

Under TCA 5-5-10, the County Mayor is calling a Special Session of the Sevier County Commission on Monday June 26, 2023 at 6 P.M. in the meeting room (306W) of the Sevier County Courthouse. The special session will include items listed below:

SEVIER COUNTY COMMISSION

(SPECIAL SESSION)

June 26, 2023 AT 6 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (22 Present, 4 Absent)

Present: Mayor Larry Waters, Ronnie Allen, Fred Atchley, Scott Catlett, Mike Chambers, Gary Cole, Bryan Delius, Aaron Foster, Greg Haggard, Brandon Headrick, Dale Hill, Todd Humble, Don McGill, Chad Ogle, Ray Ogle, Frank Parton, Jack Parton, Harold Pitner, Carrol Rauhuff, Tommy Watts, Ronnie Whaley, Kent Woods

Absent: Chuck Godfrey, Mike Hillard, Warren Hurst, Michael Maddron

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

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A motion was made by Haggard and duly seconded by Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

IV. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

A motion was made by Pitner and duly seconded by Humble. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS/PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUESTS

- PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Bill Bradley – A lifelong resident spoke against item XI the purchase of parcel on White Falcon Way-Wears Valley. Moving the convenience center from Tiger Drive will cause heavier traffic on the roads and kill property value for the lots around the parcel. Urges commissioners to vote against the purchase.
- II. Madeline Blum – Spoke after resolution was already voted on due to late arrival. A local relator who owns a second home as a short-term rental, spoke for herself and clients against Item XVIII Fees for short term rental trash sites. Started a petition at noon 6-26-23 that had 250 signatures at the time she spoke. Setting fees would hinder tourism in revenue and business.
- III. Leslie Spears – Had questions for Item XVIII. Spoke for herself and others asking how fee collections would be handled? Would a receipt be given for payments? Who will be collecting? What would the money collected be used for? How would the county handle it if the sanitation workers went on strike?

- PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING ITEMS

- I. No comments were made

VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-01: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 38 PARCEL 86.05 FROM R-1, RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

- ADDRESS: 722 MAPLES HOLLOW ROAD
- REQUESTED BY: EMAD ALFATLAWI
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMEND: FOR

A motion was made by Haggard and duly seconded by Atchley. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-02: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY

REZONING TAX MAP 71 PARCEL 95.01 FROM R-1, RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

- ADDRESS: 750 S. NEW ERA ROAD
- REQUESTED BY: THOMAS CAMPBELL
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND: FOR

A motion was made by Pitner and duly seconded by Delius. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-03: APPOINT TRUSTEES TO THE SEVIER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A motion was made by R. Ogle and duly seconded by Watts. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-04: CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Allen and duly seconded by Haggard. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-05: APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

A motion was made by Delius and duly seconded by Allen. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-06: APPROVE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF PARCEL 093 147.00 OFF OF WHITE FALCON WAY-WEARS VALLEY ROAD

Ronnie Whaley – commented that the current location is out of room, he and other men of the schools in the area looked for other prospects in the Wears Valley area for a better location to put a new convenience center.

Brandon Headrick also looked for different options.

Jack Parton spoke on how this was a continued debate for the last four months. Commended Whaley for trying to find a different location. Mentions that the center was there before the schools were built, agrees it is not an ideal location due to constant flooding. Requests that fees be held back for a little longer for more discussion and commercial dumping location be moved somewhere else in the meantime.

A motion was made by McGill and duly seconded by Foster. Passed by roll call vote 19 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, 4 absent

XII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-07: APPROVE, RECOGNIZE, AND ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Jack Parton commented that policy is already in place, just updates on certain verbiage.

A motion was made by Woods and duly seconded by F. Atchley. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-08: ESTABLISH AND UPDATE THE SEVIER COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Mayor Waters commented intergovernmental committee adjusted verbiage to reflect state and federal laws per human resources and county lawyer.

A motion was made by R. Ogle and duly seconded by Watts. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XIV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-09: ADOPT THE VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTIONS 5-20-101 THROUGH 5-20-106A

Chief Puckett put forth the motion to update fire codes in March 2023, this meeting marks past 90-day period for review and questions. Fire codes get updated every seven years.

A motion was made by F. Atchley and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-10: ADOPT FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR INSPECTIONS RELATED TO FIRE CODE AND LIFE SAFETY

Chief Puckett comments on updates in verbiage in guidelines for fees relating to the inspection of rental properties and public buildings

Jack Parton asked on what the advantages of the fees are when there are roughly 6,500 transit rentals.

Chief Puckett responds that the adoption of this resolution will allow them to go in to transit rentals to do life saving inspections of properties. This will ensure a safer environment for guest visiting. The fees would help pay for the inspection programs and fire services throughout the county.

A motion was made by J. Parton and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XVI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-11: ADOPT FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Delius and duly seconded by Cole. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XVII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-12: ADOPT FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF WATER SERVICE

Director Brent Shults comments on changes; verbiage to the connection fees changing it from deposit fee to application fee, fees will not be changed at this time.

A motion was made by Humble and duly seconded by Chambers. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XVIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-13: ADOPT FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES PERTAINING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE SITES

Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter and Senior Director Matt Rudder provided answers to questions from the commissioners about the new fees being presented for short-term rental collection sites and presented the guideline on how loads would be determined based on a survey done on Knox County collection fees currently in place. Stated this resolution has been pass through the intergovernmental committee and ongoing discussion is taking place on how fees will be collected.

Jack Parton spoke against the fees amounts.

Mayor Waters had reservations against putting the fees in place.

A motion was made by Delius and duly seconded by Whaley. Passed by roll call vote 19 yes, 2 no, 4 absent

XIX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-14: AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND 101, FIRE PROTECTION FUND 111, SOLID WASTE/SANITATION FUND 116, SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND 121, OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 128, HIGHWAY FUND 131, SCHOOL GENERAL PURPOSE FUND 141, SCHOOL FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142, SCHOOL CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND 143, DEBT SERVICE FUND 151, AND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND 204 TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by J. Parton and duly seconded by Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-15: APPROVING THE SALE AND/OR DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2023

Senior Director Finance & Administration Brooke Huffaker clarifies this resolution would allow the county to rotate surplus supplies out of fleet roster through website GovDeals, any surplus that does not get sold will be used for parts and scraps.

A motion was made by Whaley and duly seconded by Haggard. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-16: APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENTS

Senior Director Finance & Administration Brooke Huffaker clarifies the current leases for Convenience Centers and varies properties, spoke of lowering the amount of equipment currently being leased to open for more purchasing options.

A motion was made by R. Ogle and duly seconded by Woods. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-17: ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE AND FIXING THE TAX LEVY IN SEVIER COUNTY, TN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2023

No increase from the year prior

A motion was made by Atchley and duly seconded by Haggard. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-18: APPROPRIATING FOR VARIOUS FUNDS, OFFICES, DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES OF SEVIER COUNTY, TN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2023

A motion was made by J. Parton and duly seconded by Cole. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXIV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-19: APPROVE OFFICIAL BUDGET DOCUMENTS FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2023

A motion was made by Delius and duly seconded by Chambers. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-20: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO VARIOUS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH BENEFIT SEVIER COUNTY, TN AND ITS CITIZENS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2023

Foster inquiries about where to find the non-profit budget information, Mayor Waters responds Non-profit provides an audit or certified financial statement every year to the County Mayor's office for review of where funds are going.

A motion was made by Pitner and duly seconded by Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXVI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-21: AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONCERNING SR-449 EXTENSION (VETERANS BOULEVARD) FROM ROBERT HENDERSON ROAD NORTH OF LITTLE PIGEON RIVER TO SR-66

Allows Mayor Waters to spear head the application process for TDOT grant to complete the Veterans Blvd extension project. The grant will allow up to 80 million dollars to be applied to the road work project, the City of Sevierville has authorized a 9 million and Sevier County a portion of 10 million dollars.

Pitner ask for updates the extension. Mayor Waters responds this first extension will end up at the intersection of SR-66 and Gists Creek Rd. to help alleviate traffic on Dolly Parton Pkwy.

A motion was made by Cole and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

**XXVII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-06-22:
AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF
SEVIER COUNTY TO APPLY AND BE THE LEAD APPLICANT
FOR A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMPETITIVE REGIONALIZATION
APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE SEVIER COUNTY WATER
BOARD**

Mayor Waters spoke about how the county and cities within the county are applying collectively together for a grant for planning and building a parallel raw water line from Douglas Lake to Pigeon Forge, due to the current raw water line running at near capacity.

A motion was made by Humble and duly seconded by Chambers. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXVIII. NOTARIES

A motion was made by Foster and duly seconded by Allen. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XXIX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Waters spoke wishing Happy Birthday to Commissioner Brandon Headrick.

XXX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Foster and duly seconded by Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent