



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 18, 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** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Shull.
- II. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Winkle.
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Ballad Health Update** - Rebecca Beck

Ms. Beck presented this item, providing details on Emergency Room wait times and how Kingsport compares to the national average and rankings. She also discussed patient satisfaction, the turnover rate and accomplishments in FY 2023. Ms. Beck also gave information on provider recruitment efforts as well as the trauma network and community outreach efforts. There was brief discussion throughout the presentation as she answered questions.

- 2. Main Street Update** - Michael Thompson

Mr. Thompson gave a presentation on the status of this project and the progress that has been made to date. He discussed the work being done on the rebuild and streetscape and the projected timeline to completion.

Mr. Thompson then discussed the Brickyard Bridge project, noting staff anticipates bringing the agreements with CSX to the BMA this fall.

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3. Civic Auditorium - Michael Borders & Kingsport City Schools

Assistant City Manager Borders highlighted the three key components justifying the dedication of the Civic Auditorium completely to the schools. KCS Superintendent Dr. Chris Hampton then gave a presentation depicting the challenges facing the schools and the capacity of the current facilities. He provided details on the current usage of the civic auditorium including the long term possibilities. Dr. Hampton commented on the safety implications and provided a visual footprint of the campus and where the civic auditorium adjoins the property.

Mr. Borders then provided further details on the rental aspect of this facility and how it relates to other city facilities. He also discussed the CivicRec app and how user friendly it is. Lastly, he commented on the Memorandum of Understanding between the city and the schools regarding renovations/alterations, rental/booking managements and continued use of the facility for voting. If approved by the BMA and the BOE this month, the schools will take over use of the facility on November 1.

There was considerable discussion.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the September 19, 2023 proposed agenda. No items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Projects Status Report
2. Sales Tax Report

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other matters presented for discussion, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor