



## **BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, May 04, 2026 at 3:30 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 Gary Mayes

Alderman James Phillips

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 3:30 pm by Mayor Paul Montgomery.

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

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. Economic Development Update - Steven Bower**

Mr. Bower, Economic Development Director, presented this item and provided details on the actions taken and the progress that has been made by Networks and KEDB. He also highlighted the partnership efforts of both organizations with the City. There was discussion throughout the presentation as he answered questions from the board.

Mr. Bower talked about retail and restaurant recruitment and the process involved in each of those efforts. He discussed the partnership and benefits utilizing The Retail Coach and he also pointed out the switch from Buxton to ESRI Business Analyst which provided the same data services at a reduced cost.

Mr. Bower provided further details on specific projects including the Dobyms-Taylor Warehouse, the Fort Henry Mall/IMAX theatre and Brickyard Village. He also listed other residential development projects that are in progress as well as opportunity zones.

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**2. Customer Information System Update - Floyd Bailey**

Chief Information Officer Bailey provided details on the transfer of information from the legacy software to the new system, highlighting the recent developments that have been made since April 23rd after 18 months of implementation prep work. He noted there has been positive movement and progress over the past week. Some discussion ensued.

**IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

City staff gave a summary for each item on the April 21, 2026 proposed agenda. No items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

Alderman Baker asked about the future discussion regarding downtown parking. The City Manager replied it was scheduled for June 1st

**V. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**1. Projects Status Report**

**VI. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY  
Mayor