



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 16, 2026 at 4:30 PM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom

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 4:30 pm by Mayor Montgomery.

II. ROLL CALL by City Recorder Travis Bishop.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Petworks Update - Michelle Watts

Ms. Watts gave a presentation on this item, sharing the vision and mission of their commitment to animal welfare. She provided details on the community impact as well as outreach opportunities. There was discussion throughout as she answered questions from the board. Ms. Watts discussed the increasing costs of handling animal cruelty cases as well as other costs to maintain the shelter, noting the strain on resources. She highlighted fundraising efforts and ways the community can support the shelter. John Campbell provided further details on the history of the shelter and how it was originally structured and how Petworks compares to other shelters.

2. CIS Communication Plan - Adrienne Batara

Ms. Batara provided details on the initiative to communicate the new customer service software and how citizens will need to take action regarding their accounts. She stated the plan is to go live in April with reminders going out through July. She discussed the methods the city will be taking to roll out this information to the community. City Recorder Bishop provided further details and answered questions from the board.

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IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the February 17, 2026 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

The Mayor recognized Rebekah McNerney with the Times News as this will be her last meeting.

IX.1 Conduct a Public Hearing and 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 gave a presentation on this owner requested rezoning from B3 Highway-oriented business to PD Planned Development. She confirmed it is compatible with nearby zoning, noting the Planning Commission sent a positive recommendation. She confirmed citizens did attend the Planning Commission meeting, but no one spoke in opposition to this item.

IX.3 Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for the General Fund in FY26 (AF-41-2026) The City Manager stated this item was relative to the previous presentation and explains the need to increase funding of \$150,000 to Petworks to cover operations between now and the end of the year. He further stated the need to expedite this matter, and if approved on first reading tomorrow, there is the potential for a called meeting to approve the second reading before the budget work session on Friday, March 6 as the next business meeting is later in the month. Mr. McCart pointed out this contribution is in alignment with what was given to Petworks last year. He also mentioned that unless funds are identified by Petworks, the city will also need to provide assistance on their debt service payment in June of approximately \$250,000. Some discussion ensued.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

VI. ADJOURN

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

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor