

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008, 4:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Discussion of Old Mill District Signage** – Al Blanton was in attendance asking council to consider creating an Old Mill District that could include a sign on the bridge at the entrance to the Old Mill area in addition to possible modifications to stop signs and other street signs to more reflect a particular era. Mr. Blanton stated that he would be responsible for structural engineering costs of sign on bridge plus cost of sign and stop signs.

Based on discussion, council agreed to have Mr. Blanton go through proper channels for approval beginning with planning commission.

2. **Sign Height Limitation** – Darby Campbell discussed possibility of achieving greater separation between on premise signs and billboards. Mr. Campbell stated that he would like to see height of billboards increased to create better visibility for billboards and on premise signs. Council stated that they needed a reason or some type of backup of why the request was needed.

Following discussion, council asked staff to see what surrounding areas and areas of similar types are doing in regard to on premise sign and billboard sign height regulations.

3. **Construction of McCarter Hollow Road Project** – Terry Grubb discussed joint project with Dollywood for road to split costs of project not to exceed specified amount. City Attorney Gass is drafting an agreement between the City of Pigeon Forge and Dollywood. The contract would be tentatively scheduled to be completed by March 21, 2009. The project will consist of three east bound lanes going toward Dollywood entrance with a fourth east bound lane dedicated to McCarter Hollow Road local traffic. There will also be two west bound lanes going towards Veterans Boulevard. The cost estimate is approximately \$4,600,000. Also discussed was the needed to consider designing water/sewer extension for improvements made to area. The engineering cost estimate is approximately \$17,400.

Following discussion, council agreed to put on upcoming council meeting agenda.

General discussion by council on various issues including sanitation charges for the schools, the donation of old city fire truck, and permit fee structure.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER