

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, February 16, 2009, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Larry A. Munsey

Alderman Patrick W. Shull

Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:34 p.m., by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Gilbert. Absent: Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote and Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips asked City Manager Campbell to speak about the expense of the *Joseph O. Fuller Memorial Bridge* lighting project. Mr. Campbell described the unusual lighting required at that location and possible alternative lighting being explored. After further Board inquiry about various aspects of the project, City Traffic Engineer Michael Thompson indicated he will have pictures of and cost figures for three alternative lighting options.
4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON FEBRUARY 17, 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 an Improvement District to Provide Street Illumination of Linville Street between Lamont Avenue and Crescent Drive (AF: 33-2009). Mayor Phillips invited those in the audience who desired to speak in connection with this agenda item to come forward at this time.

Ms. Debbie Waggoner, President of the Linville Street neighborhood association, spoke in support of this action. She indicated that a consensus of residents had been reached and most are very excited about getting this first phase started. She described the benefits to the area, including increased usage due to the lighting, and safety for the residents. In response to an inquiry by Alderman Shull about who might oppose this

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project, Ms. Waggoner replied that one party mentioned desecration of property to allow power for the poles on the street to come from the back of the properties. She has invited those concerned to come to tomorrow night's BMA meeting.

Traffic Engineer Thompson related how those affected were notified and mentioned the public meetings that have taken place and those required in the future to complete the process of setting up the improvement district.

No one came forward to speak at Mayor Phillips' invitation to do so.

VII.1. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Various Code Provisions Allowing Sidewalk Café Dining Facilities (AF: 8-2009). Alderman Munsey requested that this Consent Agenda item be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately at tomorrow night's meeting.

5. UPDATE ON WASTEWATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds and Water/Wastewater Manager Niki Ensor provided a slideshow presentation of what's happening at the plant. Mr. McReynolds described various projects taking place to make improvements that are aesthetic, environmental and compliant with TDEC (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation) edicts. He described the installation of the "minidome" which contains a bio-solid digester and works well to contain odors.

PUBLIC COMMENT. *Ms. Barbara Brown* indicated that she doesn't think Kingsport citizens are opposed to the proposed aquatic center, but thinks most people are more concerned, at this time, about development of the academic village, the Quebecor site and supermarket row. She added that many citizens are concerned about the future of Legion Pool.

Mayor Phillips would like to see a better job of educating the public about the aquatic center concept and City Manager Campbell added that the project is currently in the design and cost gathering stage and City staff will come back in May or June 2009 with cost figures to allow Board members to decide whether to move on to the final design. Construction will not begin until August, at the earliest, and the center could possibly open by March 2010.

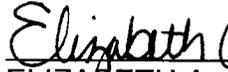
Alderman Shupe mentioned that Board members can feel free to assure citizens that Legion Pool will remain open for at least two more years.

BOARD COMMENT. Alderman Shull asked City Manager Campbell about statements made by one of the Sullivan County commissioners proposing additional tax and wondered if the quarter cent additional sales tax would increase Kingsport's sales tax to the maximum rate allowable of 9.75%. Mayor Phillips and City Manager Campbell indicated that there will be further discussion with County commissioners to confirm the county's intentions.

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Government Relations Officer Tim Whaley reminded Board members about the Bays Mountain Planetarium luncheon scheduled for March 5th at 5:30 p.m.

6. **ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.


ELIZABETH A. GILBERT
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor