

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017, 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Maples, Commissioner Ogle, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of City Department's budgets** – Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin, Community Development Director Taylor, Public Works Director Miller, and Tourism Director Downey each discussed their budget for the last six months and gave an overview of what they would be working on over the next six months.

Following discussion, no direction was given as this was for information purposes only.

2. **Review and discussion of Cherry Laurel sewer line project** – Public Works Director Miller discussed the cost estimate and the options for the project.

Following discussion, council directed staff to continue to work on options for project.

3. **Review and discussion of transportation projects: Wears Valley Road and Parkway Intersection improvements; Traffic signal warrant study at Mill Creek Road and the Parkway; Dollywood Lane and Parkway improvements** – Jeff Mize with CDM Smith discussed and stated that the City has a contract with TDOT for STP to concrete a section of road. There will be an 80/20 match responsibility with the total project estimated at \$330,000. Mr. Mize discussed the possibility of traffic signal at Parkway and Mill Creek. He further discussed the Dollywood Lane Project regarding creating double left lanes.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put agreements ready for consideration on upcoming agenda for discussion and consideration.

- 4. **Review and discussion of plans for a new transit facility for the Trolley Department** – Mike Smelcer with SRA discussed plans for new transit facility and gave an overview of the proposal and discussed the cost estimate. He stated that there were 294 spaces at Patriot Park and with the proposed design a total of 368 spaces should be possible. Assistant City Manager Brackins discussed the repayment options for grant funds originally received for site work at the LeConte Center where the transit facility had been proposed. The repayment amount is \$1,056,000. He stated the State may allow up to three years to repay.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put contract with SRA on upcoming agenda for discussion and consideration.

- 5. **Review and discussion of bond refunding plan** – Finance Director Clabo discussed the refunding of bond series 2008A and savings of approximately \$500,000 from the refunding. In addition, the third bond issue for the baseball park providing for the reimbursement of the City's General Fund was discussed.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to move forward with refunding and reimbursement bond and put on upcoming agenda for discussion and consideration.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER