BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 06, 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 Calvin Clifton
Alderman Julie Byers
Alderman Richard Isaacs
Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager
Bart Rowlett, City Attorney
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 New Vision Youth.

III. **INVOCATION** led by Vice Mayor Duncan.

IV. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Proclamation: Lights on Afterschool** - Tess Gonce, United Way of Greater Kingsport (Mayor Montgomery)
2. **Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month** - Rachel Adams, Branch House (Mayor Montgomery)
3. **Visit Kingsport** - Frank Lett
4. **Proclamation:** Imagine a Day without Water (Alderman Clifton)

V. **ROLL CALL** by City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Alderman Morris Baker.

VI. **COMMENT**

Mayor Montgomery invited citizens in attendance to speak. Tim Sanders made comments. There being no one else coming forward, the Mayor closed the public comment section.

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

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

Passed: All present voting "aye."

1. **September 14, 2026 - Work Session**
2. **September 15, 2026 - Business Meeting**

VIII. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FIRST READING AND/ OR PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section K: Winter Sewer Average of Ordinance No. 7268** (AF-290-2026) (Chris McCartt)

   Motion made by Alderman Clifton, Seconded by Alderman Byers.

   AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 7268 BY SETTING THE WINTER SEWER AVERAGE

   Passed: All present voting "aye."

2. **Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for Various Funds in FY2027** (AF-287-2026) (Chris McCartt)

   Motion made by Alderman Byers, Seconded by Alderman Isaacs.

   AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

   Passed: All present voting "aye."

IX. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FINAL ADOPTION

1. **Consideration of an Ordinance to Adopt the 2024 International Building, Fire and Related Codes, Property Maintenance Codes, & 2024 National Electric Code as Amended** (AF-280-2026) (Jessica Harmon)

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

   ORDINANCE NO. 7285 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS ARTICLES, DIVISIONS, AND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CODES PERTAINING TO PROPERTY; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

   Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Byers, Alderman Clifton, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman Isaacs, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

2. **Consideration of a Budget Adjustment Ordinance for Various Funds in FY2027** (AF-275-2026) (Chris McCartt)

Motion made by Alderman Byers, Seconded by Alderman Isaacs.

ORDINANCE NO. 7286 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Passed on second reading with a roll call vote: Alderman Byers, Alderman Clifton, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman Isaacs, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

X. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of a Resolution to Enter Into an Agreement with MetLife to Provide Long Term Disability Benefits Under the City's Benefits Platform** (AF-292-2026) (Tyra Copas)

Motion made by Alderman Isaacs, Seconded by Alderman Byers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-074 A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE AGREEMENT FOR LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE WITH METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENTS

Passed: All present voting "aye."

2. **Consideration of a Resolution to Join Axia Cooperative** (AF-298-2026) (Michael T. Borders)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-075 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AXIA COOP, LLC FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING 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."

3. **Consideration of a Resolution to Contract with Innovative Interfaces Inc.** (AF-297-2026) (Michael T. Borders)

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Byers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-076 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM FROM INNOVATIVE INTERFACES, INC., THROUGH AXIA COOP, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

4. **Consideration of a Resolution Approving Contract Renewal of Ecolane Scheduling and Dispatching Software as a Service (SaaS) and Customer Mobile App for Transit** (AF-288-2026) (Timothy Land)

   Motion made by Alderman Isaacs, Seconded by Alderman Byers.

   RESOLUTION NO. 2027-077 A RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT WITH ECOLANE USA, INC., FOR SCHEDULING, DISPATCHING SOFTWARE AND THE CUSTOMER MOBILE APPLICATION FOR THE KINGSPORT AREA TRANSIT SERVICE 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."

5. **Approval of Offers for Right-of-Ways and Easements for the West End Greenbelt Extension Project** (AF-286-2026) (R. McReynolds)

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

   Passed: All present voting "aye."

6. **Consideration of a Resolution to Ratify the Emergency Procurement of Contractual Services with Rembco Geotechnical Contractors, Inc. for Remediation of a Sinkhole in the ROW of W. Virgina Avenue** (AF-277-2026) (Ryan McReynolds)

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

   RESOLUTION NO. 2027-078 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMERGENCY REPAIR CONTRACT WITH REMBCO GEOTECHNICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE REMEDIATION OF A SINKHOLE IN THE RIGHT OF-WAY OF WEST VIRGINIA AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

   Passed: All present voting "aye."

7. **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Additions and Alterations to the Leased Premises at 1840 MeadowView Parkway** (AF-295-2026) (Michael T. Borders)

   Motion made by Alderman Byers, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

   RESOLUTION NO. 2027-079 A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE LEASED PREMISES AT 1840 MEADOWVIEW PARKWAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREATER KINGSPORT FAMILY YMCA EARLY LEARNING CENTER

   Passed: All present voting "aye."

8. **Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Hansen Banner, LLC to Provide a Bill Analyst Proficiency Workshop** (AF-291-2026) (Chris McCartt)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-080 A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 5 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HANSEN BANNER, LLC TO PROVIDE A BILL ANALYST PROFICIENCY WORKSHOP AND RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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

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

Passed as presented with a roll call vote: Alderman Byers, Alderman Clifton, Vice Mayor Duncan, Alderman Isaacs, Alderman Phillips, Mayor Montgomery

1. **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Right-of-Way Easements with Kingsport Power Company** (AF-276-2026) (R. McReynolds)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-081 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS WITH KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY

2. **Consideration of a Resolution to Amend and Extend an Agreement with Dearborn Group to Provide Life Insurance Under the City's Benefits Platform** (AF-294-2026) (Tyra Copas)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-082 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT AND AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DEARBORN; LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

3. **Consideration of a Resolution to Renew the Contract with Davis Vision to Provide Vision Insurance Benefits Under the City's Benefits Platform** (AF-293-2026) (Tyra Copas)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-083 A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE CONTRACT WITH DAVIS VISION FOR EMPLOYEE PAID VISION INSURANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT OR THIS RESOLUTION

4. **Consideration of a Resolution to Apply for and Receive Funds from A Year in STEM Grant** (AF-289-2026) (Michael Borders)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-084 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE "A YEAR IN STEM" GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

5. **Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Ballad Health for a Reset Room at Palmer Early Learning Center** (AF-284-2026) (David Frye)

   RESOLUTION NO. 2027-085 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM BALLAD HEALTH FOR A RESET ROOM AT PALMER EARLY LEARNING CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT AND THIS RESOLUTION

6. **Consideration of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Signature on the Certification of Local Government Approval for Non-Profit Organizations Implementing Shelter Activities for the 2026 THDA HOME ARP Supportive Services Grant** (Jessica Harmon) (AF-264-2026)

   RESOLUTION NO. 2027-086 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY OF KINGSPORT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

7. **Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a DOJ Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (BVP) Reimbursement Grant for FY 2026** (AF-301-2026) (Chief Jason Bellamy)

   RESOLUTION NO. 2027-087 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP REIMBURSEMENT GRANT

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **City Manager**

   Mr. McCartt asked everyone to keep the injured firefighters and EMS workers who were in injured in the accident on Interstate 26 in their thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover. He recognized Matthew Lane who headed up the City's campaign, pointing out we exceeded the goal that was set. Lastly he commented on several paving projects that are wrapping up.

2. Mayor and Board Members

Alderman Phillips had the City Manager confirm that the paving on the interstate are all TDOT projects and are not city managed. He thanked the YMCA for the childcare center project. He also thanked the first responders injured on the interstate, noting he hopes they get back to work soon. Lastly he stated his appreciation for the young police force that is very professional. Alderman Clifton offered kudos to Matthew Lane for the success of the United Way campaign. He commented on the restaurants in downtown event this week and asked citizens to support them. Alderman Isaacs wished the Mayor a happy birthday one day late. He commented on the smooth paving on Eastman Road and the marked Main Street crosswalks. He also recognized the city employees, pointing out what he's learned over the last month and that it takes everyone to keep it going. Alderman Byers remarked on the city employees working well within a budget created a year ago even with increased costs. She congratulated the DB band on their recent awards at their first band competition. She also commented on restaurant week, the KOSBE awards, Healthy Kingsport, an upcoming farm to table fundraiser and holiday events as well as an addiction and recovery event on October 21st at Eastman Lodge. Vice Mayor Duncan stated Brickyard Village is having open house on Saturday with food trucks and entertainment. He commented on the number of grants presented and whether large or small, they are greatly appreciated. Mayor Montgomery stated the firefighters and EMS are in our thoughts and prayers. He thanked Tessa and Rachel from the presentations at the beginning of the meeting for the work their organizations are doing. Lastly he mentioned October is busy month with breast cancer and liver cancer awareness and asked citizens to pay tribute to the victims of those diseases. He also mentioned National Night Out is coming up on October 15th and will be a celebration in Riverview at 2:00 p.m., noting the police will be there and the good attendance from past events.

XIII. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor