



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 18, 2025 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 4:30 pm by Mayor Montgomery.

II. ROLL CALL by City Recorder Travis Bishop.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Domtar - Charlie Floyd

Mr. Floyd gave a presentation on Project Bandit regarding the anaerobic digester installation at the Kingsport Mill. He provided statistics about production and employees. He also talked about local partnerships and community investments. Mr. Floyd pointed out the mill is the largest recycler in the state of Tennessee. He provided details on environmental efforts as well as odor mitigation efforts. Bonnie Depew gave further details and answered questions from the board. Mr. Floyd provided a timeline for this new project, noting demolition has begun and it is scheduled to be completed next October. There will be four miles of piping and 20 miles of electrical wiring once finished. Discussion ensued throughout the presentation.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the August 5, 2025 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

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IX.1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 105, Parcel 02.04 and a Portion of Parcel 02.20 Located along Blakley Drive from the R-1B, Residential District to A-1, Agricultural District (AF-227-2025) City Planner Jessica McMurray gave a presentation on this owner requested rezoning.

IX.2. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning Chapter 114 by Adding Religious Assembly as a Principal Use in the M-1, M-1R, and MX Zoning Districts (AF-231-2025) Planning Manager Ken Weems presented this item, discussing the reasoning behind this change.

XI.4. Consideration of a Resolution to Implement Grace AI Pilot Solution for City Customer Service by Hansen Banner, LLC (AF-236-2025) Floyd Bailey provided information on this item. There was some discussion as staff answered questions from board members.

XI.6. Consideration of a Resolution to Rename "Riverview Park" to "Jack Pierce, Sr. Park at Riverview" (AF-240-2025) Mayor Montgomery commented this is appropriate as Jack Pierce was considered the historian of Riverview

The mayor requested the city manager have staff to evaluate the senior tax relief program to see if the city could assist beyond the existing program. City Recorder Travis Bishop answered questions and provided further details, noting it is income based. Some discussion ensued.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Sales Tax Report
2. Projects Status Report

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor