



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Rename “Riverview Park” to “Jack Pierce, Sr. Park at Riverview”

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-240-2025
Work Session: August 18, 2025
First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: August 19, 2025
Staff Work By: Committee
Presentation By: Mayor Montgomery

Strategic Focus Area: 6. Strong & Vibrant Neighborhoods

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved the City will rename “Riverview Park” to “Jack Pierce, Sr. Park at Riverview”.

Riverview Park has been an important and historical part of the Riverview community since at least the 1951 opening of the Douglass School in Riverview. Renaming the park will not only honor Mr. Pierce, but the history of the park and the greater Riverview community.

Mr. Jack Pierce was an incredibly influential figure intertwined in the history of Riverview that departed from this life on January 23, 2025. See the attached memo for further details highlighting Mr. Pierce’s remarkable contributions and legacy.

Per Resolution No. 2023-219 the authority to name or rename all municipally owned public buildings, infrastructure, prominent public spaces and facilities ultimately rests with the City of Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) by adoption of a formal resolution.

Renaming “Riverview Park” to “Jack Pierce Sr., Park at Riverview” qualifies under (d) a name of local significance, (g) individual that have made significant documented contributions to the city or the community at large, and (h) individuals from the City of Kingsport who distinguished themselves in lifetime service or career over an extended number of years brining pride and local recognition to themselves and the City of Kingsport.

As the name change affects a park asset and whereas under Sec 66-77(c) of the Kingsport Municipal Code the Parks and Recreation Advisory committee shall, “develop for consideration and approval by the mayor and board of alderman policies, rules and regulations for the operation of parks, park facilities and programs” this proposal was first considered by the Parks and Recreation Advisory committee, where it received a positive recommendation.

If approved by the BMA Parks and Recreation staff develop a signage plan along with interpretative elements to honor the legacy of Mr. Pierce, the park, and the Riverview Community.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Memo

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—