



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2024 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** 4:37 pm by Mayor Montgomery (*upon the immediate adjournment of the previous called business meeting.*).

II. **ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Winkle.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Kingsport Chamber Programs Update** - Frank Lett, Vanessa Bennett, Aundrea Salyer

Frank Lett began the presentation by highlighting the events Visit Kingsport brought to town during 2024 that resulted in a 52 million dollar impact to the City of Kingsport. He highlighted statistics for Visit Kingsport as well as the Downtown Kingsport Association and Move to Kingsport.

Vanessa Bennett talked about Healthy Kingsport and how their mission has evolved over the last ten years. She mentioned the many ways they are involved in the schools as well as throughout the community. They also provide health and wellness resources for many citizens and students. Next she discussed Keep Kingsport Beautiful and the projects they have completed during the last year, including the revamp of Church Circle and the community involvement with the neighborhood trash pickups throughout the year.

Aundrea Salyer presented information on KOSBE, Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the Appalachian Highlands Business Women's Center. She gave details on the many services these organizations provided to citizens in the community. She pointed out that her office serves clients not only in Kingsport but in many cities in surrounding counties, noting it is mainly one on one counseling but also training events online and other in person events.

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There was some discussion throughout the entire Chamber presentation as questions were addressed by each speaker.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the December 3, 2024 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

XI.3 Consideration of a Resolution to Purchase One (1) Hydro Excavator Truck Utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (AF-344-2024) Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds provided information on the purchase of this excavator truck. He stated it is replacing equipment that is safer, more modern and will minimize damage.

XI.7 Consideration of a Resolution to Renew Stop Loss Contract with VOYA (AF-292-2024) Human Resources Manager Tyra Copas provided details stating 2024 was unusually high in claims which will result in an increase of the aggregate deductible. She talked about the best ways to absorb those costs.

XI.9 Consideration of a Resolution Rescinding Resolution Number 2025-105 and Amending an Economic Development Contribution Agreement to the Industrial Development Board of Kingsport and Authorizing One or More Agreements Pertaining to the Same (AF-347-2024) Mr. McCartt stated this was a change to reflect a new loan and not a renewal.

XI.10 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Renewal of Property Insurance for City Owned Buildings with Travelers Indemnity Company (AF-214-2024) City Attorney Rowlett presented information on this item and the factors that went into the decision. He pointed out even with the increase it's still the best rate that was reviewed.

XI.14 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Supplemental Design Services for the Kingsport Public Library Renovation Project (AF-287-2024) Mr. McCartt talked about this item and the improvements being proposed, noting Michael Borders has a presentation with more information but he was unable to present tonight. Alderman Baker asked for him to come back at a later date.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Sales Tax Report

2. Projects Status Report

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VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor