

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2017, 3:00 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 a fire wise program for the city** – Fire Chief Watson discussed and recommended participating in the voluntary Firewise/Communities USA effort. It was noted that there are approximately 900 cabins inside the city limits. It was also mentioned that costs should be minimal.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to allow fire department to move forward with the voluntary Firewise effort.

2. **Review and discussion of current marketing efforts and trends for the upcoming summer season** – Tourism Director Downey gave an overview of the current advertising efforts and discussed impact in various markets.

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

3. **Review and discussion of proposed site plan for the new Transit Center** – Mike Smelcer with SRA Architects showed a drawing of proposed site and discussed plan which included changes to existing Patriot Park including the parking lot.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to allow architect and staff to continue to work on site plan.

4. **Review and discussion of current transportation projects and future plans/projects** – Jeff Mize with CDM Smith discussed projects including Jake Thomas Extension, Wears Valley Road work using STP funds, Dollywood and River Road work with possible state funds, Mill Creek signal study, the Westside Connector, and a comprehensive transportation plan.

Following discussion, no direction was give as this was for informational purposes only.

5. **Review and discussion of converting an existing tri-vision billboard to a digital billboard located at the Christmas Place, 2470 Parkway** – City Attorney Gass discussed and stated this had been done in the past but needed council approval before moving forward.

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

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER