



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 1, 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 Montgomery.

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

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **YMCA Expansion** - Steve Shives

Steve Shives, President and CEO, gave a presentation on this item, discussing the advantages of an early childhood learning center and how the expansion of the facility will provide for this need. He talked about the regional reach and impact this service will have on the Tri-Cities. He listed the programs that will be provided for children ages six weeks to pre-K. Mr. Shives also pointed out the expansion of the feeding program that provides 250,000 meals to five counties. The budget for this project is 6.1 million dollars and has been fully funded with no long-term debt to be issued. He noted the projected timeline has the center opening in fall of 2027. There was some discussion as he answered questions.

2. **Downtown Parking Discussion**

The City Manager presented this item, providing an overview of the public parking options, the marketing of the available parking spaces and the next steps to address the identified gaps. He mentioned GIS is working to add the addresses of downtown lots so they will show up during online searches by the public. Mr. McCartt listed several recommendations to moved forward with parking improvements. There was some discussion.

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3. Customer Information System Update - Travis Bishop

City Recorder/CFO Bishop pointed out today marks six weeks since going live with the new software, stating everyone will now have received a water bill through the new platform. He noted some issues and challenges that have popped up that weren't initially identified in the testing process but they are being addressed. Discussion followed as Mr. Bishop answered questions.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the June 2, 2026 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

VIII.5. Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates Beginning July 1, 2026 (AF-170-2026) Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds presented this item, providing details on both the current and projected future rates. Considerable discussion ensued.


V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Projects Status Report

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor