

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a worksession on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were: Mayor Chris J. Howley
Councilmember Dick Gee
Councilmember Dan Landrum
Councilmember Robert Spalding
Councilmember Amy Speek

Others present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Mayor Howley led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Discussion

Centennial Celebration Committee (CCC) Update

Councilmember Spalding informed the Council the CCC has scheduled meetings with the seven lifestyle groups they have identified. Mayor Howley said that he, Town Manager Boyd Veal, Councilmember Spalding, Patrick Emanuel, and Kyra Howell had met the previous week. Mayor Howley said they had discussed the need to redefine the CCC's duties from a planning group to an action committee. The Council requested a resolution for the next meeting to accomplish this change.

Kyra Howell provided an update on activities of the CCC. She told the Council that the CCC is proceeding with designs for a website and logo and will present them for approval by the Council by June. Ms. Howell presented and discussed with the Council an action plan for the CCC (copy attached).

Resolution

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON, MURPHY & WRIGHT, P.C. TO AUDIT TOWN ACCOUNTS FROM JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, AND TO PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES PERFORMED ON TOWN ACCOUNTS FOR THAT TIME PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$24,050.00)."

Vice Mayor Gee motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the May 8, 2017 regular meeting.

FY 2017-2018 Budget Work Session

Mr. Veal presented the same overview of the current budget situation as that given at the meeting of April 27, 2017 (see meeting minutes of April 27th for narrative, charts and graphs).

The Council discussed the proposed fiscal year 2017-18 budget including the effect of employee raises, health insurance, long-term capital expenditures, and an expected decline in Hall income tax revenue. The Council reviewed each department's revenue, spending and capital needs, if applicable with each department head. The Council discussed anticipated fund balance positions.

The Council requested Mr. Veal provide the Council suggested decreases to the budget prior to the next budget worksession.


The Council discussed the Town's debt policy as established by Ordinance 2011-55. This review is required each year during the budget process. Mayor Howley expressed concern that the Town's future debt might require changes to the policy. Mr. Veal said that staff would closely monitor any borrowing circumstances that could affect the policy.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Chris J. Howley, Mayor



Recorder