

The Gatlinburg City Commission met in a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 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 and No. 34, which temporarily allowed all members to meet via an electronic basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Manager also 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 June 2, 2020. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear and then unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2548, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2538 THE CAPTION OF WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020, AND TO CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 6/02/20).**

Item A under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2548, an Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2538 the caption of which is an Ordinance making and fixing the Annual Appropriation for the sever Departments of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 6/2/2020). Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second reading, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager explained that the Ordinance related to various transfers needed for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, while noting that some changes had been made to the Ordinance since the first reading and that the most notable change was due to the February 6, 2020, Flooding Event which FEMA did not recognize as a disaster and did not participate in funding, which brings the total transfer cost to over \$1,200,000.00 for those emergency repair Projects.

A roll call vote was conducted and the second reading of the Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2546, 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 2020-21, First Reading.**

Item B under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2546, 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 2020-2021, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 6/2/2020). Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second reading, which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager explained that this is the Interim Budget Ordinance to cover expenses of the City through July and August 2020, until the Commission approves the Fiscal

Year 2020-21 Budget. Vice Mayor McCown asked if a Budget workshop for the Commission had been set and the City Manager said a date had not been set and would establish a date with the Commissioners soon.

A roll call vote was conducted and the second reading of the Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2549, CLOSING A PORTION OF A FORMER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND BEING A FORMER PORTION OF TIDWELL DRIVE, PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING (Passed First Reading 6/2/2020 and Planning Commission 5/21/2020).**

Item C under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2549, closing a portion of a former Public Right-Of-Way located within the City limits, and being a former portion of Tidwell Drive, Public Hearing and Second Reading (Passed First Reading 6/2/2020 and Planning Commission 5/21/2020). Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second reading, which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and asked the Public Information Officer if there had been any correspondence or comments received for the Public Hearing, to which he reported there had not. Mayor Werner then closed the Public Hearing.

A roll call vote was held and the motion to approve the Ordinance was then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO WHITTED BUS REPAIR FOR REPLACEMENT OF A FLOOR ON A CITY TROLLEY.**

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Single Bid to Whitted Bus Repair for replacement of a floor on a City Trolley. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Bid, which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager explained that the single bid was in the amount of \$13,500.00 and that there are funds in the Mass Transit Department's Budget to make the repairs. Commissioner Reagan inquired as to why there was only one Bid on the project and the Mass Transit Manager explained that many companies do not perform this type of work and it is a specialized repair and noted that this is the second or third time that a repair of this type has been a single bid. Mayor Werner asked if this had been done in the past and the Mass Transit Manager said that several trolley floors in the last few years have been replaced.

A roll call vote was held and the Single Bid was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY USE REQUEST ON SMOKY VIEW COURT FOR AN EXISTING RETAINING WALL AND PARKING AREA (Requested by Andre Therrien).**

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a right-of-way use request on Smoky View Court for an existing retaining wall and parking area (Requested by Andre Therrien). Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Request, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Building and Planning Director explained that the applicant has requested to keep an existing retaining wall in place since the structure was built in the 1980s and explained that the Right-Of-Way terminates at this location.

Commissioner Reagan asked that, if the request was approved, does the property owner take full responsibility and is on notice that the wall could be removed at any time. The Building and Planning Director replied that the Agreement noted that if the City wants to utilize the Right-Of-Way, that the wall will be removed at the property owner's expense and that the Agreement also contains a hold harmless agreement to not hold the City liable for any damages.

A roll call vote was held and the Request was unanimously approved.

#### **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Municipal Planning Commission. Mayor Werner noted that there were three seats total open on the Municipal Planning Commission and nominations would occur one at a time. Commissioner DeSear nominated Cam Caton for the At-Large position on the Municipal Planning Commission, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. A roll call vote was held and the appointment of Cam Caton was unanimously adopted.

Vice-Mayor McCown nominated Commissioner Smith for the Board of Commissioners Representative on the Municipal Planning Commission, which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. A roll call vote was held and the appointment of Commissioner Smith was unanimously adopted. Mayor Werner nominated Jackie Leatherwood for the Mayor's representative on the Municipal Planning Commission. Vice-Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the nomination, which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. A roll call vote was held and the appointment of Jackie Leatherwood was unanimously adopted.

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

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Sevier County Economic Development Council Board of Directors. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to reappoint Bud Ogle to serve on the Sevier County Economic Development Council Board of Directors, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. A roll call vote was held and the appointment of Bud Ogle was unanimously adopted.

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

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving appointments to the Anna Porter Public Library. The City Manager explained to the Commissioners that State Law requires for the Commission to approving the appointments to the Library Board, since the City is its primary source of funding. The Library Board asked the City to approve William Mellor, Lauren Mellor and Buie Hancock as its members with a term serving from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the appointments, which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. A roll call vote was held and the appointments were unanimously adopted.


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

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration making appointments to the Gatlinburg Board of Education. Commissioner Smith made a motion to reappoint Mitch McCarter and Lisa Reagan to the Gatlinburg Board of Education, which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. A roll call vote was held and the appointments were unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE USE OF THE GATLINBURG COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE SEVIER COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM FUN AND FITNESS DAY ON MAY 20, 2021.**

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the use of the Gatlinburg Community Center for the Sevier County School System Fun and Fitness Day on May 20, 2021. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. A roll call vote was held and the request was unanimously approved.

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

  
Mike Werner, Mayor  
Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder  
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