

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 2012, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robinson, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Vice Mayor McClure led in the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were presented for approval. Vice Mayor McClure made motion to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Brackins. Commissioner Robinson made a separate motion to keep tape from meeting on February 13, 2012 which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan and with all voting "aye" the minutes were unanimously approved with amendment to keep audio tape.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Phil Campbell as President of Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association stated he would like to introduce letter into minutes. See Attachment A.

James Overstreet asked council to pass a Resolution opposing liquor by the drink and to send to state and asked council to table ordinance about zoning issue until differences can be resolved.

Leland Wykoff asked not to pass Ordinance No. 937 and to pass Ordinance to not spend time on helping state pass liquor by the drink.

Steven Houser discussed the success of the Saddle Up event and thanked the City of Pigeon Forge for their support.

Carolyn Biggs praised the success of the Saddle Up event.

Bruce Johnson thanked the Department of Tourism for their work.

Eric Lambert with The Comedy Barn thanked the Department of Tourism.

Pam Ogle requested screening the new sewer plant from viewers.

No further comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the

bills as noted. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 937 to amend section 14-404 (1) of the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code as it relates to flashing signs was presented for the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor spoke and stated that language had been added to section 14-401 (1) for C-5 zoning district. Following discussion, Commissioner Robinson stated he was opposed to this. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, the motion was approved on the second reading. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Ordinance No. 940 to amend **Ordinance No. 930** Annual Appropriations for fiscal year 2011-2012 was presented for the second reading. City Recorder Clabo discussed amendment noting reasons for the adjustment. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, the motion was unanimously approved on the second reading.

New Business

Discussion and consideration of a memorandum of understanding authorizing the Sevier County Sheriff's Office, Sevierville Police Department, Pigeon Forge Police Department and the Gatlinburg Police Department to enter into a cooperative agreement regarding the use and deployment of each parties Bomb Squad was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for structural firefighting equipment from EVS Mid-South Emergency Equipment for the Fire Department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson recommended low bid from EVS Mid-South Emergency Equipment at a cost of \$751.27 per coat and \$650 per pant for a total of \$1,401.27. Mr. Watson stated 8 sets of gear would be purchased for a total of \$11,210.16. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the bid as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration to purchase an outside emergency phone for Fire Station No. 2 was presented for approval. Information Technology Director Ogle presented and recommended low quote from Diversified Communications at a cost of \$665. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept quote as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of the online Spring/Summer Campaign and mapping application for the Department of Tourism was presented for approval. Executive Director of Tourism Downey presented and noted the scope of work with USDM would include 1) digital advertising campaign for spring and summer to reach new markets at a cost of \$300,000; and 2) development and launch of new interactive mobile map application featuring city businesses to provide mapping solution for the MyPigeonForge.com web site

and mobile users at a cost of \$100,000. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of the City's Inclement Weather Policy was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster discussed the policy. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the policy as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a 5311 Rural Transportation Grant from the FTA and TDOT in the amount of \$586,667 with a local match of \$58,667 to purchase a tram, trolleys, handicap passenger van and office equipment for the Trolley Department was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine noted that the grant would include funds as follows: federal - \$278,000; state - \$250,000; and local - \$58,667 for a total of \$586,667. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase uniforms for the Trolley Department from Whole Armor Uniforms was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine stated that only one bid had been received which was from Whole Armor Uniforms. Mr. Marine noted that since the actual cost of uniforms per employee could fluctuate pending oversize charges but he estimated that the cost would be approximately \$175 per employee. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate exercise equipment items/and chairs to Pigeon Forge High School was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that this had been done many times in the past and the following items would be donated: 1) True 750 Treadmill, 2) True Elliptical, 3) Paramount Multi Gym, 4) Paramount Multi-hip Machine, and 5) 3 Office Chairs. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to lease exercise equipment for the Wellness Center from Exercise Essentials was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that he did not recommend low bid from Promaxima since they did not meet bid specifications nor Fitness Solutions since the equipment is classified as "light industrial" whereas the Center needs "commercial" grade. He recommended Exercise Essentials at a lease price of \$3,749.04 per year for 3 years. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a mutual release and settlement agreement between Two Ducks LLC and Darby Campbell, Bob McManus and New World Billboards LLC and the City of Pigeon Forge to relocate a billboard from Red Carpet Inn to Fast Stop was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass presented. It was discussed that the relocation of signs is something that needs to be addressed. Commissioner Robinson stated he would like to postpone until it could be discussed further in a work session. Council generally agreed that the relocation of future requests needed to be discussed further. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of a mutual release and settlement agreement between Two Ducks LLC and Darby Campbell, Bob McManus and New World Billboards LLC and the City of Pigeon Forge to relocate two faces from the Belz sign to Geno's property and the Quality Inn Property was presented for approval. The same comments and discussion was made as noted in previous agenda item. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday February 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. There will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 938 and 939 at the regularly scheduled council meeting on March 12, 2012.
3. There will be a city retreat and at the Holiday Inn on Thursday March 1, 2012 and Friday March 2, 2012.
4. The grand opening of the Pigeon Forge Fire Station # 2 will occur on March 25, 2012 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
5. There are vacancies on the following boards that need to be filled: 2 members needed for the Board of Adjustment and Appeals and 2) 1 member needed for the Sevier County Council on Aging board.
6. There will be further discussion on the police motorcycle purchase at the city retreat.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked everyone for work during Saddle Up event.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER

Attachment A

PFHA STATEMENT TO PIGEON FORGE CITY COMMISSION

Presented February 27, 2012

I am Phil Campbell, President of the Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association, and I have a statement to present on behalf of our Board of Directors which represents the PFHA membership of nearly 200 hospitality related businesses that provide thousands of jobs within the City of Pigeon Forge.

The Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association wishes to express our excitement for the future of Pigeon Forge. The PFHA believes the projects underway with a new waste water treatment / reuse facility, Wear Farm Park, the additional \$500K investment in the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism's advertising budget, and the Leconte Center at Pigeon Forge are positioning this city for new growth and a visitor demographic that we have been unable to attract with our existing offerings. We understand these projects require significant investment and value your leadership in evaluating the potential for each of them. The PFHA appreciates this commission and your role of investing in our future, as well as previous commissioners who have made significant investments in Pigeon Forge that developed us into the vacation destination we are today. We take pride in the fact that Pigeon Forge has a history of creating the future. The PFHA looks forward to working together with the city's management team and stands ready, willing, and able to assist this city in achieving unprecedented success in our near future.

In closing, it is time that we put aside any differences on projects that have been approved by this commission and work together with city management to support the successful completion and implementation of these projects that will enable us to grow Pigeon Forge for the benefit of our residents, businesses and visitors.

Joining with me today are members of the PFHA Board of Directors, and we are very proud to say this statement has been unanimously approved by our board members. We are excited about our association working with you in developing the future of Pigeon Forge!

Thank you for your time and for your service to Pigeon Forge.