

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012, 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of car shows** – Commissioner Robinson stated critical management of car shows was needed. He stated he would like to have a committee to oversee events. Areas he mentioned for improvement included 1) furnish portable toilets; 2) make beads illegal; 3) designate lanes for traffic; 4) improve trolley stops with pull off areas; and 5) more involvement of city personnel. Commissioner Reagan stated more electronic signs were needed at intersections to aid in reducing the blocking of traffic at intersections. It was discussed what options were available to help traffic flow. Police Chief Baldwin stated the parkway essentially becomes a parking lot and the only way to get an additional car in is to remove one. Mayor Wear said he believed the problem is more with the followers than the actual participants.

Following lengthy discussion, it was recommended to form a committee including city staff, business community, and possibly those with knowledge of car shows.

2. **Review and discussion of the bids for the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant** – Kenny Diehl and Sam Harrison with SSR were in attendance to discuss. It was noted that there were 15 bidders with the low bid at \$54,034,200. It was recommended to reject all bids at the next available meeting. It is then recommended to redesign the facility to be less robust and put less focus on the future and more emphasis on existing. One result will be smaller equipment.

Following discussion, it was recommended to put on upcoming agenda.

3. **Review and discussion of the Tourism Development Zone (TDZ)** – Melissa Ziegler with CDM Smith was in attendance to discuss and give a brief overview of the zone. She discussed how revenue methodology is used and reasonable projections per square foot. She noted that by 2016, approximately \$7.5 million to \$7.7 million in revenue should be received based on developers commitment. Approximately 9 businesses were used

in the calculation. Debt was mentioned to show projected revenue should be able to pay debt service.

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

- 4. **Review and discussion of a new water agreement with Sevier County Government** – This item was removed from agenda.

- 5. **Review and discussion to temporarily lease a ladder truck for the fire department** – Fire Chief Watson was in attendance to discuss truck that would be out of service for 3 to 4 months due to lengthy maintenance. It was discussed that language in temporary leases stated any necessary repairs of leased vehicle would be responsibility of lessee. Costs to lease vehicle were discussed as well as long term lease of new truck.

Following discussion, staff was directed to look at possibility of borrowing a vehicle and relying on mutual aid. It was noted that item could be brought up again during the budget process.

- 6. **Discussion of a vehicle allowance policy** – Assistant City Manager Brackins discussed the possibility of offering some department heads a vehicle allowance instead of a take home vehicle.

Following discussion, staff agreed to continue working out details.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER