MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015, 4:05 P.M. CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE

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

Items discussed were as follows.

 Review and discussion of Partners in Progress Scholarship Program and Re-Convention 2016 – Emily Whaley, Sevier County Economic Development Council. Emily Whaley discussed how the program would be changing but still provide a great benefit to students in Sevier County by offering grant money for juniors and seniors. Ms. Whaley also discussed upcoming RECON convention in Las Vegas and asked Pigeon Forge to participate in show to help encourage future development in Sevier County.

Following discussion, council generally that funds were already approved for Partners in Progress program so no new dollars would have to be appropriated. In addition, council agreed to have Ms. Whaley work with City Manager Teaster and staff to get more information on convention.

 Review and discussion of final contribution to the Sevier County Board of Education for the field turf at Pigeon Forge High School. City Manager Teaster discussed request and noted that an additional \$150,000 was being requested to help offset some of the costs by the Board of Education. It was noted that the total cost of the project was approximately \$600,000 and the City had already paid \$150,000.

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

Review and discussion of Corridor Management Study of SR 449 (Veterans Boulevard)

 TDOT Representative Jack Qualls. Jack Qualls discussed and noted that the State was looking for a collaborative agreement between multiple agencies. He stated that part of the process would be to developing a memorandum of understanding and establishing a multi-jurisdictional committee to aid on the project. Presently, he asked for a Resolution of support for the study.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to work toward a Resolution for support on an upcoming agenda.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST: ____

CITY RECORDER