

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, 3:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. Review and discussion of 2023-2024 Ripken Experience revised capital budget request to reallocate funds for different projects – Kate

Wojciechowski explained that due to timeline constraints, they wanted to reallocate funds to complete some different projects. The original approved capital budget was in the amount of \$530,500 and the revised budget was in the amount of \$362,000. The projects not being done will be requested in a future budget.

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

2. Review and discussion of TDOT Right-of-Way SR-73 sublease agreement – City Attorney Rowell presented and noted that the main changes were moving maintenance back to city and removing the 72-hour parking language.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda and start working on a separate ordinance to enforce the rules in the new lease.

3. Review and discussion of Emergency Response Zone for the Pigeon Forge Fire Department – Deputy Chief Powers discussed new proposal and stated that the zones have not been changed in about 20 years. There would be no changes in the city. However, there would be changes where approximately 1.86 miles in Sky Harbor would now be covered by Gatlinburg and Catons Chapel and a section of Jayell Road would be picked up by Pigeon Forge.

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

4. Review and discussion of a waterline project on Henderson Springs Road – Will Littlejohn with Cannon & Cannon discussed the that this project would require a pump station at a cost of approximately \$290,000 and the waterline extension would cost approximately \$125,000. It was discussed if county would assist in cost as this is outside city limits.

Following discussion, council advised staff to continue to work on details.

5. **Other** – City Manager Teaster discussed a few additional items including ground breaking for the new fire station, a right turn only option on West Mill Creek, and the request for an outdoor theater beer permit.

Following discussion, no direction was given as this was for information purposes.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER