

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011, 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Presentation and discussion of flooding problem in the King's Hills area along Mill Creek** – Hazard Mitigation Officer Judy Huff with TEMA was in attendance to discuss options for those impacted by flooding in the King's Hills area. Ms. Huff stated that there were two programs that could be used: 1) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and 2) Pre-disaster Mitigation Program. A few differences between the two programs are that the hazard mitigation grant program is currently funded with 75% federal funds and 25% state and local funds. This program is competitive state wide. The pre-disaster mitigation program is funded with 75% federal funds and 25% local funds. This program is competitive nationally. Ms. Huff noted that the applicant has to be a city or a jurisdiction. The non-federal share can be in-kind such as using city staff, cash, donations, title searches, appraisals, closing costs, demolition, etc. The fair value must be obtained by a legal appraiser. The land acquired must have a deed restriction. Ms. Huff noted that the process would take approximately one year to complete. She also discussed that a benefit cost analysis had to be done and would be the next step in the process.

Following lengthy discussion with council and impacted residents, council agreed to have staff work with Ms. Huff towards benefit cost analysis.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER