

The Gatlinburg City Commission met in a virtual meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. The City Manager noted that the electronic meeting was being held in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders No. 16, No. 34, No. 51, No. 60 and No. 65, which temporarily allowed all members to meet via an electronic basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Manager conducted a roll call of the Commission and all members were present. Mayor Werner called the meeting to order and Commissioner DeSear led the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2020. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear and then unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public, Mayor Werner asked the Public Information Officer if any comments had been submitted prior to the meeting, to which he replied that none were received.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SRA ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR THE RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT.**

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Contract with SRA Architects, Inc. for the renovations and additions to the Gatlinburg Convention Center Project. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Mayor Werner explained that the Contract was reviewed during an October 27 Workshop Meeting. Commissioner DeSear noted that he was impressed by the Workshop Meeting and the presentation by Building Manager, Scott Murphy. A roll call vote was conducted and the Contract was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE SELECTION OF D&S BUILDERS AS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR RELATED TO THE RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS RELATED TO THE GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT.**

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the selection of D&S Builders as the General Contractor related to renovations and additions related to the Gatlinburg Convention Center Project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the selection which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. A roll call vote was conducted and the selection was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GATLINBURG PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY RELATED TO THE RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT.**

Item C was discussion and consideration of approving an Agreement with the Gatlinburg Public Building Authority related to the renovations and additions to the Gatlinburg Convention Center Project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agreement which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The City Manager explained that using the Public Building Authority for the renovations and additions to the Gatlinburg Convention Center Project is a similar process that was used in the construction of the Mills Conference Center and Rocky Top Sports World. The City Attorney explained that state statute allows the Public Building Authority to manage a project for a municipal government and it eliminates the necessity of a competitive bid process by allowing the City to competitively select a builder. The City Attorney further noted that the Public Building Authority enters into an operating agreement for construction management for the Project and has no authority to make budget or design changes. Commissioner Reagan asked that once the Agreement is approved by the Public Building Authority, if it had to be approved again by City Commission and the City Attorney replied that it did not. A roll call vote was conducted and the Agreement was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 981, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,235,000 RELATED TO THE RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT.**

Item D under New Business was Resolution 981, a Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,235,000 related to the renovations and additions to the Gatlinburg Convention Center Project. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. A roll call vote was conducted and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

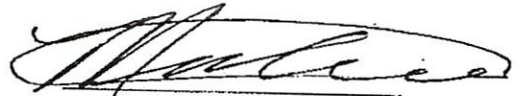
**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.**

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Environmental Design Review Board. Mayor Werner nominated Suzanne DeSear to be appointed to the Environmental Design Review Board. Vice Mayor McCown moved to cease all nominations. A roll call vote was conducted and the appointment of Suzanne DeSear to the Environmental Design Review Board was approved with Commissioner DeSear abstaining from the vote.

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

*Cindy C. Ogle*

Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder  
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Mike Werner, Mayor