

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of an agreement with Vogue Towers to market sites for cell tower locations** – Pat Tant with Vogue Towers was in attendance and gave overview of proposed marketing agreement. She noted that this would allow her company to act as consultant for City of Pigeon Forge for the purpose of certain identified city owned property that might be considered for building wireless infrastructure at consultant expense if there is interest from wireless carriers.

Following discussion, council originally agreed to put marketing agreement on upcoming agenda. Later in the meeting, IT Director Ogle shared some concerns regarding this process not necessarily reducing the number of small nodes on the parkway. Before moving forward, council generally agreed to have IT Director Ogle reach out to cellular carriers and find out what their network roll out plan looks like over the next few years and then report back to commission with findings.

2. **Review and discussion of Ordinance No. 1123 to close a portion of R.O.W. at the end of Colonial Drive and accept R.O.W. for a future turnaround on Colonial Drive** – Nick Miller was in attendance along with Assistant Planner Kreis to discuss. It was noted that 91 rooms would be added and an indoor aquatic space. In order to create sufficient parking and enhance traffic flow, Country Cascades is asking to swap property at 2744 Colonial Drive for Colonial Drive cul-de-sac.

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

3. **Review and discussion of a final change order for the pedestrian bridge with Charles Blalock and Sons** – Shap Stiles with Gresham Smith noted that on December 25, 2020, all phases of the LeConte Center projects reached substantial completion. They have continued to work with the contractor on walk through items and now ready to close out the project. A summary of the project differences are as follows: 1) Phase 1 \$122,666.27 under budget; 2) Phase 2 \$413,014.17 under budget; and Phase 3 \$177,348.76 over budget. In

addition, it is recommended that liquidated damages be \$72,000 to cover the change order for CEI.

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

- 4. **Review and discussion of the Westside Connector community meeting information and directions moving forward** – Jeff Mize with CDM Smith was in attendance to discuss input from community. He noted that to address the majority of concerns and interest from citizens, an option for a road to be constructed below the church and assisted living community and go above the campground could be considered. This road would possibly take about 18 months for FEMA approval and another 12 months to secure necessary R.O.W.s before starting construction.
Following discussion, council generally agreed to put engineering on upcoming agenda for modified route as discussed.

- 5. **Other** – Fire Chief Watson requested additional funds for a heavy rescue truck that had previously been approved and awarded as part of a TDEC grant. It was noted that certain requirements to meet eligibility required the addition of Idle Reduction Technology (IRT) back to the truck. Due to the IRT and materials cost increase due to not being able to lock price in until order placed, there is an additional request of \$54,624 local funds to move forward.

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

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER