



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

**Monday, May 15, 2023 at 4:30 PM**

**City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom**

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### **Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding

Vice Mayor Colette George

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman James Phillips

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Shull

**II. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Winkle. Absent: Alderman Paul W. Montgomery

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Petworks Update - Michelle Watts**

Michelle Watts gave a presentation on this item, noting that she has been the executive director of the shelter since December. She provided statistics on how Petworks helps the city through animal control and intake. She gave details on current issues, including the increasing amount of deer pickup as well as the overlap with Sullivan County. Ms. Watts also provided financial information regarding the shelter's budget. There was some discussion as Ms. Watts answered questions throughout the presentation.

**2. Neighborhood Commission Update - Tiffany Hickman**

Chair Tiffany Hickman presented this item and answered questions from the board. She pointed out the quarterly meeting locations rotate to increase community engagement. She also mentioned the many community partners of the commission. Some discussion ensued.

### **IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

City staff gave a summary for each item on the May 16, 2023 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

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**VI.1 Declaration by the Mayor of a Vacancy on the Board of Education and Consideration of the Appointment of an Individual to the Board of Education to Serve Until August 31, 2024** (AF-129-2023) City Manager McCartt noted this was a unique appointment as Jim Welch has resigned from the Board of Education at the end of June and pointing out his term doesn't expire until 2024. Tim Dean has been recommended and has served in this capacity before.

**XI.7 Consideration of a Resolution Rejecting Bids for the Bays Mountain Park Amphitheater Project** (AF-139-2023 Assistant City Manager Michael Borders provided information on this item, discussing the history of the project and the original scope of the amphitheater, noting the funds were a Centennial gift from Eastman. He stated due to the pandemic, bonds were not issued, and the project was delayed. The bid opening was delayed again to mid-January and the sole bidder was 62% higher than the original cost of construction. Mr. Borders discussed options for the project and staff is recommending the funds be redirected to improve the otter habitat, commenting the status of the amphitheater will be reviewed with the Park Improvement Plan. He gave an estimation of the timeline and provided a rendering of the project. Some discussion followed as Mr. Borders outlined the next steps.

Alderman Duncan recognized a boy scout in attendance today to earn a badge.

## V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

### 1. Projects Status Report

## VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other matters presented for discussion, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL

Deputy City Recorder

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PATRICK W. SHULL

Mayor