2021-22 and 2022-23 Capital Projects have been placed at the podium for review; and,
- (2) that she would like to announce that the transition of the old Kingwood Motel property has been completed and that over the past two weeks, the Street Department had worked to make a parking lot on the property to serve as a Trolley storage location, allowing the City to provide more parking at the Park and Ride lot at City Hall; and,
- (3) that she would like to announce that the Recreation Department would hold its annual Free Kid's Trout Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 10 at Mynatt Park; and,
- (4) that she wanted to remind everyone that the 2016 Wildfires Memorial and Tribute Plaza would be dedicated on Friday, June 9 at 2 p.m. at the pavilion at Mynatt Park.

Old Business:

Ordinance Number 2599, 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 2023-24, Second Reading (Passed First Reading May 9, 2023).

Item A under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2599, appropriating an amount sufficient to cover the necessary expenses of the various departments, offices and board of the City pending the final passage of the annual appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2023-24, Second Reading (Passed First Reading May 9, 2023). Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. The motion to adopt the Ordinance on second reading was unanimously approved.

New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF TAX MAP 117, PARCEL 129 LOCATED AT 1274 JOHNS BRANCH ROAD.

Item A under New Business was a Public Hearing for the proposed annexation of Tax Map 117, Parcel 129 located at 1274 Johns Branch Road. The City Manager explained that this was the Public Hearing which was required as part of the process for consent owner annexation and that a Resolution adopted on April 18, 2023 set the Public Hearing for the June 6, 2023 meeting. The City Manager also explained that after 30 days removed from the Public Hearing, a Resolution will need to be considered by Commissioners to approve the annexation of the property. Mayor Werner opened the Public Hearing and after no comments were made, the Public Hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VOGUE TOWERS, II, LLC FOR A TOWER LOCATION ON EAST HOLLY RIDGE ROAD.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Lease Agreement with Vogue Towers, II, LLC for a tower location on East Holly Ridge Road. Commissioner Jay Horner made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Building and Planning Director explained by approving this Lease Agreement, this would permit the placement of a cellular communications tower at the City's East Holly Ridge property, which would help improve cell phone service and coverage in the downtown area and that the proposed lease calls for a \$1,000 per month rental fee and establishes the initial lease term for five years. After these comments were made, the motion to approve the Lease Agreement was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE USAGE OF THE AQUARIUM PARKING GARAGE BY THE FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE'S BABIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ON AUGUST 30, 2023.

Item C 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 30, 2023. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage which was seconded by Commissioner Horner. The motion to approve the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SEVIER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Item D under discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Sevier County Economic Development Board of Directors. Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Candace Ogle Morton to the Sevier County Economic Development Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE GATLINBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Gatlinburg Board of Education. Commissioner Smith made a motion to reappoint Sara Valentine to the Gatlinburg Board of Education. Commissioner Smith also made a motion to appoint Cindy Werner to the Gatlinburg Board of Education to fill the open seat created by the resignation of Suzanne DeSear. The reappointment of Sara Valentine and the appointment of Cindy Werner were unanimously approved.

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

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Gatlinburg Recreation Board. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to reappoint Marci Brien, Chris Bowling, Dave McCown, Clay Leatherwood, Dan Saffelder, and Tyler Huskey to the Gatlinburg Recreation Board. The reappointment of Marci Brien, Chris Bowling, Dave McCown, Clay Leatherwood, Dan Saffelder, and Tyler Huskey were unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2600, AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, First Reading

Item G under New Business was Ordinance Number 2600, amending the appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, First Reading. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on first reading which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager explained that this is the year end transfer Ordinance. The Finance Director explained that Commissioners had a memorandum in their Agenda packages that outlines the various needed year end transfers and that the largest transfer is in relation to the City Hall Restoration Project. The City Manager explained that there are sufficient revenues to cover all of these amendments. Following these comments, the motion to adopt the Ordinance on first reading was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AUDIT CONTRACT WITH CROSSLIN, PLLC FOR FISCAL YER ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

Item H under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Audit Contract with Crosslin, PLLC for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Horner. The City Manager explained that this is the third year of a three-year agreement with Crosslin, PLLC for the annual audit of the City and that this is an anticipated expense. Following these comments, the motion to approve the Contract was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jay Horner

(1) Stated that he was thankful for recently being elected as a commissioner and that this has been a humbling experience.

Commissioner Kirby Smith

(1) Stated that he wanted congratulate Commissioner Horner on his recent election and wanted to welcome him to the City Commission.

Commissioner Chad Reagan

(1) Stated that he wanted to congratulate Mayor Werner on being elected to serve as Mayor for another year; and,

(2) Stated that he wanted to congratulate Commissioner Horner on winning the recent election to the City Commission.

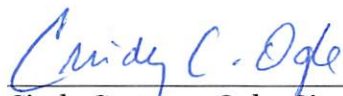
Mayor Mike Werner

(1) Stated that he wanted to offer his congratulations to Commissioner Horner; and,

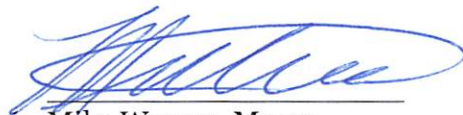
(2) Stated that Vice Mayor McCown is appreciative of his re-election as Vice Mayor and that he is on vacation with his family this week; and,

(3) Stated that he appreciated his fellow commissioner's confidence and vote to serve another year as Mayor.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Commissioner Horner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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Mike Werner, Mayor