



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 17, 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

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

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

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Strategic Plan Update** - Jessica Harmon

Assistant City Manager Harmon gave a presentation on this item listing several highlights and accomplishments within each of the seven strategic focus areas since the implementation of the strategic plan.

IV. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

City staff gave a summary for each item on the August 18, 2026 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

VIII.1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for and Fixing the Tax Rate on All Real, Personal, and Mixed Property within the City of Kingsport (AF-239-2026) City Manager Chris McCartt provided details on this item, mentioning the reappraisal year for Hawkins County. There was some discussion as he answered questions from the board. City Recorder Travis Bishop provided further details as he also answered questions pointing out this is three cents below certified rate.

X.3. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Economic Development Contribution to the Industrial Development Board of Kingsport and Authorizing One or More Agreements Pertaining to the Same (AF-254-2026) Mr. McCartt stated this provides for a 7 year fixed interest rate and a strong return on investment and is expecting huge announcements at both locations.

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V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 1. Sales Tax Report**
- 2. Projects Status Report**

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor