



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Paul W. Montgomery, Presiding

Vice Mayor Darrell Duncan

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/CFO

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** led by New Vision Youth.
- III. INVOCATION** led by Alderman Betsy Cooper.
- IV. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/CFO Travis Bishop. Absent: Alderman Morris Baker.
- V. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
 - 1. Mayor Richard Venable** - Mayor Montgomery
 - 2. Kingsport Axmen 2026 Appalachian League Champions, Caleb Mills, General Manager** - Vice Mayor Duncan
 - 3. Keep Kingsport Beautiful Beautification Awards** - Sharon Hayes

VI. COMMENT

Mayor Montgomery invited citizens in attendance to speak. Jacob Meadows commented on the need for foster parents in this area. There being no one else coming forward, the Mayor closed the public comment section. He also welcomed the newly elected board members and look forward to working with them.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(These items are considered under one motion.)*

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

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 1. August 3, 2026 - Work Session**
- 2. August 4, 2026 - Business Meeting**

VIII. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FIRST READING AND/ OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for and Fixing the Tax Rate on All Real, Personal, and Mixed Property within the City of Kingsport (AF-239-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

Public Hearing: None.

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND FIXING THE TAX RATE ON ALL REAL, PERSONAL, AND MIXED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, HAWKINS COUNTY WHICH IS TAXABLE ON THE BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS MADE BY THE COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSORS AND THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 2. Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for Various Funds in FY2027 (AF-256-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Passed: All present voting "aye."

IX. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FINAL ADOPTION

- 1. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 105, Parcel 193.00, Located along Kendrick Creek Road from the R-1C, Residential District to R-3, Low Density Apartment District (AF-135-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 7280 AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG KENDRICK CREEK ROAD FROM THE R-1C, RESIDENTIAL 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 on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery with Alderman George abstaining.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution to Award Bid to Summers-Taylor, Inc. for Kingsport Resurfacing Project (PIN #132587.00) and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF-248-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman George.

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-042 A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE BID FOR THE RESURFACING OF PORTIONS OF EASTMAN ROAD AND CLINCHFIELD STREET TO SUMMERS-TAYLOR, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 2. Consideration of a Resolution to Purchase Two (2) F550 with 6 Yard Rear Loader Refuse Truck Utilizing Sourcewell Contract (AF-252-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-043 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT, INC. UTILIZING SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT NO. 11023-NWY FOR TWO 2027 FORD F550 REFUSE TRUCKS WITH 6 YARD REAR LOADER FOR USE BY PUBLIC WORKS

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 3. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Economic Development Contribution to the Industrial Development Board of Kingsport and Authorizing One or More Agreements Pertaining to the Same (AF-254-2026) (Jessica Harmon)**

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Mayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-044 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE FOR ECONOMIC OR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES RELATIVE TO THE KINGSPORT PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS AND THE NCG CINEMA IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUCH AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NEEDED TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION; EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN TO ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE PROJECT ACCOUNTS IN AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION, IF NEEDED; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

4. **Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Lynn View Community Center Demolition and Partial Site Development for the New Elementary School Project to Construction Partners** (AF-253-2026) (David Frye)

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-045 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR THE LYNN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER DEMOLITION AND PARTIAL SITE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT AND THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

5. **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve an Application for a Tennessee State Museum Capital Maintenance and Improvements Grant for FY27** (AF-247-2026) (Michael T. Borders)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-046 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Passed: All present voting "aye."

6. **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the New and Revised Personnel Policies** (AF-257-2026) (Tyra Copas)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-047 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AS REQUIRED BY TCA 6-54-123; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith EXCEPT RESOLUTION NO. 2027-011

Passed: All present voting "aye."

XI. CONSENT AGENDA *(These items are considered under one motion.)*

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

Passed as presented with a roll call vote: Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a SCSEP Host Agency Agreement with First Tennessee Human Resource Agency for Bays Mountain Park (AF-250-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-048 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM HOST AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRST TENNESSEE HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY FOR BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

- 2. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for the Kingsport Police Department to Designate Sworn Task Force Officers (TFO) (AF-259-2026) (Chief Bellamy)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-049 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES FOR THE KINGSFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE TWO SWORN TASK FORCE OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

- 3. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bays Mountain Park Caretaker (AF-263-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-050 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BAYS MOUNTAIN CARETAKER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CARETAKER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

4. **Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Student Transportation for DBHS Band to Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** (AF-249-2026) (David Frye)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-051 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FROM GATEWAY MUSIC FESTIVALS AND TOURS FOR DOBYNS-BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARTICIPATING IN THE 2026 MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

5. **Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Sixteen Boxlights for Kingsport City Schools from Central Technologies Utilizing the TIPS-USA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement** (AF-246-2026) (David Frye)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-052 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF BOXLIGHTS FROM CENTRAL TECHNOLOGIES UTILIZING TIPS-USA CONTRACT 240101 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE SAME

6. **Consideration of a Resolution to Apply and Accept a Grant from FM Global** (AF-255-2026) (Jerry DeBerry)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-053 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A GRANT FROM FM GLOBAL FOR THE KINGSFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

7. **Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Release Agreement with RM Media, LTD** (AF-261-2026) (Bart Rowlett)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-054 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RM MEDIA, LTD, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Manager

Mr. McCartt individually addressed Alderman Cooper, Alderman George and Alderman Mayes, stating they will be missed. He remarked they have made a difference in Kingsport, and he appreciated their service to the city.

2. Mayor and Board Members

Mayor Montgomery thanked Alderman Cooper, Alderman George and Alderman Mayes for their contribution to Kingsport. Vice Mayor Duncan stated he appreciated their friendship during their time on the board and thanked each one. Alderman Phillips recognized each outgoing alderman and thanked them for their service. Alderman Mayes thanked the city manager and the board members for letting him serve the last two years, stating it is a true honor. He also congratulated the incoming aldermen. Alderman Cooper addressed each board member saying she's enjoyed working with them and the city manager. She also thanked the citizens for trusting her to serve the last nine years. She mentioned upcoming shows at Lamplight Theatre and encouraged support for downtown businesses. Alderman George stated it has been an honor and a privilege to serve Kingsport for 13 years. She further stated she has appreciated getting to know the staff and commended their professionalism as well as for providing the data allowing the board to make informed decisions. She expressed thanks for the opportunity and friendships.

XIII. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor