



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 15, 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. **Fire Station 2 Rebuild** - Chief DeBerry

Clinton Roberts with Cain Rash West Architects gave a design presentation on the new Fire Station 2, outlining the history of the project as well as the factors that influence the needs today. He provided details on the restructuring of the previous plans that will consolidate the previous multi-phase project into one phase that will save one million dollars. Mr. Roberts highlighted the key functional areas in the new proposed design. There was some discussion as he and Fire Chief DeBerry answered questions from the board.

2. **KHRA Update** - Greg Perdue

Mr. Purdue introduced Michael Price as the new Executive Director of the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority. He stated the application has been submitted for 9% tax credits and will be notified in August of the decision, pointing out they are competing with three other agencies. He confirmed it was a difficult piece of property to redevelop with the tax credits because of the limitations of income but no limitation on expenses. Mr. Purdue stated they received a preliminary high score with a small list of items to cure before the final decision.

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CFO Bishop mentioned this is week eight of going live with the new customer service software. He commented there are about 9,000 auto-pay customers which is higher than expected at 65%. He stated daily call volume is fluctuating between 200 and 600, noting it is driven by several factors. He also mentioned other issues that have been addressed recently, pointing out finance staff meet daily.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the June 16, 2026 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

X.5. Consideration of a Resolution to Ratify the Emergency Procurement of Contractual Services with Blue Tank and Pump Rental for Sewer Pump and Storage Services to Serve the Fieldcrest Annexation Area (AF-191-2026) Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds explained the responsibility to deliver water and sewer to the residents already living there, even though the project isn't complete. He confirmed it is a wash for the city financially.

X.7. Consideration to Amend the Fee Resolution for FY 2027 Fees and Charges Provided for in the City Code (AF-183-2026) City Manager Chris McCartt explained the changes in the fee resolution, noting the majority are adjustments in the location of the fees within the resolution and making them more customer friendly.

X.8. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve an Amendment with Cain Rash West Architects for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Nature Center Renovation Phase 2, Entry Walk, and Event Terrace (AF-194-2026) Assistant City Manager Michael Borders stated this item amends the scope of services to move forward with the project. There was some discussion as he also answered questions.

X.9. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Agreements with Various Agencies and Organizations for Services in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Benefiting the General Welfare of Kingsport Residents (AF-195-2026) The City Manager stated there were no new agreements this year.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Projects Status Report
2. Sales Tax Revenue Report

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VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.



ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder



PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor