

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF
FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE
REGIONAL RECOVERY CENTER TO FIRST TENNESSEE
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, city has received funds from various opioid lawsuits including the *National Prescription Opiate Litigation* filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and *Baby Doe, et. al. v. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et. al.* filed in the Law Court at Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, a vision for a regional recovery center in northeast Tennessee has been developed by various community members including the judges of the First, Second, and Third judicial districts; and

WHEREAS, this recovery center will provide housing, rehabilitation services, vocational opportunities, and other programs as an alternative to incarceration for individuals in the First, Second, and Third Judicial Districts convicted of crimes and who also are adversely impacted by substance addiction; and

WHEREAS, as a result of strong community support, the Northeast Tennessee Regional Recovery Center (NeTRCC) has begun to come to fruition, including its lease of the former Northeast Correctional Complex - Carter County Annex from the State of Tennessee which will provide the physical space for the center; and

WHEREAS, NeTRCC has also partnered with the First Tennessee Development District which will provide financial oversight for operations and also collect funds on behalf of NeTRCC based on FTDD's experience developing, managing, and supporting local and regional non-profit entities and services; and

WHEREAS, the board finds substance abuse to pose a threat to the public health, comfort and prosperity of the citizens of Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, the board finds that recidivism in the criminal justice system, more particularly that which results from substance addition, adversely impacts the peace and prosperity of the citizens of Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, the boards finds that financial support for NeTRCC will serve a public purpose as the stated goals of NeTRCC are aimed at addressing threats to the public health, peace, and prosperity of the citizens of Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in project NC2320.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the disbursement of \$1,100,000 to FTDD is hereby authorized, pursuant to the authority granted by *Tennessee Code Annotated § 13-14-111*, for those costs associated with the creation and operation of the NeTRCC.

SECTION II. That the findings of the board set forth above are incorporated herein by reference in support of the actions authorized by this resolution which are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort, and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

SECTION VI. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of February, 2023.

PATRICK W. SHULL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY