



## BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 30, 2024 at 4:30 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-designate Gary Mayes

Alderman James Phillips

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

**II. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Winkle.

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. Jt. Meeting with Kingsport Board of Education (Operating and Capital)**

School Superintendent Chris Hampton gave a presentation highlighting the opportunities and challenges for the future of Kingsport City Schools as well as the process and purpose of a strategic plan. He introduced School staff who were present as well as the Board of Education members. Dr. Hampton described the guiding tenets for a successful plan both with academic and non-academic measures.

Assistant Superintendent Andy True provided information regarding Capital Planning, focusing on a ten year vision for facilities and maintenance. Dr. True pointed out they will not be able to be as aggressive since ESSR dollars are no longer available. He further noted the list this year isn't as long, but it is more strategic. Dr. Hampton also discussed the vision for a middle school environment in line with DB EXCEL. There was some discussion throughout the presentation.

The City Manager summed up the presentation pointing out how capacity has been addressed in the past as well as moving forward through capital planning. He noted it would be prudent to focus on that aspect now and get an update later in the year for build out options and to understand what schools can fund such as a roof and HVAC. The BMA will be doing the same in the coming months looking at capital needs and priorities. Mr. McCartt said the remaining portion of the presentation may be heard at another joint meeting after the first of the year.

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*(NOTE: From 6:30-6:35 there was a brief recess.)*

City Manager McCartt provided an update on the recent storm damage, noting Kingsport was fortunate compared to the rest of the region. He stated we are continuing to aid in Washington County and potentially Unicoi County. He also noted the Water Department put a line on SR 93 to provide water to Fall Branch and may possibly be able to provide to a portion of Jonesborough. Mr. McCartt confirmed damages to local facilities are confined to roof leaks and trees down, especially at Bays Mountain Park. He stated we are working aggressively to address those issues, but the park will remain closed through next week. The City Manager noted many agencies in Kingsport are providing aid at different levels and also helping the city with communication. He mentioned the showers at the Aquatic Center and the YMCA are open for those who are displaced. Lastly, he stated AEP is working to get power restored and the list of closed road continues to shrink.

**IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

City staff gave a summary for each item on the October 1, 2024 proposed agenda. No items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

The City Manager stated the bulk of what is being approved tomorrow night is tied back to the previous agenda and prior presentations and conversations over the last year and a half. City Treasurer Lisa Winkle provided details on the interest for the capital outlay notes is 4.27 percent.

**V. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- 1. Sales Tax Report**
- 2. Projects Status Report**

**VI. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY  
Mayor