

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009, 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Sign agreement with Three Pigeons LLC and Two Ducks LLC review** – Darby Campbell stated that he wanted to change language so he may come back to the council on a case by case basis pertaining to existing structures. He noted that he would work with Keith Biggs and not face the boards in the direction of his hotel. There was various discussion regarding wording changes to the agreement.

Following discussion, council agreed to put on agenda for next council meeting for consideration.

2. **Discussion of City's current retirement system** – Kevin Ownby and Chris Kittrell discussed briefly history of retirement system for the city and how it has transitioned from a trustee directed plan to participant directed plan with Unified Trust. There are currently six models that employees can choose from or choose their own path. There was lengthy discussion about existing plan versus a plan such as TCRS.

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

3. **Update on proposed fire station and status of grant** – Mike Smelcer with SRA discussed the plans for the new fire station on Veterans Boulevard. He showed drawings of the proposed station and answered questions related number of bays, sleeping quarters, etc. Fire Chief Watson noted that once everything was approved at the federal level, the City would have three years to complete construction.

Following discussion, no direction from council was necessary as discussion was for informational purposes.

4. **Discussion of request of Signalization on Parkway** – Vice Mayor McClure discussed potential red light at the Titanic attraction and that there had been a study done by the businesses. Comments were made by City Manager Teaster and council about existing lights in the City and other proposed sites by various businesses.

Following discussion, council agreed to discuss the proposed signal(s) at a later meeting.

5. **Kings Hills and Pine Mont infrastructure Discussion** – City Manager Teaster stated information she had received on fixing Pine Mont would be in the range of \$185,000 to \$195,000. These funds were not budgeted and the pump is nearing the point of non-repair.

City Manager Teaster discussed options for Kings Hills sewer line and the need to repair lift stations or consider a gravity flow system that would eliminate several lift stations but cost approximately \$500,000 more initially than fixing the lift stations.

Following discussion, council agreed to have staff find out how much was appropriated but not designated in the budget for Pine Mont. Also, council asked staff to find out opportunities with easements for Kings Hills if they opted to utilize a gravity system.

6. **Proposed June car show** – Mayor Whaley stated that Charlie Cobble wants to use the city parking lot for a car show in June 2010. General discussion was made regarding allowing a group to utilize the parking for not only parking but holding a show. The Council agreed the many businesses in the City appreciated the business that was generated due to these type venues.

Following discussion, council agreed to move forward with preparing an agreement.

7. **Review amendments of C4 planned unit commercial district** – Community Development Director Taylor stated that there were approximately 500 acres that were zoned C4. He discussed sign requirements, depending on street which it fronts and made remarks regarding the overall amendments.

Following discussion, council agreed to put on agenda for first reading on next council meeting.

After general discussion on various topics, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER