The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 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.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2022. Commissioner Ryan DeSear made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown 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 and the Convention Center Renovation Project have been placed at the podium for review; and,

(2) that she would like to announce that the Pickleball Court at Mynatt Park and the outdoor Basketball/Soccer Court at Mills Park will open to the public at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14 on a first come, first serve basis; and,

(3) that she would like to announce that the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau will hold its third annual GatlinBURGER week beginning September 18 and that specialty burgers would be available in 18 different restaurants.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 997, A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE APPROPRIATION OF $832,691.85 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC); CONSENTING TO TRANSFER $429,026.17 OF THIS AMOUNT TO THE CITY OF PIGEON FORGE AS THE "LEAD APPLICANT" IN A COLLABORATIVE DOUGLAS LAKE WATER INTAKE/PARALLEL LINE PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF PIGEON FORGE AND SEVIER COUNTY WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF $1.802 MILLION; AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.

Item A under New Business was Resolution Number 997, a Resolution to accept the appropriation of $832,691.85 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds administrated the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC); consenting to transfer $429,026.17 of the amount to the City of Pigeon Forge as the "Lead Applicant" in a collaborative Douglas Lake Water/parallel Line Project with the City of Pigeon Forge and Sevier County with an estimated cost of $1.802 million; and authorizing the necessary matching funds required. Commissioner Chad Reagan made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Kirby Smith. Mayor Werner noted that a Workshop meeting on this topic was held earlier in the evening. Following these comments, the motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 998, A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE APPROPRIATION OF $832,691.85 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC); CONSENTING TO APPLY FOR THE USE OF $403,665.68 FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO ELIGIBLE PROJECT DRINKING WATER, WASTEWATER OR STORMWATER PROJECTS IN THE CITY AFTER USING $429,026.17 OF THESE FUNDS IN A COLLABORATIVE WATER INTAKE/PARALLEL LINE PROJECT WITH OTHER SEVIER COUNTY GOVERNMENTS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENTS.

Item B under New Business was Resolution Number 998, a Resolution to accept the appropriation of $832,691.85 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds administered by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC); consenting to apply for the use of $403,665.68 for Projects related to eligible project drinking water, wastewater or stormwater project in the City after using $429,026.17 of these funds in a collaborative Water Intake/Parallel Line Project with other Sevier County Governments; and to authorize the necessary matching fund requirements. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF TERMINATING THE WINTERFEST LIGHTS WAREHOUSE CONTRACT WITH UJAMAA CONSTRUCTION SE, LLC, DUE TO NONPERFORMANCE.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of terminating the Winterfest Lights Warehouse Contract with UJAMAA Construction SE, LLC, due to nonperformance. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to terminate the Contract which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The motion to terminate the Contract with Ujamaa Construction SE, LLC. was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH WHALEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC, FOR THE WILDFIRES MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE PROJECT.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Contract with Whaley Construction Company LLC, for the Wildfires Memorial and Tribute Project. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The motion to approve the Contract with Whaley Construction Company, LLC. was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Planning Commission. Vice Mayor McCown nominated that Jay Horner be appointed to the Planning Commission following the resignation of Robert Maples, to fill that unexpired term which is to January 2024. The nomination was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 999, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS "DRIVERS SAFETY" LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

Item F under New Business was Resolution number 999, a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Public Entity Partners "Drivers Safety" Loss Control Matching Grant Program. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager explained that this is a longstanding grant program with the City's Insurance company, Public Entity Partners. The Finance Director explained that the City anticipates receiving between $4,000 and $5,000, which will be used to offset the cost of obtaining motor vehicle records for all employees who drive City vehicles. Following these comments, the motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Mayor Mike Werner

(1) Stated that he asked everyone to keep Ralph Maples and his health in their prayers as he recovers from a recent fall.

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

Mike Werner, Mayor

Cindy C. Ogle

Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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