

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017, 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 Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested citizens.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning certain property located along both sides of the Parkway in the North City limits from C-5 (commercial amusement park) district to C-2 (tourist commercial) district & C-4 (planning unit – commercial) district.

Jeff Murrell was in attendance and stated he was in favor of the rezoning.

There being no further comments received, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING 2

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending section 330.17, wall sign in the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING 3

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding an amendment to article VIII area, yard and height requirements by changing section 801, R-1 zoning district from 10,000 square feet minimum lot size per additional family to 5,000 square feet to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Mary Morgan and John Mayberry were in attendance and stated that they were against the rezoning.

There being no further comments received, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING 4

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding an amendment to article VII, (“provisions governing use districts”) by adding section 706.2.1 to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee regarding amusement height limits in a C-4 (planned unit-commercial) district.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Ogle.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

No comments were received.

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

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1036 to amend Ordinance No. 1019 annual appropriations for fiscal year 2016-2017 was presented on the second reading. City Recorder Clabo presented the amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 1037 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to rezone certain property located along both sides of the Parkway in the North City limits from C-5 (commercial amusement park) district to C-2 (tourist commercial) district & C-4 (planning unit – commercial) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 1038 to amend section 330.17, wall sign in the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 1039 to amend article VIII area, yard and height requirements by changing section 801, R-1 zoning district from 10,000 square feet minimum lot size per additional family to 5,000 square feet to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was denied on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 1040 to amend article VII, (“provisions governing use districts”) by adding section 706.2.1 to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee regarding amusement height limits in a C-4 (planned unit-commercial) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 836 to commit to support a funding match to Walter State Community College for the construction of a capital project for the Sevier County Campus was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with Lofthouse Enterprises for a co-op marketing campaign for the department of tourism was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented and noted that the contract was in the amount of \$20,000. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept additional funding from TDOT for the Greenway project was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and noted that an additional \$642,936.56 had been awarded for the construction of a section of the greenway. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Charles Blalock and Sons for the construction of the greenway was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$1,463,651.56. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a disc filter replacement panel for the wastewater treatment plant from Evoqua Water Technologies was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$50,400. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to complete a reclaimed wastewater management plan was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and noted that the contract was in the amount of \$12,725. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the plan as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal for engineering services from SSR for Upper Mill Creek replacement sewer phase 1 was presented for approval. Ken Hawkins with SSR presented and noted that the design, bidding, and construction administration services would be in the amount of \$79,000 with surveying an additional estimated fee of \$7,500. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase meter boxes and vaults from G&C Supply Co. for the Utility Department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the vaults, boxes, and lids be purchased through G&C Supply Co. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase uniforms for Public Works, Building Maintenance, and Parks and Grounds from Sevier Farmers Co-op was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended bid from Sevier Farmers Co-op. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept Granite Avenue as a public road was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the Tennessee Division of Forestry to assist in the efforts to make Pigeon Forge a Firewise community was presented for approval. Fire Marshal Price presented and stated that the grant would be in the amount of \$1,000 and required no matching funds. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA for the purchase of an exhaust removal system for the Fire Department Station No. 1 was presented for approval. Fire Marshal Price presented and stated that the grant was in the amount of \$92,000 (\$83,637 federal, \$8,363 local). On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase ammunition from Craig's Firearms and Gulf States Distributors for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$21,318 from Gulf States Distributors and \$25,028 from Craig's Firearms. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase FF&E for the IT department for new offices utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$31,355.60. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a 2017 Ford F-250 for the parks department utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$25,392.50. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from Lose and Associates for architectural and engineering services for a segment of the greenway trail located at Library Drive was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the proposal in the amount of \$30,500. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The beer board meeting for the month of August has been cancelled.
3. The Veterans Parade is scheduled for this Saturday August 19, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear encouraged everyone to come out and support the parade.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER