



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Name the Boardroom Located on the Third Floor of City Hall After Mayor Ruth Montgomery and Vice-Mayor Richard Watterson, Sr.

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-100-2023

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First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: April 18, 2023

Staff Work By: Chris McCartt

Presentation By: Chris McCartt

Recommendation:

Approve the resolution.

Executive Summary:

This resolution will name the boardroom as the Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom.

Mayor Ruth C. Montgomery served with distinction as Mayor of the City of Kingsport taking office on July 5, 1995 and served until the end of her second term in July, 1999. Prior to her terms as Mayor, Montgomery served in both houses of the General Assembly as well as on the County Court (now county commission). Prior to holding elected office Mayor Montgomery taught business subjects at Dobyns-Bennett High School. During her tenure as Mayor, Montgomery worked diligently to increase the city's fund balance and was successful in doing so. A dedicated public servant, Montgomery was past president of Kingsport Tomorrow, active in the Rotary Club of Kingsport and the Kingsport Garden Club. Throughout her life, Mayor Montgomery strove to provide a better quality of life for the citizens of both Kingsport and the State of Tennessee.

Vice-Mayor Richard Watterson took office on September 4th, 1973 and served until 1997, being the first African-American elected to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Watterson's 24 year tenure makes him the longest serving alderman in the City's history. He served as vice-mayor from 1981 to 1995. A graduate of Douglas High School, Watterson served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1950. A tireless champion for his city and fellow citizens, Watterson served on the Board of Directors of the Kingsport Boy's Club, first chairman of the Riverview Branch Boy's Club, president of the Esquire Club, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club and Optimist Club. The City experienced doubtless advancements and improvements as a result of Vice-Mayor Watterson's talents and unwavering dedication.

Recommendation has been made to name the City Hall boardroom after these most deserving public servants.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—
Olterman	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Shull	—	—	—