



## BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom

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### 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** 10:00 am by Mayor Paul Montgomery.

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

### III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 1. **FY27 City Schools**

David Frye, Chief Finance Officer, gave a presentation on this item and answered questions throughout. Regarding General Fund revenues, he discussed the required match through the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement Funds, pointing out the increase and justification from the previous year for students as well as to improved teacher salaries. He also explained how the change in the poverty factor used for Title 1 funding resulted in the increase in TISA funds. He further commented on the reduction in money received from Sullivan County. Mr. Frye then presented details on the increases in expenditures, noting the majority is going to personnel costs. Technology and vehicle maintenance were also significant increases. He pointed out the Nutrition Fund is self-supporting and also mentioned the Federal Projects and Special Projects Fund. In summary, the total FY27 budget is estimated at \$121,020,963. There was some discussion as School Superintendent Dr. Chris Hampton answered further questions.

*(Break from 11:18 to 11:26)*

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

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**Kingsport City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Boardroom**

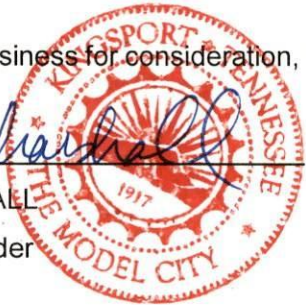
Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds presented a history of the rate plan adjustment regarding the Utility Funds since being addressed by the State Comptroller in 2021. He pointed out the city presented to the Comptroller a multi-year plan to stabilize the rates which released Kingsport from oversight of the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Financing Board. The City Manager stated it is necessary to keep to the submitted schedule to get to the point where the rates will level out. There was considerable discussion.

Mr. McCartt and City Recorder Travis Bishop answered questions and clarified information from Monday's budget presentations.

**IV. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder



  
PAUL W. MONTGOMERY  
Mayor