



## BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom

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### **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

### **City Administration**

Chris McCartt, City Manager

Bart Rowlett, City Attorney

Travis Bishop, City Recorder

Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 pm by Mayor Montgomery.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** led by John Morris.

**III. INVOCATION** led by Pastor Jeremy Damesworth, Christian Life Center

**IV. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder Travis Bishop.

### **V. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Christmas in Kingsport** - Alderman Cooper & Alderman Phillips

### **VI. COMMENT**

Mayor Montgomery invited citizens in attendance to speak. Tim Sanders spoke and the mayor closed the public comment section.

### **VII. APPOINTMENTS**

1. **Consideration of Appointment of Municipal Judge for the City of Kingsport (AF-334-2025)**  
(Mayor Montgomery)

Motion made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

REAPPOINT JUDGE RUSSELL W. ADKINS TO A SECOND TWO-YEAR TERM AS THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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- 2. Consideration of Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals (AF-335-2025) (Mayor Montgomery)**

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

APPOINT LORA BARNETT TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2026.

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *(These items are approved under one motion.)*

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 1. December 1, 2025 - Work Session**
- 2. December 2, 2025 - Business Meeting**

**IX. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FIRST READING AND/ OR PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. Hold a Public Hearing and Conduct the Annual Plan of Services Update for the Fieldcrest and Cherry Knoll Annexations (AF-339-2025) (Ken Weems)**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

- 2. Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for Various Funds in FY26 (AF-343-2025) (Chris McCartt)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VARIOUS FUND BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND, TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 3. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY 2026 General Purpose School Fund Budget and the General Project Fund Budget (AF-333-2025) (David Frye)**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AND THE GENERAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**X. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FINAL ADOPTION**

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- 1. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 032, a Portion of Parcel 112.20, Located Along E. Stone Drive from the A-1, Agricultural District to B-3, Highway-Oriented Business District (AF-327-2025) (Jessica McMurray)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7236** AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG EAST STONE DRIVE FROM THE A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO B-3, HIGHWAY-ORIENTED BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE 10TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Kingsport City Schools to Change Phone Providers to United Data Technologies (UDT) and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Necessary Documents (AF-330-2025) (David Frye)**

Motion made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman Mayes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-129** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KINGSFORT CITY SCHOOLS TO CHANGE THE PHONE SERVICE PROVIDER TO UNITED DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC. (UDT) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENTS

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 2. Consideration of a Resolution for Amendment Number 1 with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for North Eastman Road and Clinchfield Street Project Pin 132587.00 and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF-271-2025) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-130** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NORTH EASTMAN ROAD AND CLINCHFIELD STREET ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

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**3. Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Private Act from the Tennessee General Assembly Amending Various Sections of the City Charter (AF-340-2025) (Bart Rowlett)**

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-131** A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS A PRIVATE ACT PERTAINING TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KINGSFORT THAT WILL AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 11 REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE VICEMAYOR; ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5 REGARDING DELINQUENT TAXES; ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 2 REGARDING SELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND ARTICLE XV, SECTION 2 REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEND THIS RESOLUTION TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**4. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for the Lease and Transfer of Properties in the Academic Village with the Tennessee Board of Regents (AF-290-2025) (Chris McCartt)**

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman George.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-132** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ITS NORTHEAST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTINUED LEASE AND ULTIMATELY ITS ACQUISITION OF BLAZIER-WILSON HALL, THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS, THE KINGSFORT CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, AND SURROUNDING PROPERTIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE SUCH TERMS AS DEEMED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY RELATIVE TO THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTIES; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**5. Consideration of a Resolution to Create a MeadowView Task Force and Approve Task Force Appointments (AF-292-2025) (Michael T. Borders)**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-133** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A MEADOWVIEW TASK FORCE AND APPROVING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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**XII. CONSENT AGENDA** *(These items are approved under one motion.)*

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman George.

Passed as presented with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor's Signature on the Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (AF-332-2025) (Michael Price)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-134** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE CERTIFICATION BY STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY PLANS CONSISTENCY WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN DOCUMENT AND ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

- 2. Consideration of a Resolution to Apply for and Receive the Tennessee Arts Commission Partnership Grant for FY27 (AF-341-2025) (Michael T. Borders)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-135** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

- 3. Consideration of a Resolution to Apply for and Receive the Tennessee Arts Commission Education Community Learning Grant for FY27 (AF-342-2025) (Michael T. Borders)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-136** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION EDUCATION SUPPORT GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

- 4. Consideration of a Resolution to Submit a Letter of Support and Commitment to the Office of Outdoor Recreation for a Crosswalk at Warriors' Path State Park and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents Associated with this Project (AF-344-2025) (Ryan McReynolds)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-137** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE OFFICE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR A CROSSWALK AT WARRIOR'S PATH STATE PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

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### 5. **Consideration of a Resolution Approving Renewal of Property Insurance for City Owned Buildings to Travelers Indemnity Company** (AF-337-2025) (Bart Rowlett)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-138** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY FOR CITY OF KINGSPORT PROPERTY INSURANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

## **XIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. City Manager**

Mr. McCartt wished the board a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, noting it will be mid-January before the next meeting. He thanked them for their time, their support for staff as well as their love for Kingsport. He recognized Alderman Cooper and Alderman Phillips for making Christmas in Kingsport a success. He stated 2025 has been an outstanding year in local government stating what Kingsport has accomplished other cities don't accomplish in a decade.

### **2. Mayor and Board Members**

Vice-Mayor Duncan listed the projects and accomplishments made in 2025. Alderman Phillips mentioned the remaining Christmas in Kingsport events, including free nighttime carousel rides on Thursday. He stated there will also be an announcement Thursday concerning the airport. He commented on the AEP presentation at the work session, pointing out we have the lowest rates in the region. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Alderman Baker thanked the City Manager for the AEP presentation yesterday, noting it was good information. He thanked those who worked on the Christmas lights downtown and wished a Merry Christmas to the BMA, staff, volunteers and citizens. Alderman George commented on Christmas in downtown, stating she has seen lots of pictures. She also mentioned the new flights at the airport and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Alderman Cooper remarked Bill Dudney passed away today and to remember the family. She noted this is the last weekend for Candymaker's Dream at Lamplight Theater and talked about other Christmas events and activities, wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Alderman Mayes thanked the City Manager for his comments. He wished the board a Merry Christmas and expressed appreciation for all they do. He recognized Alderman Baker for receiving his PhD and commented on the Fire Department recognition dinner. Vice Mayor Duncan thanked Jessica Harmon for compiling the list he read earlier. He stated Santa will be at the carousel on Friday and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mayor Montgomery emphasized the board is always available before and after meetings and wished everyone a safe a Merry Christmas.

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**XIV.ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL

Deputy City Recorder

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY

Mayor