



## BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 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 Paul Montgomery.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

III. **INVOCATION** led by Danelle Glasscock

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

V. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** None.

VI. **COMMENT**

Mayor Montgomery invited citizens in attendance to speak. There being no one coming forward, the mayor then closed the public comment section.

VII. **APPOINTMENTS** None.

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

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

Passed: All present voting "aye."

1. **February 16, 2026 - Work Session**
2. **February 17, 2026 - Business Meeting**
3. **March 6, 2026 - Budget Work Session**

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

- 1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 120, Parcel 02.20, Located along Eastern Star Road from the M-1R, Light Manufacturing Restricted District to R-3, Low Density Apartment District (AF-50-2026)**  
(Jessica McMurray)

PUBLIC HEARING: No one came forward.

Motion made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG EASTERN STAR ROAD FROM THE M-1R, LIGHT MANUFACTURING RESTRICTED DISTRICT TO R-3, LOW DENSITY APARTMENT DISTRICT IN THE 14TH 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: All present voting "aye."

- 2. Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for the General Fund and Allandale Trust Fund in FY26 (AF-47-2026)** (Chris McCartt)

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Mayes.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 3. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY 2026 School General Purpose Fund Budget and the General Project Fund Budget (AF-63-2026)** (David Frye)

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

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."

- 4. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY 2026 General Purpose School Fund Budget (AF-56-2026)** (David Frye)

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Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL 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**

- 1. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 048, a Portion of Parcel 036.10 and a Portion of Parcel 039.50, Located along Memorial Boulevard from the B-3, Highway Oriented Business District to PD, Planned Development District (AF-38-2026)**  
(Jessica McMurray)

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7245** AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG MEMORIAL BOULEVARD FROM THE B-3, HIGHWAY ORIENTED BUSINESS DISTRICT TO PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN THE 7TH 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

- 2. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 2, 62, and 66 of the Code of Ordinances (AF-10-2026)** (Michael T. Borders)

Motion made by Alderman Mayes, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7246** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS, DIVISIONS, AND ARTICLES WITHIN CHAPTERS 2, 62, AND 66 RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND OVERSIGHT; TOP FIX A PENALTY FOR A 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

- 3. Consideration of a Budget Ordinance for General Fund FY26 (AF-41-2026)** (Chris McCartt)  
Vice Mayor Duncan made a motion to postpone this item to the next regular meeting to be taken up during matters requiring final adoption; seconded by Alderman Phillips, all present voting "aye."

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Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman George.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

No vote was taken on this item

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution Renewing the Award for the Purchase of Water & Wastewater Chemicals (AF-44-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-167** A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHLORINE TO JCI JONES; FOR ZINC ORTHOPHOSPHATE TO CARUS CORPORATION; FOR COAGULANT TO USALCO; FOR POLYMER TO COASTAL WATER TECHNOLOGY, LLC; FOR FLUORIDE TO PENCCO; AND FOR SODIUM PERMANGANATE TO CHEM RITE, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 2. Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of Various Water and Sewer Maintenance Items (AF-43-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Mayes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-168** A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER MAINTENANCE ITEMS TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, CONSOLIDATED PIPE & SUPPLY, INC., CORE & MAIN, INC., GC SUPPLY, SOUTHERN PIPE AND SUPPLY AND JABO SUPPLY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 3. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary to Apply and Accept a Section 5339 Capital Grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for 1 Transit Vehicle from the United States Department of Transportation (AF-55-2026) (Candace Sherer)**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-169** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE SECTION

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5339 CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 4. Consideration of a Resolution to Purchase Three (3) Ford E-350 Star Trans Buses Utilizing TN State Contract (AF-70-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-170** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE FORD E-350 STAR TRAMS VEHICLES FROM MID-SOUTH BUS CENTER, INC., UTILIZING TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT NO.: 80798; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 5. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary to Apply and Accept a Section 5307 TDOT Capital Grant Matching Contract for KATS Preventive Maintenance (AF-54-2026) (Candace Sherer)**

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-171** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE STATE MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SECTION 5307 CAPITAL GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 6. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Washington County, TN to Extend Waterlines along Kincheloe and Good Roads (AF-40-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-172** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO INSTALL WATERLINES ALONG KINCHELOE AND GOOD ROADS, 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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- 7. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Sole Source Purchase of ABBA Pumps from ABBA Pumps Parts and Service (AF-49-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-173** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR ABBA PUMPS FROM ABBA PUMPS PARTS AND SERVICE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 8. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Kingsport City Schools to Change Internet Providers to United Data Technologies (UDT) and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Necessary Documents (AF-67-2026) (David Frye)**

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Mayor Montgomery.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-174** A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER FOR KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS TO UNITED DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST CATEGOY ONE E-RATE FUNDING USING THE ANDERSON COUNTY CONTRACT AND SIGN ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 9. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Purchase of the ImageTrend Software and Ratifying the Mayor's Signature on an Order Form for the Same (AF-46-2026) (Jerry DeBerry)**

Motion made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-175** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE OF IMAGETREND RECORD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE FOR THE KINGSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN ORDER FORM FOR THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 10. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendments to the Scope of Work with Hansen Banner, LLC, Relative to the Completion and Implementation of the Customer Information System and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Necessary Documents to Effectuate the Amendments (AF-68-2026) (Floyd Bailey)**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-176** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SCOPE OF WORK WITH HANSEN BANNER, LLC RELATIVE TO THE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE AMENDMENTS

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 11. Consideration of a Resolution for Mayor's Signature on an Application to Receive the Tennessee Agriculture Growth Initiative Farmers Market Grant (AF-62-2026) (Michael Borders)**

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-177** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL FARMERS MARKET GRANT THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 12. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Mayor's Signature and Executing All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive the FTAAAD Annual Senior Center Grant (AF-66-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-178** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THE FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 13. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with SchoolKit for the Purchase of Literacy Implementation Support for Kingsport City Schools (AF-42-2026) (David Frye)**

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman George.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-179** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SCHOOLKIT LLC IN CONNECTION WITH A LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT GRANT FOR KINGSPOINT CITY SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye" except for Alderman Cooper who abstained.

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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 an Amendment to the Kingsport Homeless Ministries Grace House CDBG Contract (AF-24-2026) (Michael Price)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-180** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OPERATING AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH KINGSFORT HOMELESS MINISTRIES GRACE HOUSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME

**2. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for the Kingsport Police Department to Designate a Sworn Task Force Officer (TFO) (AF-59-2026) (Chief Jason Bellamy)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-181** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR THE KINGSFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE A SWORN TASK FORCE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

**3. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a Law Enforcement Agency Highway Safety Grant from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for FY '27 (AF-64-2026) (Chief J. Bellamy)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-182** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

**4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Signature Authority Form Allowing the Chief of Police or His Designee to Complete Grant Reports as Required by the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for the Tennessee Highway Safety Office's FY '27 Enforcement of Tennessee Driving Under the Influence Laws Grant (AF-73-2026) (Chief Jason Bellamy)**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-183** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SIGNATURE AUTHORITY CONSENT FORM AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY GRANTS FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE

- 5. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive an FY '27 Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) Network Coordinator Grant (AF-65-2026) (Chief J. Bellamy)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-184** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE

- 6. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Signature Authority Form Allowing the Chief of Police or His Designee to Complete Grant Reports as Required by the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for the Tennessee Highway Safety Office's FY '27 Network Coordinator Grant (AF-74-2026) (Chief Jason Bellamy)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-185** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SIGNATURE AUTHORITY CONSENT FORM AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY GRANTS FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE

- 7. Consideration of a Resolution to Apply for and Receive the Technology Opportunities for the Public (TOP) Grant (AF-69-2026) (Stephanie Griffin)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-186** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC FOR THE KINGSFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

- 8. Consideration of a Purchase with Office Planning Group for Courtroom Furniture at the Justice Center 2nd Floor (AF-52-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-187** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER TO OFFICE PLANNING GROUP FOR COURTROOM FURNITURE AS PART OF THE JUSTICE CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

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**9. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with the Tennessee Main Street Program (AF-53-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-188** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE MAIN STREET PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

**10. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the Main Street Redevelopment Project (AF-57-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-189** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER 4 TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 160028 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT OR THIS RESOLUTION

**11. Consideration of a Resolution to Accept Public Art Pieces from a Private Donor (AF-61-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-190** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF THREE CHRISTMAS ART PIECES FROM MYCROFT SIGNS

**12. Consideration of a Resolution to Accept Public Art Pieces from a Private Donor (AF-71-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-191** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF SEVERAL METAL CULPTURES FOR THE CITY'S PUBLIC ART DISPLAY FROM THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM C. GILL, JR.

**13. Consideration of a Resolution to Apply and Receive a Grant from Walmart (AF-45-2026) (Jerry DeBerry)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-192** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A GRANT FROM WALMART FOR THE KINGSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**XIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. City Manager**

Mr. McCartt thanked the board for their time in the budget work session, noting the city has an outstanding team working to complete obstacles in the budget process. He also recognized staff for their work leading up to that meeting.

**2. Mayor and Board Members**

Alderman Baker expressed concerns on the legislation that will affect the city's representation on the Airport Authority Board by replacing city seats with State designated seats. He also commented on the work session presentations from Northeast State and TCAT, noting their focus is students first. He congratulated Danelle Glassock on retiring. Alderman Phillips echoed appreciation for the presentations yesterday. He also thanked the parks and recreation department, pointing out spring sports are coming and commended their efforts to make youth sports fun and enjoyable. Alderman Mayes agreed with Alderman Baker's comments regarding the Airport Authority Board. He also commented on the tour of Eastman Chemical earlier today. Alderman Cooper mentioned the BMA has spent a lot of time in the last two weeks gathering information regarding the budget and technology in the city, noting there is much to be proud of. Alderman George stated what she has enjoyed the most by serving is the data that has been provided. She further stated the votes at the meeting are just a small part as many things happen behind the scenes and pointing out she looks at things differently now. She commented on the new otter habitat under construction at Bays Mountain, noting the experience is amazing. She also mentioned the playground is open and many other aspects are being updated. Vice-Mayor Duncan remarked on the innovation seen today and the opportunities presented. He also commented on the presentations at the work session. He thanked Representative Crawford for presenting a check to help with the library. Mayor Montgomery thanked the board for their time, noting he was happy to go on the tour today and Kingsport has a lot to be proud of. He mentioned the KATS buses and encouraged citizens to ride. He remarked the board of the Salvation Army stated they need volunteers. Lastly he wished everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

**XIV. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY  
Mayor