



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 16, 2024 at 4:30 PM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Paul W. Montgomery, Presiding

Vice Mayor Colette George

Alderman Morris Baker

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman James Phillips

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

II. ROLL CALL by City Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Winkle.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jt. Meeting with KHRA Board

Seth Jarvis gave a presentation on this item, giving information on the structure of KHRA and how they operate. He discussed the voucher program and answered questions from the board. Hope Caruthers, Marketing and Compliance Analyst, provided further details on this program and how it is administered. Discussion ensued throughout the entire presentation.

Mr. Jarvis talked about revenue sources, wait list preferences as well as regional housing. Executive Director Terry Cunningham also provided details regarding these topics. Bytha Kilgore, Director of Finance gave further details on jurisdictional issues and answered questions.

Casey Begley, Project Manager, provided information on the HUD HEARS study, detailing why people move on from this program. Mr. Jarvis highlighted goals clients have provided and also resident income demographics. Emily Chase, Grants Manager, talked more in depth about the process of the purge and the waiting list.

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There was considerable discussion regarding the Lee Property site. Alderman Phillips expressed concern over continuing to wait for the 90% tax credits to rebuild those units. Ms. Chase stated KHRA was accepted this year for the Opportunity Appalachia program accepted which will connect with investors to get a technical advisor to work on resources and funding.

NOTE: At this time (6:00 p.m.) there was a five minute recess.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the September 17, 2024 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

VIII.1 Consideration of Appointment to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (AF-265-2024) The City Manager explained the process for filling the alderman vacancy. Mayor Montgomery provided further information on this process, noting his recommendation would be Gary Mayes who has previously served on the BMA as well as the Sullivan County Commission.

X.4 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Kingsport Code of Ordinances Chapter 34, Article IV Relative to Alarm Systems and Section 2-264 Relative to Special Code Enforcement Officer's Authority (AF-253-2024) Mr. McCartt provided information on this item noting it will provide a mechanism to address multiple false alarms from businesses. The City Attorney provided further details pointing out the code change is more to update the city code.

XII.10 Consideration of a Resolution to Accept a Property Donation on Cleek Road for Greenbelt Parking Lot and Naming of Future Parking Lot "Wallace & Billie Alley Memorial Parking Lot" (AF-249-2024) The City Manager noted this property is on the eastern end of the greenbelt and allows for a future parking lot.

XIII.4 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Mural in the B-2, Central Business District Zone (AF-238-2024) Alderman Baker asked for clarification on the approval process for murals. There was some discussion.

There was also discussion regarding the recent issues at Domtar.

Alderman Phillips asked staff to follow up with KHRA to clarify information presented at the earlier discussion.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Projects Status Report

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VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder





PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor