



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 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

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager

Bart Rowlett, City Attorney

Travis Bishop, City Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Paul Montgomery.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. INVOCATION led by City Manager Chris McCartt.

IV. ROLL CALL by City Recorder Travis Bishop. Absent: Alderman James Phillips.

V. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. KOSBE Award Winners - Madison Greene (Alderman Baker)

VI. COMMENT

Mayor Montgomery invited citizens in attendance to speak. There being no one coming forward, the mayor then closed the public comment section.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Consideration of Appointment to the Sullivan County Board of Equalization (AF-39-2026)
(Mayor Montgomery)

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

REAPPOINT JOHN CAMPBELL TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
FOR HIS FOURTH TWO-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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

Motion made by Alderman Mayes, Seconded by Alderman Baker.

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 1. February 2, 2026 - Work Session**
- 2. February 3, 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 048, a Portion of Parcel 036.10 and a Portion of Parcel 039.50, Located along Memorial Boulevard from the B-3, Highway Oriented Business District to PD, Planned Development District (AF-38-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

PUBLIC HEARING: No one came forward.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG MEMORIAL BOULEVARD FROM THE B-3, HIGHWAY ORIENTED BUSINESS DISTRICT TO PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN THE 7TH 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. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 2, 62, and 66 of the Code of Ordinances (AF-10-2026) (Michael T. Borders)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS, DIVISIONS, AND ARTICLES WITHIN CHAPTERS 2, 62, AND 66 RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND OVERSIGHT; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

- 3. Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for the General Fund in FY26 (AF-41-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

Mr. McCartt noted the totals in the chart listed in the ordinance are incorrect and will be corrected upon the second reading. He pointed out the totals in the action form are correct.

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

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

Passed: All present voting "aye."

X. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FINAL ADOPTION

- 1. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of Tax Map 032, a Portion of Parcel 015.20, Located along Bancroft Chapel Road from the M-1, Light Manufacturing District to PD, Planned Development District (AF-32-2026) (Jessica McMurray)**

Motion made by Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

ORDINANCE NO. 7243 AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG BANCROFT CHAPEL ROAD FROM THE M-1R, LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT TO PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN THE 10TH 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, Mayor Montgomery

- 2. Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for Various Funds in FY2026 (AF-35-2026) (Chris McCartt)**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 7244 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VARIOUS FUND BUDGETS FOR THE 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, Mayor Montgomery

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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

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

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1. **Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Ballad Health for a Reset Room at John Adams Elementary School** (AF-09-2026) (David Frye)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-165 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM BALLAD HEALTH FOR A RESET ROOM AT JOHN ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Mayors Signature for the Purchase of ClearGov Budgeting Software** (AF-37-2026) (Rebecca Wilson)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-166 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF BUDGETING SOFTWARE FROM CLEARGOV, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **City Manager**

Mr. McCartt reminded citizens of some date changes in March, noting there is no work session or business meeting on March 2nd and 3rd as the BMA will be attending the Tennessee Municipal League Legislative Conference in Nashville. He announced the budget work session on March 6th will be followed by the regularly scheduled work session and business meeting on March 16th and 17th. Mr. McCartt expressed appreciation to the board for all the time they give.

2. **Mayor and Board Members**

Alderman Mayes commented on the Meadowview Task Force meeting last week, stating he was impressed with their effort and their process for facing this challenge. Alderman George pointed out the Task Force was focusing on the conference center side of the facility, noting the hotel is doing well. She mentioned the Petworks presentation yesterday which provided details on increasing costs, noting the need for pet supplies and asking the community for support. Alderman Baker commented on two recent news items relating to Kingsport. The first listed Sullivan County as last in Tennessee for family and community well-being. He stated he looked forward to seeing how the city could help move that statistic. Secondly, on a positive note, he stated Kingsport City Schools will receive some one-time funding because more than half of the schools received an "A" letter grade which ranked Kingsport as a high-achieving district. Vice-Mayor Duncan stated Visit Kingsport has had collegiate swimming at the Aquatic Center which will transition to small college basketball at Meadowview. Mayor Montgomery thanked those who have shown interest in serving on the task force headed up by Jeff Fleming. He wished Rebekah McNerney the best as this was her last meeting reporting for the Times News.

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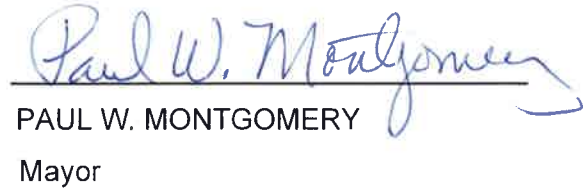
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XIV.ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder



PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor