

The Gatlinburg City Commission met in a virtual meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 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 Reagan gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2020. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan 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.

Recognition of the 2019-2020 ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (EDRB) AWARDS:

Item A under New Business was recognition of the 2019-2020 Environmental Design Review Board (EDRB) Awards:

SIGN DESIGN:

Award Winner: Ruby Sunshine
Certificate Awards: Laurel Estates at the Glades
Burg Steakhouse
Byrd's Famous Cookies

BUILDING ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS:

Award Winner: Smoky Mountain Student Lodging
Certificate Award: The Gatlinburg Inn

NEW BUILDING:

Award Winner: Anakeesta Cliff Top Restaurant
Certificate Award: Anakeesta Observation Tower

LANDSCAPING DESIGN:

Award Winner: Anakeesta
Certificate Awards: Smoky Mountain Student Lodge

The City Manager noted in the past that the recipients would be invited to the Meeting to receive their respective awards, and that staff thought it was still appropriate to recognize the winners even though the Commission was meeting electronically. Commissioner Reagan offered his congratulations to the architects and contractors on each Project that was awarded. The City Manager noted that these recipients were also honored at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2020. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Mayor Werner noted that the Report was addressed in a Workshop Meeting earlier in the evening. A roll call vote was conducted and the selection was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH WHALEY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, RELATED TO THE MYNATT PARK ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item C was discussion and consideration of approving a Contract with Whaley Construction, LLC, related to the Mynatt Park ADA Improvement Project. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Contract, contingent upon Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. The City Manager explained that this Project has been discussed for several years and that Whaley Construction is the low bidder with a cost of \$922,920.77 and there is approximately \$1,350,000.00 available in the Project account. The Parks and Recreation Director explained that once the Contract is approved, it will be sent to TDEC for approval and the contract can be executed and construction could begin by the middle of January 2021. The Design Consultant, Daniel Boutte, explained that the Contract being discussed for approval was for construction work only and that there have been discussions related to benches and lighting that are not included in the Contract. Commissioner Reagan noted that Whaley Construction is a Sevier County business. A roll call vote was conducted and the Contract was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GRANT CONTRACT FOR THE FY 2020-21 UROP STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Grant Contract for the FY 2020-21 UROP State Operating Assistance with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Mass Transit Department. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. The City Manager explained that the Grant is in the amount of \$389,700.00 and is an important revenue source

for the operations of the Trolley System and has been received by the City for many years. Vice Mayor McCown asked if the \$389,700.00 is consistent with prior years and the Finance Director answered that it is consistent with funding in past years. A roll call vote was conducted and the Contract was approved unanimously.

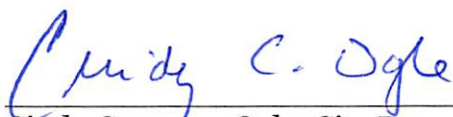
DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE 5311 RURAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the 5311 Rural Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Mass Transit Department. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager explained that this Grant Contract was impacted by COVID-19 and CARES Act funding and the amount of funds received from the Tennessee Department of Transportation as part of the Grant is \$190,972.30. The Finance Director explained that the Contract is related to the funds remaining from the original 5311 Grant which was replaced by CARES Act funding and that the \$190,972.30 is the remaining amount of that original Grant. The Mass Transit Director noted that the original 5311 Grant was halted due to the CARES Act and that the original amount is being restored through this new Grant. A roll call vote was conducted and the Contract was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UJAMAA CONSTRUCTION SE, LLC, RELATED TO THE WINTERFEST LIGHTS WAREHOUSE PROJECT.

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration of authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager to enter into a Contract with UJAMMA Construction SE, LLC, related to the Winterfest Lights Warehouse Project. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to allow the Mayor and City Manager to enter into the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager explained that this Agenda item is to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into the contract in order to begin construction in January 2021, while also noting that the Contract is the low bid in the amount of \$675,086.00 and requires completion within 120 calendar days. Commissioner DeSear asked if liquidated damages were included in the Contract, to which the Design Consultant Mike Smelcer said the liquidated damages were in the amount of \$500.00 per day. Commissioner Reagan asked where the company was based out of and if the second lowest bid submitted by Joseph Construction had an earlier completion date. Mr. Smelcer replied that Ujamaa has offices in Chicago, Atlanta and Memphis and this Project is being handled out of the Memphis office and that the Project Manager is a native of Kingsport and has a cabin in Wears Valley. Mr. Smelcer also noted that the bid by Joseph Construction proposed that the project would be complete in 90 working days, which equates to 120 calendar days and is the same time frame as the low bid. A roll call vote was held and the motion to approve the authorization was unanimously adopted.

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



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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Mike Werner, Mayor