



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 2023 at 4:30 PM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding
Vice Mayor Colette George
Alderman Betsy Cooper
Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Paul W. Montgomery
Alderman Tommy Olterman
Alderman James Phillips

- I. CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Shull at 4:30 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Winkle
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. KEDB / NETWORKS Update** - Craig Denison, Clay Walker

Craig Denison with KEDB gave an update on what has been going on since the first of the year concerning economic development. He provided details on several projects that have been approved and moving forward. Alderman Montgomery asked for an estimate on the dollar amount of all of the projects and he stated he would work that up and get back to the board. The City Manager added KEDB has been extremely busy assisting the city with many projects and stated his appreciation for all their hard work.

Clay Walker with NETWORKS presented information on new programs that will be beneficial to the city. He also discussed other hopeful projects coming along as well as other upcoming events to boost networking among industry and provided details on strategizing efforts. Lastly, Mr. Walker discussed efforts involving regional and economic development and the progress that has been made with the status of the HUB. Some discussion followed as he answered questions from the board involving Aerospace Park.

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2. DKA / Visit Kingsport Update - Robin Cleary, Frank Lett, Lara Potter

Frank Lett gave a presentation highlighting the programs and events that fall under DKA and Visit Kingsport, noting the significance of tourism in Tennessee. He provided statistics on the economic impact it has on Kingsport. He confirmed for the mayor that there has been improvement since before the pandemic. He listed several events happening in Kingsport in 2023, both past and upcoming.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the June 20, 2023 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

XI.1 Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Reimbursement of Materials Agreement Funds to Magnolia Ridge Development, LLC, Related to the Magnolia Ridge Phase 1 Development (AF-175-2023) There was some discussion on the need for further investments down the road. The City Manager agreed but pointed out this item is a critical first step in the process

XI.8 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve A Change Order for the Riverbend Park Phase 1 Project (AF-195-2023) Deputy City Manager Borders provided further details this item, noting the need for stabilizing the foundation of this structure.

XI.12 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding GRC Construction the Bid for Bays Mountain Park Nature Center Phase 1 (AF-189-2023) Mr. Borders gave a presentation on this item as well as the following item. He provided details noting the park attracted a one million dollar donor and the specifics on moving forward with the Nature Center. Mr. Borders provided details on the possible construction time line and how it will impact the park. He mentioned the Planetarium isn't included in the hopes another sponsor might come forward.

XI.13 Consideration of a Resolution Renaming the Bays Mountain Park Nature Center to "The Good Steward Nature Center" (AF-191-2023) See Item IX.12.

XI.16 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Visit Kingsport to Make Improvements to Hunter Wright Stadium (AF-194-2023) The City Manager provided information on this item, including details on this partnership to purchase artificial turf and the many benefits this transition will provide.

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XI.19 Consideration of a Resolution to Award the Employee Physical Wellness Program RFP (AF-178-2023) Human Resource Manager Tyra Copas discussed this item, noting staff has evaluated this program over the last year and re-crafted the RFP to meet the City's needs. She confirmed this program is for full-time and part-time employees.

XI.20 Consideration of a Resolution to Award the Employee Wellness Center to Premise Health (AF-177-2023) Ms. Copas provided details on this item, pointing out this refers to the clinic and is different than the previous item.

XI.23 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Public improvement Bond, Series 2023 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$63,500,000 (AF-201-2023) Mr. McCartt discussed this item pointing out the not to exceed amount in the hopes the total will be less. City Recorder/Treasurer Winkle provided further details including the timeline and next steps for this process.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 1. Projects Status in Pictures**
- 2. Projects Status Report**

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other matters presented for discussion, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL

Deputy City Recorder

PATRICK W. SHULL

Mayor