



## BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 07, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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 (*arrived after roll call*)

### City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager

Bart Rowlett, City Attorney

Travis Bishop, City Recorder

Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder

I. **CALL TO ORDER** .7:00 pm by Mayor Paul Montgomery

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** led by Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds.

III. **INVOCATION** led by Alderman Morris Baker.

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

V. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Proclamation: Donate Life Month** (Alderman Mayes)

VI. **COMMENT**

Mayor Montgomery invited citizens in attendance to speak.

Mark Bush and Clarence Pennington commented on a traffic speeding issue on Shadyside Drive.

Patty Teague provided photos regarding sidewalk and roadway decline in Sevier Terrace as well as commenting on traffic and parking issues there.

There being no one else coming forward, the mayor then closed the public comment section.

VII. **APPOINTMENTS** None.

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**VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *(These items are considered under one motion.)*

Motion made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

Passed: All present voting "aye."

1. **March 16, 2026 - Work Session**
2. **March 17, 2026 - Business Meeting**

**IX. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FIRST READING AND/ OR PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 076, Portion of Parcel 006.50, Located along S. John B. Dennis Highway from the BC, Business Conference District to B-3, Highway-Oriented Business District (AF-88-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

Public Hearing: No one came forward.

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SOUTH JOHN B. DENNIS HIGHWAY FROM THE BC, BUSINESS CONFERENCE DISTRICT TO B-3, HIGHWAY-ORIENTED BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE 13TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

2. **Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 120, Parcel 003.20, Located along Fordtown Road from the R-3, Low Density Apartment District to M-1R, Light Manufacturing Restricted District (AF-86-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

Public Hearing: No one came forward.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman George.

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG FORDTOWN ROAD FROM THE R-3, LOW DENISTY APARTMENT DISTRICT TO M-1R, LIGHT MANUFACTURING RESTRICTED DISTRICT IN THE 14TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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- 3. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 046I, Group A, Parcel 014.00, Located along Revere Street from the B-2, Central Business District to B-2E, Central Business Edge District (AF-87-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

Public Hearing: No one came forward.

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG REVERE STREET FROM THE B-2, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2E, CENTRAL BUSINESS EDGE DISTRICT IN THE 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 4. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 045E, Group C, Parcels 01.00, 00.26 and 00.27 Located along Fairview Avenue from the R-1C, Residential District to B-3, Highway-Oriented Business District (AF-96-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

Public Hearing: Patty Teague spoke in opposition of this item and mentioned many residents in that area have concerns. Aaron Rose, owner of the property in question, provided details on the plans for development.

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG FAIRVIEW AVENUE FROM THE R-1C, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-3, HIGHWAY-ORIENTED BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Mayor Montgomery

- 5. Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance in FY26 (AF-85-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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X. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FINAL ADOPTION

1. **Consideration of a Budget Ordinance for General Fund FY26 (AF-41-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7247** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

2. **Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for Various Funds in FY2026 (AF-47-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7248** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

3. **Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 120, Parcel 02.20, Located along Eastern Star Road from the M-1R, Light Manufacturing Restricted District to R-3, Low Density Apartment District (AF-50-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman George.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7249** AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG EASTERN STAR ROAD FROM THE M-1R, LIGHT MANUFACTURING RESTRICTED DISTRICT TO R-3, LOW DENSITY APARTMENT DISTRICT IN THE 14TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

4. **Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY 2026 General Purpose School Fund Budget (AF-56-2026) (David Frye)**

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Mayes.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 7250** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

5. **Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY 2026 School General Purpose Fund Budget and the General Project Fund Budget** (AF-63-2026) (David Frye)

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Mayes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7251** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AND THE GENERAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration of a Resolution Renewing the Contract for Concession Food Service Distributor for the Kingsport Aquatic Center to The H.T. Hackney Company** (AF-60-2026) (Michael Borders)

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-193** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE KINGSFORT AQUATIC CENTER CONCESSION FOOD SERVICE DISTRIBUTOR PROPOSAL WITH H.T. HACKNEY COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

2. **Consideration of a Resolution to Awarding the Bid for Mowing at Tanks, Pump Houses, & Lift Stations** (AF-82-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-194** A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE PROPOSAL FOR MOWING AT TANKS, PUMP HOUSES AND LIFT STATIONS TO CHB SOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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3. **Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with LDA Engineering to Provide Engineering Services for Lakeside (SLS 325) & Lakecrest (SLS 323) Replacement (AF-78-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman Mayes, Seconded by Alderman George.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-195** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LDA ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LAKESIDE AND LAKECREST LIFT STATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

4. **Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Barge Design Solutions to Provide Bidding and Construction Services for the Reedy Creek Trunk Sewer Replacement Project (Lovedale to Clinchfield) (AF-79-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman Mayes, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-196** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE REEDY CREEK TRUNK SEWER REPLACEMENT-FINAL DESIGN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

5. **Consideration of a Resolution to Award the Bid to Traxon Construction, Inc. for the Washington Co Water Phase 2 Project (AF-81-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-197** A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER PHASE 2 PROJECT TO TRAXON CONSTRUCTION, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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6. **Consideration of a Resolution to Renew an Agreement with Icon Environmental, LLC for Services at Kingsport's Construction & Demolition Landfill (AF-84-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-198** A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR SELECTED SERVICES AT THE KINGSPORT CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION LANDFILL WITH ICON ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

7. **Consideration of a Resolution Extending the Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal with Eco-Safe Systems, LLC dba Waste Management and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Applicable Document (AF-93-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-199** A RESOLUTION RENEWING AN AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE AND SPECIAL WASTE DISPOSAL WITH ECO-SAFE SYSTEMS, LLC D/B/A WASTE MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

8. **Consideration of a Resolution to Award the Bid to Morgan Contracting, Inc. for the FY26 Sewer Lining Project (AF-80-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-200** A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR SEWER LINING PROJECT TO MORGAN CONTRACTING, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

9. **Consideration of a Resolution to Award the Bid to JTB Construction for the FY25 Ridgefields Sewer Rehab (AF-58-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)**

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Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman George.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-201** A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR FY25 RIDGEFIELDS SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT TO JTB CONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 10. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Senior Center Furniture to Complete the Administrative Offices and the Multi-Purpose Room Renovation (AF-75-2026) (Tyler Wicks)**

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman George.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-202** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDERS TO WORKSPACE INTERIORS FOR FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS AT THE KINGSPORT SENIOR CENTER UTILIZING OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACTS # HON:R240117, AND #KI:R240109

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 11. Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Supplemental Agreement to the Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement between the Emergency Communications District and City of Kingsport (AF-97-2026) (Bart Rowlett)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-203** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 12. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment #2 with Raftelis Consulting for CIS Support (AF-90-2026) (Floyd Bailey)**

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Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-204** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, LLC EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR CUSTOMER INFORMATION SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

13. **Consideration of a Resolution to Change the Time of the April 20, 2026 Work Session to 3:30 PM** (AF-102-2026) (Chris McCartt)

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-205** RESOLUTION CHANGING THE TIME OF THE APRIL 20, 2026, WORK SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, SEC. 7 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

14. **Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Purchase of Various Equipment for the New Ladder Truck Utilizing H-GAC Buy** (AF-48-2026) (Chief Jerry DeBerry)

Motion made by Alderman Baker, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-206** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SIDDONS MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP UTILIZING AN H-GAC COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT NO. EE11-24 FOR VARIOUS ITEMS FOR THE NEW LADDER TRUCK FOR THE KINGSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**XII. CONSENT AGENDA** *(These items are considered under one motion.)*

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duncan, Seconded by Alderman George.

Passed as presented with a roll call vote: Alderman Baker, Alderman Cooper, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman George, Alderman Mayes, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

1. **Consideration of a Resolution to Apply and Accept a Grant from Enbridge** (AF-95-2026) (Chief Jerry DeBerry)

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A GRANT FROM ENBRIDGE FOR THE KINGSFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 2. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a Grant from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (AF-76-2026) (Chief Jason Bellamy)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-208** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIPT OF A FISCAL YEAR 2025 GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR SUCH APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS

- 3. Consideration of a Resolution to Close the Steadman Cemetery Fund (AF-98-2026) (Travis Bishop)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-209** A RESOLUTION CLOSING THE STEADMAN CEMETERY FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- 4. Consideration of Resolution to Approve a Permit for a Carnival to Operate Temporarily at 4540 W. Stone Dr. (AF-94-2026) (Ken Weems)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-210** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERMIT TO OPERATE A CARNIVAL

- 5. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Suzuki Talent Education of Appalachia, Inc. (AF-99-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-211** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUZUKI TALENT EDUCATION OF APPALACHIA, INC. FOR SPACE AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

- 6. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Symphony of the Mountains (AF-100-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-212** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SYMPHONY OF THE MOUNTAINS FOR SPACE AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

7. **Consideration of a Resolution to Ratify the Mayor's Signature on a BlueCross Healthy Place Maintenance Fund Request Form** (AF-107-2026) (Michael T. Borders)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-213** A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON A BLUECROSS HEALTHY PLACE MAINTENANCE FUND REQUEST FORM FOR RIVERWALK PARK FENCING

8. **Acceptance of the June 30, 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Filed with the State of Tennessee March 30, 2026** (AF-103-2026) (Travis Bishop)

**XIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **City Manager**

- a. **Debt Reports from TN Comptroller. Included are the Series 2026A and Series 2026B.**

Mr. McCartt noted the debt obligation to be spread over the minutes and expressed his appreciation for Raymond James, the City's bond attorney as well as city staff.

He mentioned the item that approved the audit earlier on the recommendation of the audit committee, pointing out there will be a press release forthcoming. He stated the City received an unmodified clean opinion for the 27th year and a certificate of excellence in reporting for the 25th year.

The City Manager also invited everyone to a ribbon cutting on April 13 at 12:30 for the BlueCross BlueShield play place park and thanked Tyler Wicks for all the work he's done on this project. He also mentioned it was entirely funded by BCBS and would be a great addition to the city.

2. **Mayor and Board Members**

Alderman Baker commented on the presentation given by Dr. Hampton to provide clarity and context to a recent report. He congratulated the new coach of DB basketball and stated his appreciation to his fellow aldermen for being able to have discussion. Alderman Phillips apologized for being late noting he was coaching soccer game. He said the Times News was doing great job getting the word out about what's going on in Kingsport, specifically regarding the recent articles about the IMAX theatre as well as the Dobyngs Taylor warehouse project.

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Alderman Mayes commented on the audit, making note of residential projects and the general fund reserve balance. He also stated he was grateful for the ability to have discussion. Mr. Mayes further stated his appreciation for the Sullivan County Sherriff's Office and commented on touring the new jail. Alderman Cooper also remarked on the necessity of the new jail. She mentioned the lineup had been released for the downtown concerts as well as Red, White & Boom and for Funfest and pointed out there was one more weekend for No Ordinary Man at Lamplight. Alderman George also relayed the audit committee had a good meeting and she felt good about the data that was given. She also stated the information distributed by the paper is beneficial as well. She confirmed the Bays Mountain controlled burn that was advertised has been moved to a later date because of the weather. Vice Mayor Duncan recognized Mr. Isacccs and Mr. Clifton in the audience who are running for alderman. He congratulated Travis Bishop and his team on the clean audit after several changes in staff over the past year. He also mentioned the new jail, pointing out that every high school student should have a tour. He stated Keep Kingsport Beautiful has their first clean up in Riverview on April the 18 and noted Arbor Day is also coming up April 24 at Borden Park. Mayor Montgomery expressed appreciation to the citizens who made comments earlier and pointed out the board is always available to have a conversation. Lastly, he reminded everyone on May 7 at 8am is mayor's prayer breakfast at Meadowview.

**XIV.ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

  
PAUL W. MONTGOMERY  
Mayor