



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 03, 2026 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 (*arrived after roll call*)

I. **CALL TO ORDER** 4:30 pm by Mayor Paul Montgomery.

II. **ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/CFO Travis Bishop.

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Retail Coach** - Kyle Cofer, Retail Coach VP

Steven Bower gave a brief summary of the partnership for retail recruitment with Retail Coach and introduced Mr. Cofer who then gave a presentation and an update on local projects. There was some discussion as he answered questions from board members regarding population and income. Mr. Bower and Mr. Cofer also discussed opportunities for investments regarding downtown versus Stone Drive.

2. **Customer Information Service** - Travis Bishop

Mr. Bishop provided a brief update on the implementation process and a current progress report on the status of the new software.

IV. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

City staff gave a summary for each item on the August 4, 2026 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

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Monday, August 3, 2026, at 4:30 PM

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VIII.1 Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 105, Parcel 193.00, Located along Kendrick Creek Road from the R-1C, Residential District to R-3, Low Density Apartment District (AF-135-2026) Jessica McMurray stated this was an owner requested rezoning from R1C residential district to R3 low density apartment district to accommodate new construction of a multi-family development. She stated although it does not conform to the land use plan but will not adversely affect surrounding properties. The Planning Commission sent a positive recommendation as an appropriate transition zone. She noted three citizens spoke with concerns regarding traffic and stormwater at the planning commission meeting. She provided details on how staff will review these concerns. Alderman Mayes provided further details from the Planning Commission meeting. Some discussion ensued.

XI.2 Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Rental of Bypass Pumping Equipment from United Rentals Utilizing Sourcewell Contract (AF-201-2026) Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds stated this allows staff repair in house for \$150,000 in savings.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Projects Status Report

Alderman Mayes stated his thanks for the annual report from the police department and the fire department. Mayor Montgomery asked everyone to vote on Thursday if they haven't already.

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor