

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, August 3, 2009, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips
Alderman Valerie Joh
Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote
Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.

Alderman Larry A. Munsey
Alderman Tom C. Parham
(arrived at 4:40 p.m.)

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:35 p.m., by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Gilbert. Absent: Aldermen Tom Parham (arrived immediately after roll call at 4:40 p.m.) and Jantry Shupe.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips asked about the status of the new Dog Park building. Alderman Marsh inquired about status of the Gibson Mill Road Improvement project that was not included with others for this or the next fiscal year. Mr. Marsh expressed concern about the “perpetual” construction situation that traffic on Gibson Mill Road will experience if no action is taken to complete in a timely manner. City Manager Campbell explained that portion of the project is identified in Phase 3 of the road improvement projects in the previously discussed funding schedule. In response to further Board discussion, Mr. Campbell and City staff will look at expediting this phase and have this portion bid by fall of 2009.

Mayor Phillips recognized Robbie Carrico, an intern working with the City Manager’s office for the past year and who will be leaving to attend Clemson University to obtain his MBA. Mr. Carrico was commended for his many contributions during his tenure.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON AUGUST 4, 2009 REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.AA.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing the FY10 Property Tax Rate for the City of Kingsport/Sullivan County and City of Kingsport/Hawkins County (AF: 230-2009). Alderman Munsey asked the City Manager to explain at tomorrow night’s business meeting, for the public’s information, the

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background and details of how these two county tax rates are related, why they differ and how they result in equalization of the base tax rates.

On a different subject, Alderman Munsey asked City Attorney Billingsley if the BMA could avoid consideration of smaller grants that require no match from the City coffers.

City Manager Campbell reminded Board members that this issue has been addressed previously, resulting in a presentation and a decision to continue review of all grants. Mr. Campbell suggested that, if no match is required, a monthly summary of grants being applied for could be provided to Board members for review.

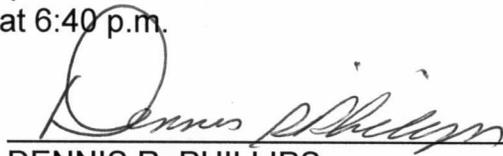
VI.D.7 Consideration of a Resolution to Amend FY2010 Fee Resolution Regarding Charge for Compost Bins (AF: 270-2009). In response to Mayor Phillips' questions about the discounted price of the bins and establishing a market plan to promote them, Public Works Director McReynolds replied that the bins normally cost around \$100 and the City was able to purchase at the discounted price of \$30. He further stated that a marketing brochure is being developed, a copy of which will be provided with the next work session tickler, and information on purchasing the bins is already on the City Public Work's website. Mayor Phillips remarked that it is imperative that those working the front desk in the City Hall lobby are provided details about these bins and this program.

5. DISCUSS DATE FOR MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD. No discussion was held on this subject prior to adjournment.

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.


ELIZABETH A. GILBERT
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor