



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Paul W. Montgomery, Presiding

Vice Mayor Darrell Duncan

Alderman Morris Baker

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Gary Mayes

Alderman James Phillips

I. CALL TO ORDER 4:30 pm by Mayor Montgomery.

II. ROLL CALL by City Recorder/Treasurer Travis Bishop.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Projects Status Report

City Manager McCartt stated the Main Street project was on schedule with upcoming periodic closings for streetlights and landscaping.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the February 18, 2025 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

IX.1 Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 0290, Group A, Parcel 032.00 Located along Williams Road from the R-1B, Residential District to R-3, Low Density Apartment District (AF-40-2025) City Planner Jessica McMurray gave a presentation stating this is an owner requested rezoning from R1B to R3 to accommodate construction of a new 274 town home development. The Planning Commission sent a positive recommendation based on the site's compatibility with adjacent property zoning. She noted they had received feedback from residents with concerns regarding speeding, traffic and stormwater management. The developer will do a traffic study. Discussion ensued.

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IX.2 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Term Lengths for Various Boards and Commissions Appointed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (AF-33-2025) Assistant City Manager Jessica Harmon stated this is the first step in new process to realign city boards and commissions. She pointed out there will be a one-time reset ordinance to address the tenure already established by ordinance. She answered questions from the board and there was some discussion.

XI.5 Consideration of a Financial Contribution Supporting the Regional Efforts to Recruit Additional Airline Service at Tri-Cities Airport (AF-48-2025) City Manager McCart explained this was still moving through the process at the airline but they need a commitment. This item declares support, but the details will come back to the board at a later date. Alderman George requested an amendment to the resolution that dictates the city will have a seat at the table when contracts are negotiated. There was considerable discussion.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Sales Tax Report

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor